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2 al-Qaeda suspects killed

Sana'a, Sept 21 (YT/Reuters) - The Yemeni security authorities said that two Yemeni men on suspicion of links to al-Qaeda network were killed and three were captured during the manhunt carried out by Yemeni security forces during a raid at the men's hideout northern Sana'a late on Friday.

exchange of fire, which broke out when security forces broke into a one-storey house in the Rawdah district of the capital. "The operation is still going on and the security forces are combing the Rawdah suburb to make sure there are no other members of that group" a security officer said. According to AP sources, the three captured al-Qaeda suspects are Abid al-Thawr, Seyf Mohamed,

and Abu Habbabi. Among the killed was Yahya Saleh Al-Mujalli (Abu Seyf), who was killed when he attempted to escape the security forces that surrounded his home. Yemeni authorities have repeatedly said that it is expanding its operations in chasing al-Qaeda suspects throughout the country, especially in tribal areas where they are thought to be protected by tribesmen.

On another level, Foreign Minister Dr. Abu Bakr Al-Qirbi had said that the government has implemented a number of measures to track possible terrorist networks in the country and bring them to justice. Among those measures was the establishment of thirteen security offices in remote areas to facilitate the mission of the security forces in their manhunt.

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Yemen strongly denies Eritrean allegations

BY MOHAMMED BIN-SALLAM
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Sana'a, 21 Sept. (YT)—A Yemeni official spokesman has on Saturday expressed his government's regret for the statement given by an Eritrean government spokesman to The Middle East newspaper published on 19 Sept. 2002 and reported by Modern Eritrea newspaper on 21 Sept. 2002. The Eritrean spokesman had accused Yemen of "offending" his country as part of a diplomatic campaign, claiming that "Yemen has for four months been standing behind attempts for creating tension and fabricating crises between the two countries."

The Yemeni official spokesman strongly denies the Eritrean allegations describing them as groundless and expressed his amazement for issuing such statements at this very time. The Yemeni statement mentioned that Yemen has during the recent months been exercising self-restraint towards the Eritrean authorities' repeated provocations especially against Yemeni fishermen by arresting them and seizing their boats and fish. The Yemeni republic has worked for tackling this question calmly and through diplomatic channels out of its keenness on brotherly relations of the two peoples, the Yemeni spokesman added.



Yemen's junior football team: They may have not brought a trophy, but they brought us pride

YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Sana'a, 22 Sept. (YT)—Despite the loss of Yemen's junior football team to South Korea (5:3) on penalties after ending extra time (1:1) in the match that took place in Abu Dhabi yesterday, Yemenis celebrated the great achievement of the team in qualifying for the FIFA World U-17 Championship to be held next year in Finland. "This is a moment of joy and celebration, we need not be sad for the loss to Korea because our team is the only Arab team to qualify to the upcoming world cup finals," said one of the Yemenis who watched the match in a coffee shop in Sana'a yesterday night. Yemen played a good game and was seen as competitive but could not match the superiority of the professional Koreans in penalties.



Yemen's appearance in yesterday's final is their first in any of the AFC's tournaments, at either junior or senior level. According to all sports analysts, Yemen's qualification for the final of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) U-17 Championship has certainly been the highlight of an exciting 17 days of football in the UAE. It is expected that Yemen will honor the team after it is back to join Yemen's celebrations on the 40th anniversary of the 26 September revolution this week.

Growing concern over human rights in Yemen after September 11

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Sana'a, 21 Sept. (YT)—A number of Yemeni intellectuals, MPs, and journalists called for resisting the consequences of the September 11 attacks and their impact on human rights in Yemen. In a round-table meeting organized Thursday by Arabic Sisters Forum for Human Rights, the participants demanded for active role on the part of political parties, NGOs and intellectuals to resist violations of human rights under the pretext of the war on terrorism. Mohammed al-Sabri, political analyst, said the Yemeni government has gone to the extreme in abusing human rights in a way violating the Constitution. He stressed that in the light of the US war on terrorism, human rights in

the Islamic and Arab countries will backslide considerably and if any country refuses this US concept it will face the fate Iraq is facing and will be target of the US military attacks. He called for a joint effort by political parties, NGOs, intellectuals, journalists and opinion makers to face the impact of the September 11 incidents. Mohammed Najji Allaw criticized the political parties for keeping mute towards government violations of human rights and rights of the detainees. He called for legalization of any measures the government intends to carry out in the war on terrorism. The government should pass laws in this respect, calling for resisting the US plan and making the world hear the voice of Yemen in this regard. Continued on P 5

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Al-Qaeda detainees' situation discussed in parliament

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An 11-member parliamentary committee started Wednesday investigating into the question of Yemeni detainees suspected of having link to al-Qaeda network and of carrying out terrorist acts. The committee started listening to complaints of the detainees' relatives and protest to their detention without any legal warrants or trials. They also complain that they have been denied access to see their relatives in the Political Security Organization prisons. Some families still do not know the whereabouts of their relatives. They also demand the Yemeni government to tell them about the situation of the detainees at Guantanamo Bay as well as others detained in the USA or Europe.

The detainees' families started pouring into the Yemeni parliament headquarters in Sana'a to give details about their people to the committee that was set up by the parliament on request by 25 MPs. The committee is expected to present a report to the government of Yemen asking for the release of the detainees or presenting them to court.

The National Organization for Defending Rights and Freedoms (NODRF), chaired by Mohammed Allaw, MP and advocate, has been very active in following up the situation of the detainees. Despite of the authorities' of holding 85 persons for security measures only, NODRF disclosed earlier that the number of arrestees was over 110. It also present-

ed a list of detainees names and other information

about them. The NODRF also disclosed that some detainees had been subjected to various forms of torture and harassment.

Zakiah Mohsen, mother of detainee Abdullah Saleh al-Hakem, said her son was captured two years ago, following the USS Cole bombing without any charges. She said his crime was that he had got a beard. She also added that she and his two kids and wife had no one to support them. She said she visits him on Thursdays and Fridays but she can not ask him about his situation as they are both accompanied by security guards.

Abdullah Saleh al-Haj, cousin of arrestee Saleh Mane'a al-Najar, says these people are arrested to appease the US. He confirmed that his cousin used to travel to Pakistan for business. His uncle, Ali Muzaid al-Jamah, said he had stayed for one day in front of the Central prison of Aden, asking for meeting with his relative but to no avail. His mother, according to them, can visit him but he asked her in her last visit not to go to him anymore as he is in a very bad psychological condition. His uncle said "We love the US people but we do not like their government which is under the control of the Zionists."

Other relatives confirmed that when they asked the people in charge to release them or send them for trial, they would answer by saying those detainees were not subjected to no legal measures.

Conflicts on border demarcation

BY HASSAN AZZAEDI
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Tribal sources told the Yemen Times that the authorities demanded the Sheikhs of Bani Nowf Aal Yahya, one of the Dahm tribe in al-Jawf to hand over tribesmen charged of opening fire at helicopter last Wednesday when the president came back to Sana'a after a short visit to al-Jawf governorate.

The sources added that two people have been arrested who are said to taking part in opening fire at the helicopter.

In his speech, the president totally scorned those who have become stumbling block in front of the border Demarcation Company carrying out the Yemen-Saudi borders. He further emphasized that strict and relentless measures will be taken against them.

Meanwhile, the Dehm tribesmen at the Azza and Ashaf Mountains oppose border demarcations and they are still stationed in these areas.

The German company has operated its task while being guarded by military units stationed near the site of border demarcation company.

The company has so far finished fixing 111 border markings out of 298 that should be fixed along the border-line between Yemen and Saudi Arabia.

Juvenile beaten up in court

A group of judicial policemen had ruthlessly beaten up a juvenile inside the west capital court in Sana'a Tuesday Sept. 17 while trying to arrest him instead of his father who has escaped a judicial verdict, his lawyers stated.

The Chairman of Yemeni Lawyers Syndicate, Mr. Abdullah M. Rageh, has filed a complaint to the Minister of Justice, the Prosecutor and Minister of Interior denouncing the attack on the juvenile and demanding protection of human rights.

He appealed to authorities concerned to punish the offenders. "The boy, while beaten up, was disarmed even of his dignity and honor although he had nothing to do with his father's case. The incident is extremely horrible and one would feel that his dignity is valueless in this country." Mr. Rageh concluded.

Yemen demands justice

The Yemeni government demanded the US to do justice to Yemeni citizens detained in Guantanamo and in the US and provide them access to advocacy, a Yemeni official said Friday. The official said Yemen demands the US to do justice to Yemeni citizens who are detained either in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Guantanamo, or have been recently arrested in New York. The official said "their visits to Afghanistan should not be their charge on which they are punished". He demanded that these arrestees should be given access to have advocates to defend them. He pointed out that many Yemenis have been to Afghanistan and that they were encouraged by the US itself to fight communism in Afghanistan in 1980s. He said some of these fighters went back home and led a normal life, taking part in developing their society.

There should not be generalization

and considering every one who went to Afghanistan is a terrorist", he stressed. He also denied information that some al-Qaeda elements have fled to Yemen, taking it a safe shelter. He considered such allegations groundless. He stressed that Yemen has been victimized by terrorism and that the government will continue to take part in the world campaign to crack down on terrorism. He strongly said Yemen will not allow the leaking of terrorists to its soil whatsoever, an indicator of Yemen's supports for the US war on terrorism. The Yemeni official said Yemen's security cooperation with the US is going okay and that the arrest of some Yemenis suspected with having links to al-Qaeda will not affect this cooperation. He pointed out that Yemeni authorities arrested a number of al-Qaeda elements or other people suspected with carrying out terrorist acts; they are being now interrogated.

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Sana'a, 18 Sept. (YT) A four-day training workshop on "Press Coverage of Elections" sponsored by Yemen Times English-language weekly and German Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, on Wednesday concluded its meetings.

Twenty-five journalists representing Yemeni newspapers had over four days

listened to lectures on developing and upgrading the level of press performance in impartial and objective coverage of elections delivered by senior professors specialized in this field, especially Dr Salwa Sharafi, journalism professor at the Press Institute, University of Tunis.

Trainee journalists at the workshop had also received comprehensive study and training on using the Internet service in searching for information.

YT's "Press Coverage of Elections" workshop wrapped up

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Seminar on 26 September revolution held

On the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the 26 September revolution and 39th anniversary of the 14 October revolution, the 26 September weekly newspaper organized a symposium entitled "The Yemeni Revolution, the Starting Point & Development". More than 40 participants took part in the seminar, which centered on the heroic deeds performed by the liberal officers in the history of the Yemeni revolution. The seminar was regarded as one of the important seminars to document the history of Yemen based on solid basis. Different working papers focused on the wide-ranging discussions in order to record the history of Yemen and the formation of the modern state.

Taiz hosts Fourth Science Conference

The governorate of Taiz is hosting the annual 4th Science Conference from 11 to 13 of the coming Oct. In a statement to the Yemen Times, Mr. Khalid Abdullah Al Ahmad, member of the Conference Committee, said that it is the first time Taiz hosts such a conference in which outstanding scholars and academicians from different countries around the world will take part. Some of the prominent figures expected to attend the event such as, Prof. Farook al-Baz, the expert at the National Aeronautics Space Administration (NASA) in the USA and D. Fakhri Al Bazaz, the international scholar in the environment biology in the USA.

6th Egyptian Exhibition inaugurated

The 6th Egyptian Exhibition for products was inaugurated on Sept. 18 and will continue till 27 in Sana'a. The Exhibition is organized by the Egyptian Public Authority for Exhibitions and International markets in coordination with Apollo and supervised by Ministry of Industry in Yemen.

About 48 Egyptian companies are participating in this exhibition which is held at the Expo Sana'a Center. "It is an annual economic activity meant for promoting trade relations between Yemen and Egypt. It gives more chances for businessmen of the two countries to carry out more investment projects" An Egyptian official said.

Human Rights Reports debated

SANA'A—The Woman Forum for Studies and Training organized on Wednesday, September 18 a discussion meeting on exposing the human rights reports that Yemen had submitted to the United Nations this year.

The exposure contained notes that Yemeni government had received concerning the need to improve human

rights situations that should conform to many treaties signed by Yemen in the last few years.

The Supreme Committee for Human Rights and National Women's Committee, which represented Yemen in submitting the report in New York and Geneva, participated in the discussion.

Training course for journalists kicks off

TAIZ—The Human Rights Information and Training Center, (HRITC) is organizing a 2-day training course for journalists starting today in Taiz.

This is the second training course which has been organized by the HRITC. It will include organizing workshops, delivering lectures on the freedom of opinions and expression in national charters and legislation. It

aims also to provide journalists with the necessary skills and knowledge which enable them to defend themselves in the context of legal issues" said Ezza Addeen al-Asbahi, the Chairman of the HRITC.

The training course has been entrusted with experts from Egypt and Yemen and will be attended by around 40 journalists, mainly reporters of foreign media.

Diplomat and professor seek asylum in Canada

BY MOHAMMED BIN SALLAM
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Sana'a Sept. 19 (YT): Mr. Riyadh al-Akbari, a former Yemeni ambassador to Baghdad and Dr. Ahmed Basarada, a former information college dean at Sana'a University, applied earlier this month to the Canadian Embassy for political asylum in Canada, an official at the foreign ministry said.

"Although the two persons occupied high positions in the government and in the ruling party as a members of the (PGC) Permanent Committee, but they

complained in their request of segregation and suppression on the part of the current regime" Foreign Ministry official confirmed.

Mr. Riyadh al-Akbari, from Hadramout, was one of the leaders who fled to Sana'a after the bloody conflicts of Jan. 16, 1986 in the former south of Yemen. He then joined the Foreign Ministry and occupied many positions, the last was an Ambassador to Baghdad. "The government refused to appoint him in a new governmental position recently due to his criticism of its behavior and corruption" a close

GPC & Islah in splitting headache

BY HASSAN AZZAEDI
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The Islah Party last weeks inaugurated the election campaign in Marib, 100 km, east of Sanaa. The Islah party in this governorate has won the majority of Islah members during the previous local council elections.

The inauguration of the election campaign has irritated the General People's Conference (GPC) and

resulted in a blitz attack against the District Director, Ali al-Yousefi when he tried to stop the summer camp by orders of Marib governor.

Resources fear that the Islah's win of the sweeping majority in these three different governorates including, Marib and al-Jawf governorate might cause splitting headaches on the part of the ruling party where the tribes represent a political and military might.

This can be clearly detected through the GPC and Islah maneuvers.

In this context, the GPC has been seeking to win the trust of tribesmen residing in these governorates.

A prominent leading figure at the PGC in Marib said that the main reason behind the Islah's superiority in these areas can be ascribed to its use of religion for political purposes and therefore could win the trust of most tribes.

Draft for Arab Arbitration Law

Dr. Banadar Bin Mohammed Aal Saud, Chairman of the Saudi Arbitration team, stated in a press conference held on Sept. 16, after the conclusion of the Fourth Arbitration Conference was that the Arab Arbitration Union which held its first meeting in 1997 at the Arab League, aimed at gathering Arab legislators together.

He said although the Arab Arbitration Union was established to settle Arab issues, but there still some Arab countries insisting in requesting foreign interference in their conflicts.

Dr. Bandar added that the Arab

Arbitration Union is providing different consultations and assistance for the Arab arbitration centers in different issues.

He said one of the recommendations of the conference is issuing the Arab arbitration law. He described the conference as the best and successful conferences held by the Arab Arbitration Union. "The main issue of the Arab Arbitration Union is to establish a bridge of confidence between it and the Arab businessmen and traders and the Arab Union has no objection to solve political disputes". Dr. Bandar concluded.

UCHP's awareness campaign launched in Zabid

Within the two-month awareness campaign of the Urban Cultural Heritage Program (UCHP) on the preservation of Yemeni historical cities, Zabid is the first station in this campaign. The UCHP has organized a number of cultural activities launched in Zabid last Monday which aims at raising public awareness towards the preservation of the historical city of Zabid.

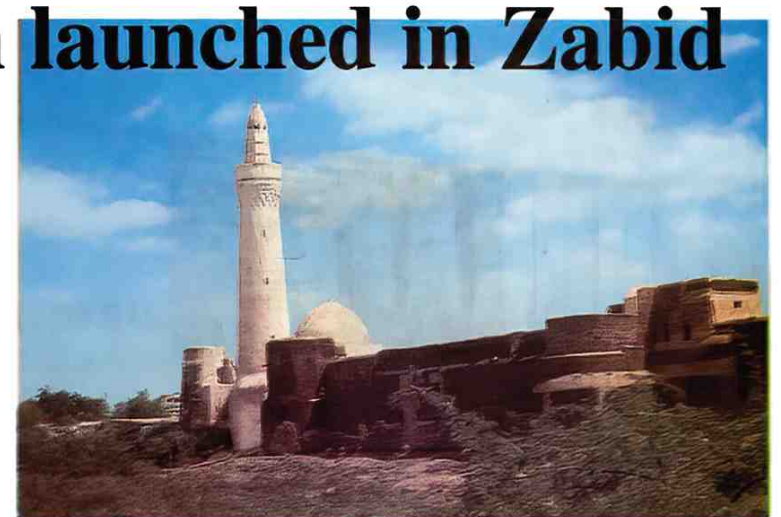
The campaign also aimed at involving all the segments of the society, including women in these activities,

which included a cultural gathering for poetry recitation, Consultation meetings with local community in the city and a workshop on the conservation plan for the city of Zabid. In the workshop which held on Sept. 18, the conservation team of the Ministry of Public works and the General Organization of the Preservation of Historical Cities made a presentation to consult the local authority & community on the future of historic city of Zabid.

During this campaign in Zabid that lasts till the 30th of Sept., a number of

cultural as well as awareness activities will take place. For a whole week starting Saturday 21st Painting workshops for children will be held with 110 participants representing 3 schools and a lecture will be made on the relation between traditional dress in Zabid and the architecture of the city.

It is worth mentioning that the campaign which shall be closed with an exhibition to the paintings of children and a puppet show on Sept. 30, has witnessed a remarkable participation of woman in Zabid.



Motor-cycles traffic suspended

Sana'a Sept. 16 (YT): The Yemeni Authorities banned motor-cycles traffic in the capital Sana'a starting from this week till the 26th of Sept. celebrations.

Sources indicated that this comes within precautionary security measures against any sabotage actions. "It has been proved that motor-cycles have been used in many murdering acts, thefts and other sabotage acts due to their easy movement in narrow streets and the difficulty to pursue them." security forces said.

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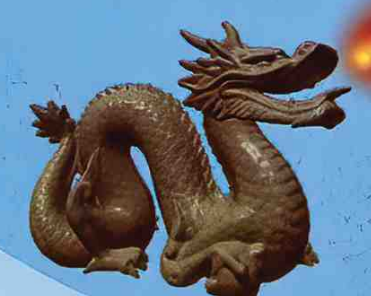
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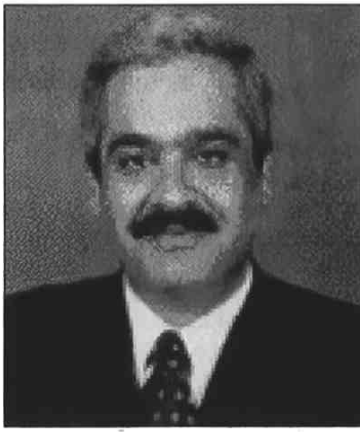
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ISA and the e-school ambition

Mr. Essa Abdulaziz Qassim is the Chairman of the International Studies Academy (ISA) of Jordan and one of the well-known Arab investors, who worked with the Talal Abu Ghazala Group for Information Technology. The ISA is to establish the electronic school (e-school) which will be the first of its kind and is expected to be the leader in the field of electronic education which will consequently improve the educational quality level in the country. Mohammed Al Masani of Yemen Times met with Mr. Essa Abdulaziz Qassim, who is also the General Manager of Al-Hussein Schools in Sanaa, and filed the following interview.



Q: What is your future vision to create an IT generation in Yemen coping with the latest technological developments of the world?

A: Undoubtedly, we are living in a new era of globalization, in which only the strong in communication and IT will survive. Therefore, efforts are exerted by ISA to raise awareness about this issue and enhance knowledge and education among the Yemeni community in IT. To achieve this goal, we are willing to establish the e-school project, which will be discussed thoroughly with the Yemeni Ministry of Education.

Q: What are the obstacles facing IT educational projects in Yemen?

A: We should first thank the administration of the Public Investment Authority for the facilities they introduced and honestly speaking, I did not face any obstacles in investment in education in the country and my experience in Yemen has been superb.

On the contrary, I call upon all Arab investors in general and Jordanians in particular to invest in this country which is among the countries with the highest potential and stability in the region.

Q: To what extent is the cooperation between Jordan and Yemen in education and how do you view its future?

A: We Jordanians respect and appreciate your country very much. During my last visit to Jordan, I signed a cooperative contract with Abu Ghazala Group to be their sole agent in Yemen in providing IT education. The Abu Ghazala Group will be granting a university degree from Cambridge University to all their graduates because Abu Ghazala Group is the sole agent of IT Arabic software in the whole Arab world and has signed many agreements with many Arab centers and ISA is one of those centers.

Q: What are the main challenges facing private-sector educational institutes in Yemen?

A: Well, there are many challenges facing the private-sector educational institutes including the need to gain the trust of the society especially in the field of IT. Those institutes have to adhere to many strict laws and regulations and would be under supervision of the Ministry of Education. They are also restricted to providing courses on the sectors licensed for and must also serve and contribute to the local community.

Q: As the GM of the Al-Hussein Schools, how do you assess your experience with the Ministry of Education?

A: The relation between the Al-Hussein Schools and the Ministry of Education are perfect. I would like to thank and present my best greetings to the Education Minister, Dr. Fadel Abu Ghanim for his excellent efforts in accurately arranging the educational sector. His achievements are clear through the results of the secondary school this year.

RCDNI wraps up

By Yasser al-Mayassi
Yemen Times Staff

The Regional Conference on Developing National Industries (RCDNI) and consumer protection was concluded last Monday in Sana'a. It was organized by the Market Studies Center in cooperation with the Arab Federation for Consumer and the Yemeni Society for Consumer Protection.

More than 14 Arab countries and many international organizations took

part in the conference which aimed at reviewing the reasons behind low-end national products and the solutions, seeking for better ways of protecting consumers, enhancing the in-between Arab trade and paving the way for establishing a joint Arab market as well as establishing a database to be used for designing the policies.

The conference debated many working papers at both local and international level, related to national products situation and their future under the current circumstances of the globaliza-

tion. The conference also dealt with the so many challenges faced by Arab industries. It also centers around the negative effects of globalization on consumer, opportunities given by the World Trade Organization, (WTO) for developing countries and protecting industries of less developed countries and the obstacles of marketing Arab products in the foreign markets, the drug industry, its challenges as well as the role of the media with regard to the current economic challenges.

Lecture on education in Yemen

TAIZ—Within its programs for September, Al-Saeed Cultural Foundation organized last Thursday a lecture on Education in Yemen delivered by Dr. Ahmed Ghalib Al Haboob, a Philosophy professor at the faculty of education, Ibb University.

The lecturer dealt with educational reality in the last 40 years and its current situation.

In his lecture, the lecturer indicated

that there was a kind of quantitative deficits of education after the 26th of September Revolution.

It now is witnessing a gradual deterioration in the educational means, teaching staff, curriculum and methodology, particularly those used at the universities.

The old methods still in effect are affecting educational output which is not in a harmony with development

needs.

He criticized abolishing the History, Philosophy and Psychology departments at the Yemeni universities confirming that they are of a great significance and stressed on the importance of the technical and vocational education as the sole way for the development of the country as well as reforming educational sector and eradicating unemployment.

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2 al-Qaeda suspects killed

On another level, a US government lawyer said that the six U.S. citizens of Yemeni descent alleged to be members of an al Qaeda cell must stay in jail to ensure public safety. This was said at Friday's third day of hearings to determine whether the accused will be freed on bail or await trial behind bars.

US authorities had said that two other men from Lackawanna, identified as Kamal Derwish and Jaber Elbaneh, are reported to be in Yemen. US authorities believe Derwish was the group's leader, who encouraged the men to travel to Afghanistan for training.

This comes at a time Yemen expressed its keenness to shake off its reputation as a haven for Muslim militants and has said it was holding 85 people arrested in a manhunt for members of al-Qaeda, blamed by Washington for the September 11 attacks on the United States.

Sanaa on Wednesday dismissed reports that U.S. special forces may launch covert operations in Yemen against militants believed to have fled Afghanistan. It said it would use only its own troops to hunt down al-Qaeda suspects.

Yemen's parliament last week set up a commission to probe alleged human rights violations by Yemeni security forces in their crackdown on supporters of Saudi-born dissident bin Laden. Amnesty International has said thousands of people had been detained, including children as young as 12, academics and journalists

Growing Concern over RHs in Yemen after September 11

However, Mohammed al-Tayib, Head of Human Rights, Liberties and Civil Society Committee at the Shura Council, said the government arrests were for security purposes only and that those who are being held are not wanted by the US. Those who are wanted are on the run. He also said the US administration was serious about striking Yemen after the September 11, adding that even some extremists at the US administration were opposing even meeting President Saleh when he visited the US last November. But, the Yemeni leadership could know how to absorb this American anger and escape many problems Yemen was to face. He said the Americans had wrong information about al-Qaeda presence in Yemen and that Yemen went into a limited scope of security cooperation with the USA. But, he said the fate of the region, human rights and democracy are hanging in the balance and that the Americans did not want only to crack down on al-Qaeda but also changing the cultures and political systems that have produced al-Qaeda elements as well as reshaping up the map of the whole region.

Hamoud Munasser, writer and political analyst, called on all political systems and people to join forces and defend themselves against the dilapidations of the September 11 incidents through a clear and long-term strate-

gy. Other participants highlighted the economic impact of these attacks. Amal Basha, head of the host forum said the attacks increased the number of the poor as the attacks have damaged tourism and other businesses. She also called for creating a general awareness of human rights and strategy to defend them.

Yemen strongly denies Eritrean allegations

The Yemeni official spokesman maintained that it was regrettable that the Eritrean side insisted on giving mistaken interpretations for the arbitration resolutions on the concept of traditional fishing. Such explanations are lacking of any legal reason and deemed a violation of the texts of the two decisions taken by the arbitration body on 9 October 1998 and 17 December 1999. The decisions stated that the two countries' citizens have the full right to traditional fishery in the region situated to the south of the Red Sea, of which the two countries have accepted. The Yemeni government has, at various levels, worked rectifying the Eritrean wrong understanding, out of its keenness on stability of security and peace in the region. Yemen has also accepted the Eritrean president's proposal of resorting to a third party chosen by the two countries to offer a final and obligatory interpretation for the question of traditional fishery.

For a society without violence and guns

Commencing from September 29 2002, and under a motto of "For the sake of peace and a society without violence and Guns", the social and cultural organization of Dar al-Salam is going to inaugurate the first national campaign to spread awareness of the danger of violence and use of guns and the importance of tolerance and peace for the society. The campaign will last for 42 days covering 6 governorates. The organization has already finished typing and publishing many posters to help spreading awareness of the damage of tribal vengeance.

The organization's activities concentrate more on the regions that are suffering from tribal revenge trying to put an end to many tribal revenge cases.

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Sana'a capital of Arab Culture 2004

On the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the Yemeni revolution, the Ministry of Culture is organizing musical and cultural activities started on Saturday Sept. 21.

This activities will include inaugurating 19th Sana'a International Exhibition, a seminar on writing the

Arab nation history, the main musical speech ceremony, a seminar on the Yemeni culture in the last 40 years and evenings of poetic performance.

It is worth mentioning that these musical and cultural activities will be performed by a group of Yemeni intellectuals, poets, dramatists and singers.

Gulf Air - Yemen Office Organizes Award Ceremony

Gulf Air organized on September 11 an award ceremony honoring the best tourism and cargo companies that excelled during the years 2000 and 2001 in marketing and selling Gulf Air services in Yemen. Universal Travel and Tourism - Head Office was awarded the golden award for both 2000 and 2001 while Falcon Travel Services won the golden award for 2000 and 2001 in the cargo category.



During the festivity, Gulf Air Area Manager Mr. Jawad Abdul Ghani Mohamed expressed his delight to hold this ceremony and expressed his sincere gratitude for all the support given to Gulf Air through what has been one of the most challenging years in the history of aviation.

He said, "The coming months are very important to Gulf Air and I take this opportunity to share with you the recent developments within the airline. Many new marketing initiatives are already on offer, designed to provide a variety of benefits when choosing Gulf Air. This is just the start as more value-added offers will continue to be developed and will come in the near future."

He also commented on the turbulent times that faced the travel industry, but stressed that tough measures involving route rationalization have taken effect already and other fundamental changes to the organization and business processes have begun.

During the event, the newly established FALCON Electronic Frequent Flyer Program (E-FFP) service was introduced. According to Mr. Gawad,

this service is accessible on the Internet at www.gulfairco.com. It is worth mentioning that the FALCON FFP itself is the first fully-fledged loyalty program offered by a Middle Eastern carrier.

Other features of Gulf Air were also presented in the speech of the Area Manager including the advanced Information Technology facilities. "I am happy to tell you that Gulf Air was nominated for an award in the 'Best Airline User for IT' category at the Air Transport and Travel Information Systems Expo held in Amsterdam earlier this year."

On the other hand, Jawad revealed that Gulf Air also won the Airbus's Operational Excellence Award for 2000/2001, making it the only airline in the region to win such an award.

Finally, the Gulf Air First Class In-flight service was introduced. "With the individual attention of fully qualified In-flight 5-star chefs, meals can be cooked fresh on board the plane based on customer desires and specifications. This service is currently limited to Bahrain-Abu Dhabi flights only but will soon be implemented in other routes." Jawad concluded.



Yemeni industrialists and businessmen comment on quality standards decree

By FAROUK AL-KAMALI
TAIZ BUREAU

Was the cabinet decree no 155 for 2002 issued to raise local products to Gulf quality standards? What are the negative and positive effects of this decree from the private and public sector's viewpoints?

In order to develop Yemen's economy to be able to join some of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) institutions and for Yemen to be a member at the WTO, the cabinet issued decree no 155, 2002 that approves Gulf quality standards as the official quality standards that must be met by all locally produced goods.

A report issued by the Yemeni Standards and Quality Control Organization (YSQCO) has indicated that applying the decree will have the private sector reconsider some of its products. These products according to the report are in a way or another unable to compete with other imported products as they will fail to meet the new standards stated in the decree.

The report added that the consumer's lack of awareness would shift his attention from local to imported products, some of which are lower in quality than their equivalent domestic products.

Globalization and open markets have made Yemeni industries think thoroughly of how to enhance their product's quality to be able to compete, especially after applying this decree.

Governmental officials see that the cabinet's decree has been approved as a step towards joining the GCC. They feel that it will also pave the way for Yemeni products to be enhanced in quality and hence compete with products coming from Gulf States.

The YSQCO made contacts with the Standards and Qualities Control of the GCC informing it of the new development concerning the issuance of this new decree.

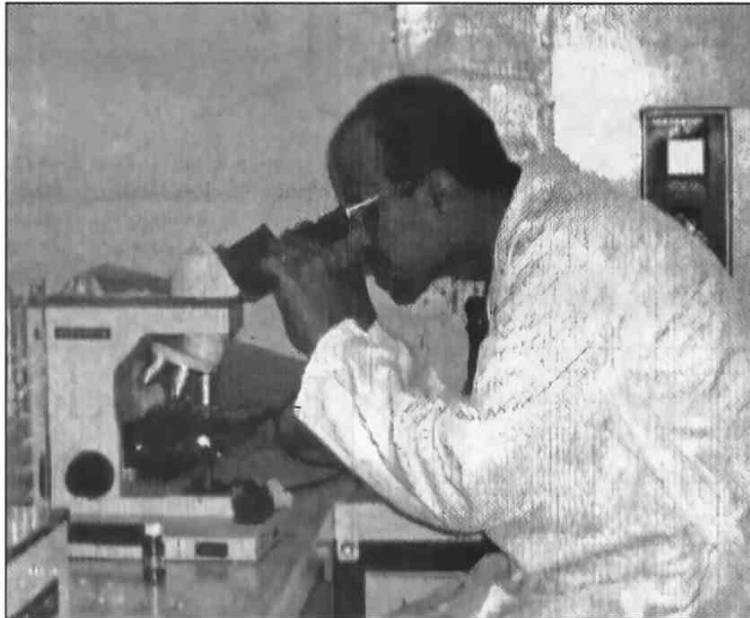
The cabinet's decree was criticized and debated by a number of Yemeni industrialists and businessmen, who urged to have some amendments and reconsiderations.

The General Manager of the Taiz-based Yemeni Company for Gee & Soap Industry Shukri al-Furais said that the cabinet's decree was very critical and serious in its impact on local industries, especially when realizing the limited potentials the country has compared to GCC states.

"The fact that the Yemeni market is open to imported products filling our markets and the fact that most Yemeni consumers are unaware of the better quality of local products makes the decree very critical," Al-Furais said.

The significance of the cabinet's decree comes from the fact that the new standards should apply to all products that come into the country so as to prevent harming the consumer of outdated or smuggled foodstuff products. The decree cannot be applied unless there are strenuous efforts exerted by the concerned bodies at borders, harbors, ports, and industrial complexes. This should be activated through

establishing inspection offices and labs for examining the imported products and their validity. "Despite the regularly exerted efforts made by the YSQCO to examine selected vegetable oils, it was found that most of these oils are unfit for human consumption because they are smuggled to the Yemeni markets through the borders and stored in unsafe conditions. We are in favor of the decree, but the Yemeni markets have some pre-determined specifications. What is needed is to amend some



articles to the newly adopted Gulf quality standards to match the requirements of the Yemeni markets," al-Furais added.

"Gulf quality standards are not applied to all Gulf states equally, espe-

cially when dealing with locally produced goods in those countries. This is a clear testimony of having a private policy for each state. On the other hand, all Gulf states apply international quality standards on all goods regardless of the manufacturing country," he noted further.

The General Manager of the YCGSI believes that the decree will harm the domestic industries as well as the consumer. "The Yemeni manufacturers will be the first to apply the efficiency

lack of awareness." He added.

Jameel al-Maqtari, the Vice-Chairman of the YSQCO Committee in the Capital Secretariat said, "In principle, we are in favor of the decree which is for the benefit of the consumer protection and that will achieve equilibrium between consumers and manufacturers."

However, he also said that the decree has been issued without any further comprehensive studies. "There are other factors to be taken into consideration by the commerce and industry chamber including the global changes taking place in the world including free trade, open markets, and Yemen's possible joining of the WTO," he said.

"The decree might be an attempt to enhance quality standards, but the decree has been issued without participation of many concerned bodies," he added.

Al-Maqtari said that decree's weakness lies in the fact that it was based on the international and Gulf quality standards without taking the uniqueness of Yemen into consideration. "The implementation of the Gulf quality standards will face institutional problems, lack of developmental requirements and technological changes."

Concerning the GCC opinion on this development, Mohammed Abduh, the Assistant Secretary General for the Economic Affairs at the GCC said, "Nothing concerning unifying product standards has been completed, yet. In case we are not able to unify them, they can be agreed upon based on the principles used for domestic products in the GCC."



Gamil Al-Maqtari Shukri al-Furais

He added that the decree isn't compatible with appendix 4 of the (TBT) and WTO agreement entitled "Code to good practice for the preparation, adoption and application to standards."

He indicated that he didn't expect from developing countries to apply international quality standards as a basis for their standards. "Developed countries adopted quality standards to protect the technological aspects in the process of local production in response to their developmental requirements."

"On the other hand, the decree will discourage consumers from purchasing Yemeni thinking that local products needed such a decree because their quality level is doubtful," Mohammed Abduh stated.

"The decree in this sense has permitted the unchecked products to be imported from the Gulf thinking that they have already met the Gulf quality standards," he added.

Al-Maqtari suggested that the Yemen and GCC states have to search for common ground concerning the principles of the reciprocal recognition of the Yemen-Gulf quality standards.

Yemeni Woman:

Active Participation towards Progression

MAYASA MOHAMMED GAWAD

Yemeni woman actively participates in the processes of development in Yemen. She has overcome obstacles and difficulties she had been facing in the time of Imamate rule and colonization period. She has now become able to work in various fields, enhancing her status in the society. She works in various jobs, occupies different positions, and is actively represented women's unions in Yemeni, as well.

History stands as a witness that she is an example to follow since the appearance of Islam - she was one of those women who nursed people injured in battles, defended the prophet Mohammed (peace be upon him), and took part in fighting enemies. She, as well, played a significant role the strife for Yemen's freedom from the Imamate rule in the North, and from the colonization in the South, and faced that pursuit and imprisonment as her brothers did.

It is after the achievement of Yemeni unification, she started to realize her goals - she is to raise her position in Yemen. She started with a step towards progression. She got educated to contribute in different fields in the every-day life.

How does Yemeni woman evaluate her contribution in society, and what does she achieve in the processes of the development of Yemen? Women, engaged in some guiding positions, and those playing a praiseworthy role as activists in various fields exert great efforts to activate woman's role, and to make other women aware of their rights.

Najeba Hadad, the deputy of the



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Najeba Hadad

minister for culture - drama and public section, and a writer specialized in children art, is the first Yemeni woman to assume such a position. Najeba says, Islam grants the woman a high rank for she represents an important segment of the society. Yemeni woman becomes a major participant in the processes of the development of Yemen under the social, diplomatic, and economic atmospheres Yemen enjoys and under the leadership of president Ali Abdulla Saleh. Najeba adds that the Yemeni woman has squeezed her rights in a number of fields, enabling her to play a big role in decision-making, and she still holds hope to contribute more widely in the work field. The role of woman as a mother, sister, wife, daughter and an active human in the society can never be ignored because it is indispensable. Najeba praises the high positions some Yemeni women assume, of which Yemen is to feel proud - Waheba Farea, the state minister of human rights; Amat Alaleem Al Sosowa, Yemeni ambassador to Holland; captain Rose Abdulkhaleq, and many others. Najeba calls on the higher council of woman affairs, the National Community of Human Rights,

Yemeni Woman Union, and Civil Society Organizations to continue reinforcing woman's roles to develop her situation in Yemen. Najeba believes we must face all challenges with a national Yemeni thinking, woman should contribute to for creating it together with man to build the new future of Yemen.

Amat Al Rahman Jahaf, head of woman sport-Taiz says optimistically the role of woman in Yemen has highly developed nowadays because of the encouragement by the political leadership and the social awareness, out of a belief in the active role Yemeni woman plays. Amat emphasizes that if a nation wants to accomplish true achievements, the woman role must be activated through sowing the seeds of values, and new understanding in the coming generations. Amat sees that the best example of woman's contribution is that in the diplomatic field, in the presidential, and parliamentary elections. Women have really succeeded in proving their right to choose the right persons representing them in the political field.

Woman today is completely different of what has been in the past.

Ibtisam Al Mutawakil, a Yemeni

female author and researcher sees that in the past the woman's social contributions were not clearly seen and felt as she stood behind man to push him forward. Yet, after the achievement of Yemen Unification, she began contributing actively and effectively towards modernity in different fields such as working as female police. As an author, she stresses we must not forget the role of Yemeni female authors in portraying the proper image of Yemen abroad as she becomes distinguished in her art, and her presence in both the Arab world and internationally. Ibtisam feels sorry that there are some female energies that are still idle and not utilized for several reasons as illiteracy and rejection of families to let their females work outside the house. She wishes the government will concentrate on the positive role the woman in Yemen plays. However, obstacles still block the way of woman towards progression; obstacles of old traditions and customs keeping the work of woman within certain limitations, and the confined area of freedom she enjoys, etc. All stand as blocking and tumbling stones so that some women are somehow unable to achieve any progress. She believes Yemeni woman to have her social right to education as priority to any other field.

Soad Al Absi, chairwoman of Yemeni woman union, Taiz says, Obstacles are still there - the existence of male dominance, some economic defects, and the spread of poverty. Soad believes it is under a national strategy within new understandings woman in Yemen will achieve many in the future. It is then she will be the solution, not the problem, specially after Yemen Unification has been achievement.

Hertz Yemen Expands its Fleet

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Saleem added that "we are focusing much on the leasing side of business which goes with the expected market potential in the Republic of Yemen. I am quite confident that we will continue to keep the corporate image and develop our fleet in the very near future. And the current trend in tourism gives me a positive go signal for better prospects."

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Even the emerging of plenty of local car rental companies in Yemen, Hertz Yemen holds almost 65% of the market share which is the result of its quality products, service standards, strong network of Universal group of Companies throughout the Republic of Yemen and corporate image of Hertz.



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Arafat defiant as Israeli army tightens siege

RAMALLAH, West Bank, Sept 21 (Reuters) - Yasser Arafat vowed not to capitulate to Israel on Saturday after its forces demolished parts of the building where he was under siege and turned most of his sprawling presidential compound into rubble. But in his first public statement since the siege began on Thursday, the Palestinian leader called for an end to attacks inside Israel, which sent in tanks to encircle his West Bank headquarters after seven people were killed in suicide bombings.

"We are ready for peace but not for capitulation, and we will not give up Jerusalem or a grain of our soil which are guaranteed to us by international law," he said in a written statement released by the Palestinian news agency Wafa.

But the demolition of most of his complex in the city of Ramallah has left him looking weaker than at any point since he returned to the Palestinian territories in 1994 under interim peace deals with Israel.

Israel called on Arafat to hand over 20 wanted Palestinian militants it says are holed up in his headquarters, backing up its demands with guns that roared before daybreak and thunderous detonations of demolition charges.

Palestinian officials said the United States pressured Israel to stop shooting by early on Saturday. But armoured bulldozers and a mechanical excavator clanked across the compound to carry on the wrecking work.

Israel's tightest confinement of Arafat since its forces surrounded the former guerrilla leader in 1982 during the Lebanon war raised fears of a new surge of violence that could complicate Washington's plans for possible war on Iraq.

Tearing through concrete as if it were paper, the long arm of a mechanical excavator clawed holes through the outer walls of Arafat's headquarters, only three offices away from the rooms



Palestinian President Yasser Arafat pictured in his besieged office September 21, 2002 in this picture handed out by his office. Arafat vowed not to capitulate to Israel after its forces demolished parts of the buildings where he was under siege and fired a tank shell that showered him with dust. The others in the picture are unidentified. REUTERS

where he took refuge after a tank shell showered him with dust overnight.

Thick black smoke, apparently from a fuel storage facility outside Arafat's office, filled the late afternoon sky, and Palestinian officials said Israeli forces were also destroying water pipes and tanks.

Israel said the aim was to isolate Arafat, not kill him. "We have said we are not going to harm Mr Arafat personally."

"We usually stand by our word, unlike Arafat who has yet to meet one of his commitments (to rein in militants)," government spokesman Raanan Gissin said.

Europe Condemns Siege

Palestinian peace negotiator Saeb Erekat told CNN he had contacted Israel's dovish foreign minister, Shimon Peres, to help defuse the situation.

"President Arafat is now sitting in a building that is about to collapse because they destroyed all the pillars around it and it's really very serious,"

Erekat said.

Europe stepped up its condemnation of the siege, with France demanding an immediate end to what it described as an "appalling" situation.

The White House called on Israel to consider the consequences of its actions but also said it had a right to defend itself against suicide bombings. Israel holds Arafat, 73, responsible for the two suicide bombings which ended a six-week lull in such attacks, charging he has failed to rein in militants during the two-year-old Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation.

"I reiterate my call to the Palestinian people and all our parties to halt any violent attacks inside Israel because (Prime Minister Ariel) Sharon exploits them as a cover to destroy the peace of the brave," Arafat said in his statement.

A tattered Palestinian flag still flew over rubble near the gate to the complex that had been a symbol of Arafat's power in Palestinian areas where he now faces pressure to make security and anti-corruption reforms demanded by Washington.

The U.N. Security Council scheduled an emergency session on the Middle East crisis for Monday, at the behest of council member Syria, diplomats said.

The army said it had razed about 20 buildings or mobile buildings in Arafat's compound, already battered by other Israeli incursions following Palestinian attacks.

Witnesses later reported seeing trenches being dug around the compound.

Arafat — deemed irrelevant by Sharon — looks powerless to rein in militants and also says he cannot carry out reforms because of Israeli blockades in the West Bank and Gaza. He also has no firepower to resist the army.

One of Arafat's bodyguards in the sandbagged, fortress-like facility was killed by an Israeli marksman early on Friday.

At least 1,550 Palestinians and 599 Israelis have been killed in the Palestinian uprising that erupted in September 2000 after talks on statehood stalled.



A map handed out by the Israeli army September 21, 2002 shows an aerial photograph of Palestinian President Yasser Arafat's compound in the West Bank city of Ramallah before it was destroyed. Yasser Arafat vowed not to capitulate to Israel after its forces demolished parts of the buildings where he was under siege and fired a tank shell that showered him with dust. The still remaining buildings are red marked. REUTERS



Israeli army continues to destroy buildings at the headquarters of Palestinian President Yasser Arafat in the West Bank City of Ramallah on September 21, 2002, Yasser Arafat vowed not to capitulate to Israel on Saturday after its forces demolished parts of the building where he was under siege and fired a tank shell that showered him with dust. REUTERS

Banned Turk "Islamist" vows to lead party to polls

ISTANBUL, Sept 21 (Reuters) - Popular Turkish politician Recep Tayyip Erdogan, barred from Turkey's next parliament on a past conviction for "Islamist" sedition, vowed on Saturday to lead his party to victory in the November polls.

"I can continue as party leader, there's no obstacle to that," the charismatic former Istanbul mayor said in an interview broadcast by CNN Turkish television.

"You can't stop a movement. It's just not possible."

The High Electoral Board (YSK), which considered a 1998 sedition conviction for which Erdogan served nearly four months in jail, ruled on Friday he was "unqualified" for the November 3 polls, crushing his hopes of being Turkey's next prime minister.

The ban adds to the uncertainty clouding polls viewed at home and by NATO allies as the most important and unpredictable of modern times for European Union candidate Turkey.

The EU has demanded Turkey relax curbs on freedom of expression before membership talks can begin. Erdogan's 1988 ban from politics was for publicly reciting a religious poem.

Former Foreign Minister Ismail Cem and leading business group TUSIAD joined a chorus of opposition to the Election Board's ban, saying it threatened Turkey's bid for EU membership.

"This decision makes our path to the EU more difficult. Parliament has legislated many laws, we've made great efforts, now we close the path ourselves," Cem was quoted by Anatolian news agency as saying on Saturday.

Election

Erdogan's Justice and Development Party (AKP), suspected by the military to have Islamist leanings, is the only party to regularly score above the 10 percent threshold needed to enter parliament.

Turkey's parliament called elections in late July after Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit's government splintered over a batch of EU reforms the assembly later approved in an effort to gain membership talks this year with the European bloc.

Political commentators are divided over whether the Election Board's decision to ban Erdogan would damage the party's chances at the November 3 polls.

"I think it may increase the chances of the party even more as the public will see this as a real injustice and interference in their political will. This decision could enforce the alienation of the people," said journalist Cengiz Candar.

AKP officials argue the board's decision will raise the popularity of the party.

Disillusioned with a succession of weak coalition governments, many voters turned to the AKP after a punishing February 2001 crisis ripped through Turkey's financial markets sparking the country's worst economic

slump since 1945.

AKP's poll lead may narrow in six weeks, but a one-party government cannot be ruled out. Markets appear less fearful of religious tenets invading politics than of AKP's inexperience in government compromising a \$16 billion IMF pact.

While favouring an alliance with a right-wing party, Erdogan said his party would not rule out a post-election coalition with the Republican People's Party (CHP), running second in many polls and boasting among its ranks former economy chief Kemal Dervis, the architect of Turkey's IMF programme.

"If such a coalition with the CHP is necessary then we will be happy to sign a protocol with them," he said.

Investors see the presence of Dervis in the next government as the best guarantee of Turkey keeping its IMF pledges and paying down a massive debt load swollen by last year's crisis.



Iraq's President Saddam Hussein chairs a meeting of top Iraqi leaders in Baghdad September 21, 2002. Iraq said on Saturday it would not accept any new U.N. Security Council resolution that runs contrary to an agreement reached with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan. "Iraq announces that it will not cooperate with a new resolution which is different from what has been agreed upon with the (U.N.) Secretary-General," said a statement issued following a meeting of top Iraqi leaders chaired by President Saddam Hussein. The statement carried by state-run Baghdad radio gave no details of the agreement Iraq had reached with Annan. REUTERS

Iraq says won't cooperate with new U.N. resolution

BAGHDAD, Sept 21 (Reuters) - Iraq said on Saturday it would not cooperate with any new United Nations Security Council resolution that runs contrary to an agreement reached with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

"Iraq announces that it will not cooperate with a new resolution which is different to what was agreed upon with the (U.N.) secretary-general," said a statement issued following a meeting of top Iraqi leaders chaired by President Saddam Hussein and carried by the state-run Baghdad radio.

The United States and Britain have stepped up pressure on the Security Council to adopt a tough new Iraq resolution before any resumption of U.N. arms inspections.

British U.N. Ambassador Sir Jeremy Greenstock met the 10 non-permanent members of the 15-nation Security Council late on Friday to lobby for a new resolution demanding unfettered access for the arms experts and spelling out the consequences if Baghdad failed to cooperate with teams searching for weapons of mass destruction as required by past council resolutions.

The inspectors were withdrawn from Iraq in December 1998, just before a U.S.-British bombing blitz designed to punish Baghdad for its alleged failure to cooperate with them.

The United States has threatened Baghdad with military action if it does not allow the unconditional return of U.N. inspectors.

U.S. ambassador in Sept 11 spat with Egypt media

CAIRO, Sept 21 (Reuters) - Egypt's media slammed the U.S. ambassador in Cairo on Saturday after he apparently called for the press to vet commentary on the September 11 attacks. The spat, highlighting anti-U.S. feeling in the region, erupted when ambassador David Welch attacked a rash of recent press commentary which questioned whether Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda group, including an Egyptian, was behind the attacks. This can harm Egypt's media in the eyes of the world. I hope newspaper editors take that into account when they review articles before publication," Welch wrote in the main state-owned daily al-Ahram on Friday.

"A responsible media must publish the truth not lies, and people should know the difference," he added in the article printed in Arabic.

A statement issued on Saturday by newspaper columnists, writers and cartoonists from state-owned and opposition papers said Welch should "go back to his country," accusing the U.S. media as "only seeing the region through Israeli eyes".

"He talks as if he's addressing slaves or citizens of some banana republic... Whether he was the ambassador of America or Micronesia, it's odd that he should tell Egyptian journalists

how to think and write," it said.

"He made an unprecedented call for imposing new restrictions on articles and columns in the Egyptian press," the statement said. Egypt's press is shackled by tough regulations and state-control.

Egypt has supported the United States in its "war on terrorism" after the September 11 attacks on U.S. cities, which killed over 3,000 people.

But anti-U.S. feeling is high over U.S. support for Israel in its attempt to crush a Palestinian uprising. U.S. plans to attack Iraq, perceived mistreatment of Arabs and Muslims in the United States since September 11 and criticism of the Arab world in the U.S. media.

Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak has said an invasion of Iraq would unleash "chaos" in the region, which saw mass protests in support of Palestinians earlier this year.

Egypt, allied with the Soviet Union during much of the cold war era, became a major U.S. ally in the region after its landmark 1979 peace deal with Israel.

Washington has blamed the September 11 attacks on Saudi-born militant bin Laden's al Qaeda group and identified an Egyptian as one of the hijackers who crashed two planes into the World Trade Center.

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Immigrants flee as Ivory Coast burns shanty towns

ABIDJAN, Sept 21 (Reuters) - Thousands of immigrants and poor spilled onto the streets of Ivory Coast's main city Abidjan on Saturday as security forces torched yet more shanty towns following an uprising by dissident soldiers.

President Laurent Gbagbo said his loyalists were hunting down remaining dissidents in Abidjan, again under government control after Thursday's attacks by dissidents who still hold the second city of Bouake and Korhogo in the far north.

Paramilitary gendarmes torched shanty houses near Abidjan's plush Deux-Plateaux district, riffling through the pockets of residents before sending them off carrying on their heads what possessions they could salvage before the flames took hold.

"They burnt the houses without even warning us — they took any money, any mobile phones they could find," said Kone Moussa originally from the northern town of Boundiali.

"We cannot go home to the north because of the situation there. We do not know where to go.

Shortly after arriving back in Abidjan late on Friday, Gbagbo told the nation: "We will systematically hunt down all those who are hiding in the so-called makeshift districts."

But residents said they had seen nothing to suggest dissidents were holed up.

"They say that the people who launched the attack came from the shanty towns, so they are burning them. It's very, very bad," said Jislain Gbomene, a pensioner who lives nearby.

Witnesses across town said homes and market stalls were ablaze in the populous districts of Adjame and Abobo, home to large numbers of immigrants.

Fearful people streamed out of other areas of shanty housing which fills many of the valleys in between the wealthier districts of Abidjan, one



People remove belongings from their burned houses, including a gas canisters, after security forces burned thousands of homes in shanty towns in Abidjan on September 21, 2002, three days after a failed coup. The government says it put down an attempted coup planned by former junta leader Robert Guei, who was killed by security forces on Thursday. Guei's 1999 coup in the world's top cocoa producer ruined its stable reputation in troubled Africa. REUTERS

of West Africa's most developed cities with a gaping gulf between rich and poor.

"They've burnt everything," said one immigrant from Burkina Faso who gave his name as Pascal. "They don't want to see any more wooden houses," he added before he and two female relatives left carrying pack-

ages of belongings on their heads, an infant strapped to one of the women's backs.

Gendarmes seen forcing people from their homes at gunpoint prevented journalists from taking photos and declined to say why they were burning houses.

The tense atmosphere brought back

memories of ethnic violence that left hundreds dead following elections in 2000 from which northern Muslim opposition leader Alassane Ouattara was barred because of doubts over his Ivorian nationality.

His critics say he hails from Burkina Faso, like over two million of the country's 16 million inhabitants.

Immigrants from Burkina Faso and Mali form the backbone of the labour force for the cocoa industry in Ivory Coast, the world's top grower.

Clutches of people poured across the wide boulevards and autoroute bisecting Deux Plateaux, stacking what furniture they had managed to save in the central reservation.

Burundi fighters hold mediated cease fire talks

DAR ES SALAAM, Sept 21 (Reuters) - Burundi's government and a rebel group held separate peace talks with South African Deputy President Jacob Zuma on Saturday to prepare for direct negotiations on ending a civil war, officials said.

Meeting in the Tanzanian city of Dar es Salaam, Zuma held talks first with the government team and then with delegates from a faction of the FDD guerrillas, one of two main rebel groups active in the tiny central African state.

Rebels of the Hutu majority have been fighting the Tutsi-led army since 1993 in a war that has killed at least 200,000 people, mostly civilians. Both the army and rebels have been accused by human rights groups of indiscriminate killings.

FDD official Salvatore Ntacobamaza told reporters that both parties had assigned two representatives each to work out a so-called declaration of commitment document that would bind them to the outcome of any direct ceasefire talks.

When that document was signed by delegation heads, direct negotiations on a ceasefire would start, he said, suggesting this might happen in the next day or so. There was no immediate comment from the Burundian government team.

Fighting has continued despite the establishment of a transitional government sharing power between the Tutsi minority, which dominates the army, and Hutus last November.

Saturday's discussions involved a faction of the largest Hutu rebel group — the Forces for the Defence of Democracy (FDD) — led by FDD commander Pierre Nkurunziza.

Another wing of the FDD led by Jean Bosco Ndayikengurukiye signed a ceasefire with the government on August 26. But experts say that of the main rebel groups, Ndayikengurukiye's poses the least direct threat to the government.

Another rebel group, the Forces for National Liberation (FNL), has refused to join the talks.

On Wednesday the FDD blamed the army for the killings of 183 people, mostly civilians, in central Gitega province on September 9. The government has said it is investigating the killings, one of the worst atrocities in recent months.

Analysts have played down hopes of a sudden breakthrough in Dar es Salaam to end the fighting but mediators have warned the factions that time was running out to strike a deal.

The U.N. Security Council said on Wednesday the continued fighting in Burundi was due to "the obstinate refusal of the rebel groups to negotiate".

The war forms a key strand in a complex web of conflicts overlapping Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The ethnic divide in Burundi mirrors that of neighbouring Rwanda where an estimated 800,000 Tutsis and Hutu moderates were massacred in a 1994 genocide.

But unlike in Rwanda, Tutsis have dominated Burundi's government since independence in 1962, and have committed many of the worst massacres.

The war was triggered in 1993 by the assassination of Hutu President Melchior Ndadaye by Tutsi militants.

Qatar says Israel promises Arafat won't be harmed

DUBAI, Sept 21 (Reuters) - Qatari Foreign Minister Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim al-Thani said he had received a promise from Israel that its forces would stop their military action against Palestinian President Yasser Arafat's headquarters immediately.

"I have received a promise from the Israeli leadership to stop now the military action around the president's office," the Qatar-based al-Jazeera satellite television on Saturday showed Sheikh Hamad saying.

"This is what I have heard from them, that they will also not harm President Arafat, and we are making all contacts possible to stop this military action."

Sheikh Hamad did not say which Israeli leaders he had been speaking to. He said he had also spoken to Arafat, who he said told him that the situation around him was very grave.

Qatar has maintained relations with Israel despite calls among Arab states for all ties to be cut, saying such contacts serve Palestinian and Arab causes.

U.S. troops ready for Iraq-general

KUWAIT, Sept 21 (Reuters) - The top U.S. officer in the region said on Saturday his troops were prepared for action against Iraq if President George W. Bush decided to go to war.

"We are prepared to undertake whatever activities we might be directed to take by our nation," U.S. Army General Tommy Franks told a news conference in Kuwait.

When asked if Central Command forces needed more time to prepare for a war against Iraq or if they were ready for immediate action, the four-star commander said: "We are prepared to do whatever we are asked to do."

Franks insisted the president had not taken a final decision on launching a campaign against Iraq but stressed Washington would not accept a continuation of the status quo on Iraq. "The only course of action that is not available to us is to continue the course of action that we have seen over the last 11 years" since the 1991 Gulf War ended Iraq's seven-month occupation of Kuwait, Franks said.

He headed a two-day meeting in Kuwait of Central Command top officers, who are in charge of operations in a huge region which includes Iraq and Afghanistan.

Franks confirmed the United States has boosted military activity in the region in recent weeks, but said it was part of increased training programmes throughout the oil-rich Gulf region. U.S. warships have also returned to the region in recent weeks after a stint in Afghanistan.

The movements include additional heavy military hardware arriving in Kuwait, with more on the way, and a major expansion of the military presence in Qatar, which Franks visited before coming to Kuwait.

U.S. Marine forces are also due to perform exercises in Kuwait in addition to training which started earlier this month close to the Iraqi border by ground forces deployed in the small country almost year-round.

Franks later on Saturday flew to the United Arab Emirates for talks with the close U.S. ally, which also has some U.S. military stationed there.

The United States appears moving ahead with contingency planning for a possible war with Iraq despite Baghdad's offer last week to readmit U.N. arms inspectors without conditions to search for and destroy Iraq's alleged weapons of mass destruction.



U.S. General Tommy Franks (L) arrives for a news conference September 21, 2002. The senior U.S. commander who heads U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM), which is responsible for a vast area including the oil-rich Gulf and Afghanistan, said on Saturday his troops were ready for war with Iraq whenever President George W. Bush gave the order. "We are prepared to undertake whatever activities we might be directed to take by our nation," Franks said. REUTERS



Pakistani policemen escort Sharif alias Asadullah (C, covered) to a judicial court in Karachi on September 21, 2002. Sharif, the alleged suspected mastermind of the June blast outside U.S. consulate in Karachi, and six other activists of al-Almi militant group were remanded in custody by a Pakistani court on Friday. REUTERS

South, North Korean lawmakers hold historic meeting

SEOUL, Sept 21 (Reuters) - North Korea said on Saturday six lawmakers from rival South Korea held a meeting with Kim Yong-nam, president of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly in the North's capital, Pyongyang.

South Korea's Yonhap News Agency said it was the first meeting among assemblymen from the two countries since the 1950-53 Korean war.

The delegation came to the communist North together with the symphony orchestra of the South Korea's state-run Korean Broadcasting System amid signs of improvement in inter-Korean relations.

"They had a conversation in an atmosphere overflowing with compatriotic feelings," the North's official Korea Central News Agency (KCNA) said without elaborating on the meet-

ing. Yonhap said the delegation, led by Kim Thae-sik, deputy speaker of South Korea's National Assembly, had discussed plans to resume talks between South and North lawmakers, political issues and cultural exchanges.

The six-member group will end a seven-day trip to the North on Sunday, Yonhap said.

On Thursday, North Korean troops marched into the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) separating the two countries to clear a path through minefields for rail and road links across the world's last Cold War frontier.

The two Koreas remain technically at war because the Korean War ended in an armed truce.

This week's start to construction means routes closed for half a century could reopen by the end of the year.

Malaysia deports hundreds of Filipinos, some ill

MANILA, Sept 21 (Reuters) - Nearly 800 Filipinos, some of them children suffering respiratory illnesses, arrived in the southern Philippines on Saturday after being deported from Malaysia as part of a crackdown on illegal immigrants, officials said.

The 791 deportees, travelling on Philippine naval vessels, arrived in Tawi-tawi province and are the fifth batch of Filipinos ejected from Malaysia over the past six weeks.

Social welfare workers said on Saturday many of the children were suffering severe bronchopneumonia or other respiratory problems.

The workers said more than 28,000 Filipinos, excluding children, had been deported from Malaysia since last month.

The crackdown has strained ties between the Southeast Asian neighbours following accusations a Filipino teenager was raped by Malaysian police and that deportees had died or were harshly treated in detention camps.

Malaysia's campaign has also upset

neighbouring Indonesia where thousands of plantation and construction workers have fled across to the Indonesian side of Borneo island and some have been forced to live in squalid camps because they don't have money to go home.

Several hundred thousand illegal migrants, most of them Indonesians, have left Malaysia after Kuala Lumpur last month brought in tough new punishments, including whipping, for overstayers.

The campaign has triggered protests in Jakarta and Manila but also deprived Malaysia's plantation and construction sectors of workers and many Malaysians are reluctant to do the same jobs.

Philippine officials said they feared the tide of deportees could soon put severe pressure on government resources.

"If the number continues to increase, definitely there will be a strain on our budget," Social Welfare Secretary Corazon Soliman said.

One policeman killed, four wounded in Kashmir attack

SRINAGAR, India, Sept 21 (Reuters) - Security forces laid siege to a police barracks in Kashmir's main city on Saturday after a grenade attack by militants as violence spiralled ahead of the next round of a state poll, police and witnesses said.

One policeman died and four others were injured after militants dressed in police uniforms lobbed grenades into the complex and opened fire at the gates, they said.

The barracks houses hundreds of family members of police officials.

"Two to three militants fired at

the gates of the Police Colony (barracks) and threw grenades, one policeman was killed and four were wounded in the shootout," a police official told Reuters.

The police and army believe the militants have sneaked inside. They have cordoned off the complex which lies in the Bemina area of Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir state.

No militant group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

"I just heard a grenade explosion, I suspect some militants have come into the colony," Sameer Ahmad, a

resident, told Reuters by telephone.

More than 460 people, including a ruling National Conference minister and dozens of political activists, have died since the elections in the state were announced on August 2.

Islamic separatists, who have been waging a revolt against Indian rule in the state since 1989, have vowed to derail the poll by attacking anyone involved in it. The second of four rounds of voting is on Tuesday and the last on October 8.

India hopes the poll will bolster its rule in the mainly Hindu nation's only Muslim majority state.

UPDATE 2-Ten die, 15 wounded in Indonesian fireworks blast

SLAWI, Indonesia, Sept 21 (Reuters) - Ten people were killed and 15 wounded in an explosion on Saturday at a fireworks factory in the town of Slawi in Indonesia's Central Java province, police and hospital officials said.

"Ten died of which three have not been identified. Fifteen suffered minor (or) serious injuries," Khalimi, an official at the emergency unit at Dokter Soeselo hospital, told Reuters.

Senior Slawi police official Ahmad Zulfikar confirmed the figures and said nine of the dead were women and the other was a man. All 15 wounded were women, he added.

Earlier, another hospital official in Slawi, around 275 km (171 miles) east of the capital Jakarta, had put the casualty count at one dead and 19 injured, and said many were workers at the factory.

The factory had 86 workers, most

of whom were women. A witness said the explosion also destroyed several buildings near the factory.

Zulfikar said the cause was still under investigation. "The initial assumption is (it was) due to the materials used in firecracker production which easily explode when mixed.

Firecrackers are used in rural Indonesian areas to celebrate weddings and other festivities.

Hundreds detained after Afghan official shot at

KABUL, Sep 21 (Reuters) - Afghan security forces have rounded up about 400 people in the southwestern province of Helmand after a convoy carrying the provincial intelligence chief came under fire, a senior local official said on Saturday.

Helmand intelligence chief Dad Mohammad Khan was making his way home from the provincial capital of Lashkar Gah on Thursday evening when his convoy came under fire near the bazaar in Sangin, about 70 km (40 miles) to the northeast.

Khan and a friend were wounded in

the attack, according to Mohammad Rassoul, an aide to Helmand's governor, Sher Mohammad Akhundzada.

"No one was killed," Rassoul told Reuters by satellite telephone from Lashkar Gah. "He (Khan) has slight wounds. We don't know who has done this, and in order to find out around 400 people in the area have been arrested."

"These 400 were picked up from the bazaar and their houses," Rassoul said. "After some inquiries the innocent ones will be freed."

The apparent assassination attempt came just a day before a grenade attack

in the neighbouring provincial capital of Kandahar, in which two bodyguards of a local military commander and at least one other person were injured.

A gunman also tried to kill Afghan President Hamid Karzai while he was visiting Kandahar on September 5, an attack that Karzai has blamed on remnants of the former Taliban regime.

But Rassoul said there was no evidence to link incident in Helmand to the other attacks or to show the involvement of the Taliban or their al Qaeda allies.

"We don't have sufficient information about the attack, but Taliban and al

Qaeda hands could be behind it," he said.

Helmand, like Kandahar, was a stronghold of the former Taliban regime, ousted last year, and many people in the province are still thought to sympathise with the Taliban's extreme interpretation of Islam.

Helmand is also the centre of the Afghan drugs trade, where most of the poppies are grown that supply heroin to the streets of Europe. With rival commanders squabbling for control of the drugs trade and little central control, it is one of Afghanistan's most lawless areas.

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More hearings for alleged U.S. al Qaeda members

BUFFALO, N.Y., Sept 20 (Reuters) - The six U.S. citizens of Yemeni descent alleged to be members of an al Qaeda cell will have to wait at least a week to learn whether they will be granted bail, although lawyers for the defendants argued that the government had not shown cause to detain them.

U.S. Magistrate H. Kenneth Schroeder, concluding three days of hearings on the bail issue, told a packed court room at the U.S. Court House that he was unlikely to make a decision before Oct. 1.

The men — Mukhtar al-Bakri, 22; Yasein Taher, 24; Faysal Galab, 26; Sahim Alwan, 29; Yahya Goba, 25 and Shafal Mosed, 24 — who all lived near one another in Lackawanna, New York, and have been charged with providing material support to al Qaeda, will remain in custody in the meantime.

"I want to minimize as much as possible the temporary detention," said Schroeder. "I want to come up with a decision as quickly as possible, but not rushing for the sake of

rushing."

Government lawyers had argued that the defendants must stay in jail to ensure public safety.

"The government and the American public just can't afford to let crime on the scale of al Qaeda ever happen again," Assistant U.S. Attorney William Hochul said, referring to the

Sept. 11 attacks which the United States blames on the militant Islamic network led by Osama bin Laden.

Defense lawyers were adamant in their rebuttal: "The government has not shown a single bad act that would indicate any dangerousness," said John Molloy, who represents Bakri.

Attorney James Harrington, who represents Alwan, said: "Each of our clients deny he was ever a member of al Qaeda, is now a member of al Qaeda or ever intends to become a member of al Qaeda."

The charges of providing, attempting to provide and conspiring to provide material

support to a foreign terrorist group carry a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison.

THE BIG MEAL

An e-mail, entitled "The Big Meal," allegedly sent by Bakri to another of the alleged al Qaeda supporters, contained passages such as, "The next meal will be huge," and "No one will be able to withstand it, except those with faith."

Defense attorneys argued that the e-mail was actually the result of a conversation in a restaurant in Saudi Arabia that referred to an attack on that country.

They also maintained that mere attendance at an al Qaeda camp in Afghanistan did not constitute material support for al Qaeda, saying attendance did not necessarily mean participation.

"There's a gaping hole in their proffer concerning any acts either of any commission of any violence or even acts in

preparation of any act of violence from June 2001 up until the time they were arrest-

ed," said Joseph LaTona, attorney for Galab.

"The facts alleged in the complaint and even set out in this proffer, do not constitute a violation of this statute as it was intended, as it was enacted, and as it has been interpreted," LaTona said.

Defender William Clauss, representing Goba, appealed to Judge Schroeder. "The government, because of 9/11, wants everyone, including you to speculate."

NOT TIED TO 9/11

The government does not tie the defendants to the Sept. 11 attacks, but says they were trained at an al Qaeda camp, known as al Farooq, just months before more than 3,000 people were killed in hijacked aircraft strikes on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and in western Pennsylvania.

In asking that bail be denied, prosecutor Hochul also said the defendants posed a threat of flight.

But defenders cited the strong ties of the men to their community and to their home



Defense attorney William Clauss, representing one of six U.S. citizens of Yemeni descent alleged to be members of an al Qaeda cell, leaves Federal Court in Buffalo, New York, September 20, 2002. REUTERS

town, pointing out that several of the men's families had put up substantial assets to ensure that even a high amount of bail could be met.

Defense lawyers also pointed out that the two affidavits the government used to arrest the witnesses were based almost entirely on interviews with co-defendants Bakri and Alwan. Alwan and Bakri are the only two defendants who admitted they attended the

camp. The other four defendants admit they were in Pakistan for religious training at around the same time, but do not admit they were at the camp.

Two other men from Lackawanna, identified as Kamal Derwish and Jaber Elbaneh, are reported to be in Yemen. Authorities have said they believe Derwish was the group's leader, who encouraged the men to travel to Afghanistan for training.

Meciar isolated as Slovaks vote for future

BRATISLAVA, Sept 21 (Reuters) - Slovakia's centre-right looked set to keep power after elections on Saturday, sidelining autocratic ex-premier Vladimir Meciar and putting the country on track to join NATO and the European Union.

Exit polls gave Meciar's nationalist HZDS the biggest single block of votes, about 17 percent, but well below the 27 percent polled in 1998 when he was kept from power by a broad rightist coalition.

"These are exit polls, but they show wide support for the government's policies to integrate Slovakia into the European mainstream," said one EU diplomat who asked not to be named.

Shunned by rival parties and by the international community after his hardline rule in the mid-1990s, Meciar once again looked short of allies to form a majority government.

He was roundly criticised for trampling on human rights and flouting democracy in 1994-1998, prompting Western diplomats to warn that his return to power would leave Slovakia isolated.

A new rightist coalition was expected to boost ties with the West and prepare Slovakia for membership of the NATO military alliance later this year and the EU within the next two years.

Prime Minister Mikulas Dzurinda's SDKU won just under 17 percent, according to an exit poll by the independent MVK agency, while coalition partners the Christian Democrats scored 7.9 percent and the ethnic Hungarian SMK about 10 percent.

Those three look set to form a new pro-EU government with the New Citizens' Alliance (ANO), a party set up last year by television magnate Pavol Rusko, which polled 8.6 percent.

SMER, a populist, leftist party led by 38-year-old former communist Robert Fico, won 13.9 percent, but is unlikely to overcome personality and policy clashes to get into government.

Foreign Minister Eduard Kukan, a senior SDKU figure, appeared to rule out any coalition with Fico.

"It would be better if the government is as homogenous as possible with regard to party programmes and policies. That is more of a priority than the actual number of seats," he said.

MECIAR REBUFFED

Geoffrey Pridham, political analyst at Britain's Bristol University, said the HZDS vote was lower than expected "and appears to put Meciar back in his box for now".

"We could have a four-party coalition, but it's not clear who the prime minister would be. But Dzurinda is in with a much better chance of heading the government than most people



An elderly couple leaves a polling station in a school building after casting their votes in Bratislava September 21, 2002. Slovakia's centre-right looked set to keep power after elections on Saturday, sidelining nationalist ex-premier Vladimir Meciar and putting the country on track to join NATO and the European Union. REUTERS

thought a few days ago," Pridham said. HZDS Vice-Chairman Rudolf Ziak conceded the polls were "a big disappointment".

Preliminary official results of Slovakia's third election since its 1993 split with the Czech Republic were due on Sunday.

Coalition negotiations were to follow early next week.

Dzurinda said the high turnout "confirms this election was an important milestone on the way to the developed world".

Dzurinda, 47 and a marathon runner, has managed to put some growth back into the economy in the last four years, but serious problems persist as Slovakia aims to catch up with living standards in the West. Tough economic reforms still lie ahead.

Many outside the bustling capital

Bratislava live in poverty. Unemployment is the worst in the region at about 18 percent and voters want an end to endemic corruption.

In a surprise result, the unreformed Communist Party (KSS) looked to have won seven percent of the vote, which would give it seats in Parliament for the first time since communism fell.

"If the hardline communists get in, it will be a huge failure on the part of the social democratic parties," said Grigory Meseznikov, head of the independent IVO think-tank.

(Additional reporting by Peter Javurek, Peter Laca, Michael Winfrey and Alan Crosby) For complete Reuters coverage of the elections, please see: <http://www.reuters.com/czech/election>

Blair's dossier won't link Saddam to al Qaeda

LONDON, Sept 21 (Reuters) - Britain's dossier on President Saddam Hussein will set out clearly the danger he poses to the world but will not seek to link the Iraqi leader to the militant al Qaeda network, a British official said on Saturday.

The dossier of evidence against Iraq would draw extensively on intelligence sources to lay out the threat from Saddam's alleged attempts to retain chemical, biological or nuclear weapons programmes in defiance of the United Nations, the official told Reuters exclusively.

Prime Minister Tony Blair hopes he can use the long-awaited document — first promised six months ago — to win over opponents of military action against Iraq within his ruling Labour Party in an emergency session of parliament on Tuesday.

Blair's decision to release the dossier has been seen as an attempt to win support for possible U.S.-led military strikes against Iraq.

His task has been complicated by Iraq's offer on Monday to readmit, after a four year absence, United Nations inspectors charged with scrapping its weapons of mass destruction.

Many countries, including U.N. Security Council member Russia, welcomed the move but U.S. President George W. Bush said the United Nations "must not be fooled" by Iraq

and the Pentagon moved ahead with contingency planning for possible war.

Without explicit United Nations backing for military action, Blair will face serious internal opposition if he chooses to follow Bush to war.

Blair has declined to say whether the dossier will contain any damning new evidence, leading some analysts to question whether it will be enough to sway doubters.

The dossier is due to be released at 8 a.m. (0700 GMT), three hours before Blair opens the debate, on several government websites (www.pm.gov.uk, www.fco.gov.uk and www.mod.uk).

It comes barely two weeks after a respected think tank, the International Institute for Strategic Studies, said Iraq could make nuclear weapons within months — if it could get hold of fissile material from abroad.

"(The dossier) is significantly more authoritative than the IISS paper," the official told Reuters. "It goes beyond that. It's more authoritative and can say with greater clarity where the threat is coming from."

While the IISS report was based on open source material, the government dossier "will be to a very considerable extent based on and underpinned by intelligence," he said.

The IISS warned that Iraq could make nuclear weapons within months if

it got fissile material but said its ability to produce and use weapons of mass destruction is weaker now than before the 1991 Gulf War.

It said Iraq probably lacked the means to deliver its residual chemical and biological weapons effectively to cause massive loss of life.

NO LINK TO AL QAEDA

Despite repeated press reports linking Saddam to the al Qaeda network blamed for last year's September 11 attacks, next week's dossier will focus on chemical, biological and nuclear weapons and long range missiles — all banned under United Nations resolutions passed after the 1991 Gulf War.

"The government has never tried to establish any link between al Qaeda and Saddam because we don't believe that there is one," the official said.

"So while the dossier will inevitably touch on Saddam's background and his previous links to terrorist groups, it will not attempt to make a linkage between Saddam and al Qaeda."

The level of dissent in parliament should become clear on Tuesday, when opposition Conservatives and Liberal Democrats have warned they will abstain in protest at the government's decision to limit voting to a procedural motion. That means any visible opposition is likely to come from within Blair's own party.

Austria far-right elects leader to replace Haider

OBERWART, Austria, Sept 21 (Reuters) - Joerg Haider's far-right Freedom Party elected their low-profile transport minister as leader on Saturday to try to unify the fractious party after a power struggle that topped the government.

Mathias Reichhold's election by an emergency party convention just two months ahead of snap elections appeared to seal Haider's departure from the national political stage, for the time being at least. "We may be in the basement but we can see the light again,"

Reichhold told the convention in the southern province of Burgenland, referring to a disastrous drop in polls as voters blame the Freedom party for the government's demise.

Reichhold, who ran unopposed and took 93 percent of the convention vote, said his goal would be to unify the party. It was torn by a battle between hardliners loyal to Haider and moderates among the Freedom cabinet ministers over delayed tax cuts and the speed of European Union expansion.

On September 9, Chancellor Wolfgang Schuessel of the conservative People's Party broke up the two-party coalition and called for early elections after Haider led a rank-and-

file revolt that ousted the Freedom chairwoman and vice-chancellor, Susanne Riess-Passer.

Haider was then nominated to take back control of the party but unexpectedly bowed out last Saturday. Reichhold was nominated as a last-minute replacement.

Haider cited threats against his family for bowing out. But analysts said it was a tactical move to avoid blame for

the party's expected drubbing at the November 24 polls by voters who blamed him for the premature end of the two-party coalition.

The Freedom Party's rating has plunged as low as 13 percent from the 27 percent it won in the 1999 election. That result catapulted the anti-immigration party from the fringes into a coalition with Schuessel's conservatives in 2000.



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Yeminvest launches Aden Distripark



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Yeminvest, a subsidiary of PSA Corporation, has on 17 September 2002, officially launched the Aden Distripark (ADP) located in the industrial and warehousing estate near Aden container Terminal in Yemen. The launch ceremony was officiated by his Excellency, the Governor of Aden, Mr. Taha Ahmed Ghanem, and well attended by government officials and representatives from the maritime and business community.

Situated within the Free Zone in the port of Aden, Aden Distripark represents the second major project for Yeminvest after Aden Container Terminal. The first phase of ADP is made up of 74 hectares of land and has received warm response from the local and international investment community. The list of tenants now include:

- 1) Aden for Soils & Mills
- 2) Al-Akaf Agency
- 3) Al-Khalij Company
- 4) Al-Soufi Trading
- 5) Husamco Trading & Contracting
- 6) IBN Al-Haj for Agriculture and Trade
- 7) Madina International of Technology
- 8) Oakland Trading
- 9) Universal Contracting
- 10) Yemen Jordanian for Investment

"We are happy to have taken a lease within the park. Its location is excellent, next to a modern international Container Terminal. Transport cost is no longer a problem" says Mr. Souad Ali

al-Harthy, General Manager of al-Khalij, a company which deals in vehicles.

Aden Distripark is part of the Government's overall plan to develop the port city as a free trade zone. When fully completed, "The economic life of the people of Yemen will be greatly improved. Already, it has provided both jobs and economic development to the people in Aden" says the Governor Taha Ahmed Ghanem.

The Aden Free Zone Chairman, Mr. Dirham Abu Noman, who has been working closely with Yeminvest on the project is very optimistic saying "The free zone would succeed because it has the backing of the most senior Yemeni politicians and business leaders. The president himself has taken an active role in promoting the port and the free zone and the Terminal."

Currently, phase one of the ADP has achieved a take-up rate of more than 30%. More investors are expected to come on board before the end of the year. The ADP is designed with the investors in mind. Companies based at the Park will operate under free trade zone status, which provides for 100% foreign ownership and repatriation of profits. The profits generated are also tax-free, says Yeminvest CEO, Mr. Richard Cheong.

The launch of the Distripark has been complemented by the good performance of Aden Container Terminal. Up to August this year, the Terminal has handled more than one million TEUs since its start of operations in March 1999. The Terminal continues to register strong competition. From January to August 2002, the Terminal handled around 307,000 TEUs, a growth of 36% over the same period in 2001.

Aden is well positioned to attract



Mr. Gerald McDuffee



Mr. Taha Ghanim



Mr. Richard Cheong



Mr. Dirhem Noman



Mr. John Kouk Jonj

more foreign investments. It is strategically located close to the east-west shipping routes and markets in East Africa, the Middle East, Pakistan and Western India. The port also offers a deep natural harbor and abundant supply of low-cost labor.

Background

Aden Distripark and Aden Container Terminal are being developed by Yeminvest - a joint venture between PSA Corporation Ltd. and Yemen Holdings Ltd.

Phase one of Aden Distripark offers 74 hectares of leasable land with a ready supply of water, electricity and communications. Tenants can commission purpose-built units, renting parcels of a land ranging from 3,000 to 20,000sq meters. ADP will be developed in stages according to demand. When fully extended, the Distripark is expected to occupy 1,550 hectares and leased to dozens of small and medium-sized companies focused on light manufacturing, packing, warehousing and related industries.

Aden Container Terminal operates 700 meters of berth and 5 post-panamax quay cranes in the port of Aden in Yemen. It enjoys the patronage and support from several international shipping lines such as APL and PIL.

On his part, Chairman of the Aden Free Zone, Dirham Noman said that the official launch of the warehousing and industrial zone is considered as one of the significant of the Aden Free Zone phase. It is a continuation of pledges that have been given in cooperation with Yeminvest and the PSA.

He added the Aden warehousing and industrial zone is fully equipped with state-of-the-art equipment and ready for receiving investors, emphasizing on the support and attention rendered for the it by the wise leadership of the president of the republic.

"We present this humble project to the Yemeni people on the occasion of the 26 September Revolution and 14 October Revolution and to our political leadership," Dirham noted further.

He confirmed that the Aden Free Zone had won the trust of the wise leadership of the president.

On the other hand, Mr. John Kouk Jonj ENG, the Yeminvest Chairman of the Board pointed out that this tremendous project is considered the second successful project of the Yeminvest. It is complementary to the Aden Container Terminal port. Thirty hectares have been completed and fully equipped with the basic infrastructure with a view of providing suitable investment atmosphere.

It is worthwhile mentioning that more than one million containers

been unloaded till the end of August 2002 and 307000 containers have been unloaded starting from January to August 2002. This is clear evidence of the revival of Aden Container Terminal port in a very short period of time.

He also said the main reasons behind the tremendous success of the new project can be attributed to the infinite support and the strenuous efforts exerted by the political leadership of president Ali Abdullah Saleh, the Aden Governor, Taha Ahmed Ghanem and the Chairman of the Aden Free Zone, Mr. Dirham Noman.

In the same context, Gerald McDuffee, a member of the board said

that Aden Container Terminal port is regarded one of the significant pillars for warehousing and industrial zone particularly after a 3-year of constant painstaking efforts. It is a step in the right direction towards famous international trade refineries, and manifests itself in this tremendous project.

This a clear indication of the political leadership support for surmounting difficulties faced by the Yeminvest and the

ENG, the Yeminvest Chairman of the board of Directors, Mr. Richard Cheong, Yeminvest Executive Manager, Mr. Gerald McDuffee, the company's board member, Mr. Adnan al-Qaf, in charge of the company's Corporate Affairs and the Operating Manager of the PSA inaugurated the opening ceremony of the project by unveiling a monument representing the project.

The inauguration ceremony was also



PSA along with stability which is represented by the official launch of the first phase of the Aden Distripark.

Aden Governor, Taha Ahmed Ghanem, Mr. Dirhem Noman, the Chairman of the Aden Free Zone, accompanied by Mr. John Kouk Jonj

attended by Mr Abdulkareem Shaef, the Deputy Governor, Mr Mohammed Saleh Tareeq, Director General of Aden Security, Mr Naser Mansour Hadi, the PSO deputy for Aden, Abyan, and Lahj governorates and a number of prominent figures.



Expatriates conference recommends investment encouragement

YEMEN TIMES STAFF

The Yemeni Expatriates 2nd conference has recommended the importance of finishing the first stage of establishing and operating of an information system on expatriates affiliated to the Expatriates Ministry and the completion of the remaining phases of the project. It has also recommended speeding up studies and procedures pertaining to the project of comprehensive field survey of Yemeni expatriates.

On conclusion of its meetings last Wednesday, the conference also emphasized the significance of entering communication media and modern technology in care rendered to expatriates and their affairs to be associated with organizations and communities.

The conference has also recommended speeding up work on preparing and issuing the executive bill of the law on expatriates care and the development of capabilities of the Expatriates Affairs Ministry as well as Yemeni expatriates bodies and societies abroad. The conference called the Interior Ministry for extending a modern services network, the civic register and dispensing passports to Yemeni expatriates in the countries where they live.

The conference stressed the necessity of activating the cabinet decision on granting priority to sons of the expatriates in having jobs at the Yemeni embassies and also opening certain offices for communities at the embassies buildings. Regarding social securities the conference confirmed the necessity of completing required legal procedures for the expatriates benefit from services of

social securities, recommending that he ministry of expatriates prepares studies concerning the establishment of Expatriate Care Fund.

As for education and qualification, the conference asked the competent authorities to prepare and conclude bilateral agreements with countries where the expatriates live guaranteeing the expatriates sons' continuation of their education at different stages and giving priority to expatriates son in university scholarships allotted for Yemen. It has also recommended that the Ministry of Expatriates should coordinate with concerned sides on organizing programs for training and qualification and upgrading capabilities of expatriates.

As regards development and investment the conferees recommended that the ministry, in coordination with concerned parties, work for providing all data and studies on investment projects and taking all means of discipline regarding problems, cases and disputes that may occur in investment transactions. The conferees have also requested the ministry of expatriate affairs to complete studies and procedures for setting up the Expatriates Bank project and also recommended that the government study the possibility of establishing a stock exchange market in Yemen and giving publicity on it among the expatriates.

The conferees confirmed that programs transmitted by the Yemeni Satellite TV Channel should cover all the countries where the expatriates live and recommended the production of educational and cultural programs specially beamed to communities abroad in addition to tourist, cultural and investment programs

Development of society, assistance of poor families in Yemen

BY MAHYOUB AL-KAMALI
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The National Program for Society Development and Productive Families (NPSDPF) in Yemen works on giving hand to families living below the line of poverty. The program also works for integrating women in development through engaging them in training courses to be qualified and acquiring technical skills and professions, in addition to providing them information on processes of production and marketing to help them join labour market and establish income-producing projects.

Officials managing the program, founded under a cabinet decree in 1988, say it aims at preparing, planning and executing programs aimed for removing suffering of poor segments of the society, depending on field studies defining instances of poverty. The program is one of the constituents of the social security net and one of the projects on fighting poverty financed by the UN Development Program. It is affiliate of the ministry of social affairs and

labour.

The program runs around 46 centers distributed around the republic and its activities include some rural areas and some districts. The program's activities are mostly centered on handicraft jobs, sculpture, embellishment , sewing , hand-embroidery, housekeeping, light food industries, leather industries, carpets, carpentry, pottery, bee-breeding and poultry. Official sources also mention that the major goal of the NPSDPF is concentration on developing professions earning income to help the poor, especially women, to find job opportunities, whether at home or establishing productive societies and cooperating with the Social Fund for Development in the field of training. Both the UN Development Program, the Canadian Program for Development and the European Union support these activities.

Figures issued by the program indicate that the program has helped rehabilitation of 19 thousand persons to join the labour and production market despite its modest financial capabilities that do not exceed YR 140 million, mostly allotted for helping the destitute

Project	Financing body
Social Care Fund	Ministry of Securities and Social Affairs
NPSDPF	Ministry of Securities and Social Affairs
Childhood Development Program	Group of International Institutions
Social Rehabilitation for the Handicapped	Ministry of Securities
Juveniles Care	Ministry of Securities
Social Security Net	UNDP & Ministry of Securities
Poverty Watch System	UNDP & Ministry of Securities
National Report for Human Growth	UNDP & Planning Ministry
Human Resources Development Unit	UNDP & Planning Ministry
Income-Raising Projects	UNDP & Ministry of Securities
Social Welfare	Government
Public Works Project	World Bank
Social Fund for Development	World Bank
NGOs Programs	Societies & Unions

to come out from the circle of poverty towards labour market.

The NPSDPF, in order to expand in its activities in the rural areas, needs approximately YR 5 billion to be able to implement its plans and score positive results. The program has shifted its attention to folkloric professions and handicraft and to reaching to the areas where there are raw materials used in them. It tries to revive such professions, for instance pottery used in household needs. Officials of the program hope to be assisted by establishing a bank for

the poor for funding some of its activities in fields of training, production and securing trainees rights. The officials plan for forming productive units in centres of productive families and other units for studying economic feasibility of productive families' projects. The number of centres of the program is expected to increase to 75 centres, 25 mobile units in addition to 27 thousand trainees at the end of the second five-year plan in 2005.

Following is table demonstrating programs and projects for fighting poverty:

Words of Wisdom



One of the key problems associated with our system today is that there are some people who are above the law. They do whatever they like with visible impunity. The system must project a sense of fair play among the citizens of this country. If there are individuals who break the law, the state should not be seen as appeasing them. Law and order and full equality among citizens, irrespective of their military, tribal, social, financial, etc., background is imperative. The general public must believe in the even-handed dispensation of justice by the state and in its fair play.

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

OUR OPINION

Revolution's spirit is in hard work

This week, we are celebrating the 40th anniversary since the blessed 26 September 1962 revolution. However, as we are celebrating this fabulous occasion, we seem to be missing one of the major themes of any revolution, including our own revolution. That point is resembled in hard work.

We need to realize that revolutions resemble dedication, insistence, sacrifice, and hard work. Unfortunately, it is undeniable that hard work has become a scarce phenomenon those days, especially in government enterprises.

You can see government employees working less than one third of their working hours. You would see them either drinking tea, leaving for breakfast, chatting with their fellow staffers, leaving for lunch, coming back for a few minutes and finally leaving to buy a bundle of qat leaves and go home to chew it for the rest of the evening unless he has another job to do.

There is no doubt that hard work brings success no matter how we look at it. It is a straightforward correct formula: work harder, achieve more.

One of our dear American friends wrote to me the other day saying, "You keep on blaming America for your backwardness, poverty, illiteracy, and other negative conditions you are living in. Have you ever calculated the amount of time you work, your level of production, the percentage of income that comes from your own countries and not from donors, and your contribution to the rest of the world?"

This statement clearly has some positive aspect in it. It shows that we need to start reforming our countries before blaming others. But at the same time, we should also realize that it is we who will benefit if we work harder and more efficiently.

It is about time to revive the spirit of the revolution in dedicating more time for work and for contribution to the society. We need to become a productive nation that lives from its own earnings and depends less on donors.

The 26 September revolution was just the beginning of what is supposed to be an era of hard work and production. Today, we are in dire need to catch up with the rest of the world. We need to learn from other successful countries who built their own prosperity from a culture of hard work and appreciation. We need to wake up from the trance we are in and start finding ways to recover and go back to the right track.

Hard work alone however, is not enough. Working hard should be associated with having a vision and plan. Just as this is the era of hard work and dedication, it is also the era of organization, planning, and vision. It is not wise to work chaotically at a time the world is working in a planned and well-organized manner.

Sometimes receive emails and letters of people asking, "Why do Yemenis tend to waste an awful lot of time debating in qat sessions without doing other useful things?" Well, I could have found excuses and justifications, but all I could give as an answer to such a question would be "I know that is wrong, and we are raising awareness of the importance of efficient time utilization."

We must realize that countries did not progress and individuals did not excel because they were lying on their beds or chewing qat all day long, but because they worked hard and set up their agenda well. I know many foreigners who had absolutely nothing before they came to the country, but once they arrived, they worked hard persistently, set up a strategy and complete plan, and eventually succeed in gaining a fortune from hard work and dedication. Those men were able to surpass their Yemeni counterparts, who continued to chew qat carelessly.

In a time we are celebrating 40 years of achievements following the revolution, we must seize the opportunity to realize that we still have a long way ahead of us and unless we start a phase of hard work and devotion towards achieving a greater place for us among world nations, we will find ourselves further away from the revolution's goals and principles. **The Editor**

Will September 11 negative impacts on Yemenis make the upcoming period intense?



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A year has passed since the September 11 attacks in New York City and Washington DC. have taken place. Such attacks are bloodcurdling and horrible acts. Different countries have been negatively affected by such acts, locally and internationally.

Such attacks have not been experienced in the US history. The US reaction has been very strong and as a result it has sought to launch anti-terrorism war against countries that are thought to be harboring terrorism. Fears and doubts on the part of the Arab and Islamic states have accompanied this war. Bin Laden, the main suspect as the mastermind of the attacks, has been only taken as a cover to launch war against Islam. While at the same time we find that Bin Laden has been also celebrating the elapse one year since the attacks have been carried out.

Few days ago, in a televised documentary film screened by Aljazeera

TV channel, we have learned that the US and Pakistani officials have already named one of the arrested men as Ramzi Binalshibah, a key al-Qaeda operative member thought to have played a leading role in the September 11, 2001, attacks on the United States. It is said that Ramzi is of a Yemeni origin and that he was suspected of having links with al-Qaeda along with other 8 Yemenis. Hence, the number of Yemeni suspects of having links with al-Qaeda has been increasing considerably which in turn has negatively affected Yemen and Yemenis in and outside their country.

Some 8 to 25 Yemeni nationals were inside the twin towers of the World Trade Center when the September 11 attacks took place. The material loss has been estimated at USD 15 million. In addition to this, more than 51 Yemenis have been killed or murdered as a result of the September 11 terrorist attacks.

Yemen suspected of harboring terrorist elements

The negative impact on Yemenis abroad as a result of the September 11 attacks has not been the end of the road. Regardless of interrogating and questioning them at airports and border outlets, the Yemeni authorities have

adopted strict measures against suspects to having links with al-Qaeda elements. It has cooperated with the US to track down terrorist elements.

Internal crises as a result of September 11 attacks

Human rights organizations studies have indicated that the number of detainees as a result of the September 11 attacks has reached 140. Around 27 Yemenis have been suspected of having links with al-Qaeda elements. In addition to this, Yemenis have been exposed to inhuman acts and harassment in different countries of the world, such as Pakistan, Afghanistan and the detainees in Guantanamo, where the number of the Yemeni detainees at Guantanamo base has reached 80 people.

In addition to this, capitals of some Yemenis have been frozen due to the September 11 attacks. But the question, which poses itself, will Yemenis and Yemen face a lot of troubles particularly after the USS Cole bombing incidents and the September 11 attacks?

Yemen is really in a very critical situation specifically, as we are approaching a crucial stage, that is, the upcoming parliamentary elections due in April in 2003. Let's wait and see!

Letters to the Editor

Proud to be an American

Why do other countries hate us? The problem is that the rest of the world in envious of Americans. It is our way of life why we are (Americans) the most powerful, technological country in the world.

Why is it that 80% of Arab people are illiterate? Because your governments don't invest in their own people like education, healthcare, etc...

There are both rich or poor people in Arab countries and nothing in between.

I would probably hate America too if I had to live like most Arabs do. But blame your own countries government and maybe tell the Arab world they should be spending more time in schools getting education rather than in mosques where most appear to be breeding grounds for hate.

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US also supports free Palestine

Your editorials that are critical of the US are certainly your right to print. But you are wrong of course, especially regarding the support of the US for Israel. You ignore the US support of a free Palestinian state and of course you blame the US for providing support to Israel while you neglect to identify your level of support for Palestine, except in broad propaganda. The USA is the most compassionate, charitable, kind and courteous nation ever. You are gravely mistaken to think that the lesson we learned from 9/11 is one of reforming our views of the Islamic extremists. The ones of "hide behind the mask" terrorism will be hunted down and brought to justice, wherever they are.

They deserve your wrath, your moral outrage, your editorial and moral disgust instead of blaming the US.

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Why blame the US for everything?

It is easy to blame the US for everything and hard for countries and individuals to solve their own problems. Why blame the US for fanatic, crazy, Islamic fundamentalists who kill innocent people? Who helped the Bosnian Muslims and got Kuwaitis their country back?

When Muslims and Arabs stop blaming others and take responsibility for themselves in a non-violent manner, they will always have political problems in their countries. Will they ever learn to stop looking elsewhere for their problems? It is time for Arabs and Muslims they take a closer look at themselves.

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Numerous Americans are against Bush's policy

I would like to say comment about

your editorial that came in issue (38) concerning American policy. I could not agree more with your views as they are very close to mine.

I am glad to tell you that there are numerous Americans who are unhappy with the Bush administrations.

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Your bankrupt philosophy

You have the nerve to write this kind of trash on the anniversary of the death of almost 3,000 innocents. Why don't you just write an article on how wonderful Osama is and the virtue of killing innocent people? Your theory that the United States is the cause of all the world's problems is mere junk. You blame us not only for what we do but for what we do not do. We can't win either way in your eyes so guess what we have stopped trying. Hard line Muslims claim that we are the evil infidel. You can come to our country and build the biggest mosque in the world if you want to but if I come to your country with a Bible than you put me in jail. This is why we are right and you are wrong. We are on the side of freedom and you are not. Your philosophy is bankrupt and your holy war is doomed to failure.

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Americans understand the hatred

I have just read a very interesting editorial about Americans learning their lesson. I found it disturbing to say the least. I am an American and I feel that the American people are largely misunderstood. It is true that our government is a super power. However, 90 percent of American citizens do not agree with our government's policies either domestically or foreign. We never wanted our troops in Somalia. We don't want our troops in Saudi Arabia. We don't want our troops policing the world. We don't want to attack Iraq, instead, we wish our government would work with other nations and respect them more.

The American people understand the hatred, our government does not. I liked the editorial. However, semantics are very important.

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We promise we will put out the fire

When you say there is smoke in the 9-11 attacks and America needs to find the fire, I say we will and are. As we find the fire we will send our special forces and cruise missiles and entire fleets and battalions and whatever else might be needed to put it out. I and the rest of America promises!

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What do Yemenis think of the USA?

I found the editorial on 'question of

COMMON SENSE



Hassan Al-Haifi

"Give'm all you got!"

We would like to warn Mr. George Bush that the word peace is not in the Zionist Dictionary. We should not expect that there is any way for Israel to accept peace with the Palestinians, because Zionism first of all does not recognized the existence of Palestine, nor does Zionism recognize the existence of the Palestinian people. As far as Ariel Sharon is concerned all he is doing in Palestine is cleaning away the historical debris left over from centuries of human existence, by killing and destroying and uprooting anything that has to do with the Palestinians, including acres and acres of olive trees everyday.

For five weeks, Israel has been left alone to do whatever it likes on anything Palestinian that remains in Palestine without one suicide attack. It was a deliberate and calculated move, in the hope that the Israelis can taste peace for a while, so that they will see the light that peace is possible in the Holy Land. But alas, the Israelis continued killing Palestinian women and children "an error, which the Israeli Defense Forces regrets", on a daily basis, for five weeks and the Palestinians remained idle, hoping that the world will realize that the Palestinians can easily opt for peace, if they are allowed to live normal dignified lives, as any people are entitled to do. But, Sharon saw no reason to discontinue his diabolical systematic mission of annihilating the Palestinian people continuing to bank on a theme that Zionism created: terror, terror and more terror. Using everything at the disposal of the Zionist thugs, the Israeli army continuously encroached, penetrated and destroyed for weeks, while the whole world watched without so much as saying to the Israelis, "Enough is enough!"

When the frustrated Palestinians saw themselves, their homes and livelihoods destroyed systematically in such a cruel and inhumane manner, with the world not even stirred by this daily carnage, it was inevitable for them to say: "We have nothing to loose!" and reverted back to the only means available to express their discontent at this erasure of their being and identity. Why should it be all right for Israelis to enjoy peace and prosperity on stolen land and the owners of this land become subjected to the cruelest ethnic cleansing campaign ever concocted? Thus, the Palestinian suicide campaigns had to be resumed after a five-week lull of adhering to a cease-fire, which the Israelis paid no mind to, or should even the slightest intentions of doing so.

Again, we emphasize that we are not in favor of any civilians being targeted by any side in any conflict. However, we must bear in mind that the Israelis bear full responsibility for their own safety, especially when considering that they are the ones, who chose the position of being robbers of land that does not belong to them in any way, shape or form, and they all know this very well. Furthermore, one is rather amused at the logic put up by the Israelis that it is the Palestine Authority that is responsible for what is happening to our "civilians", since they were unable to suppress the suicide bombers. The Israeli Army is already occupying the remaining Palestinian territories, with its entire war arsenal deployed in every population center in and around the West Bank and Gaza. In addition, the Israelis have already destroyed any semblance of a Palestinian security apparatus, and therefore are not justified by any claims that it is the Palestinians who should guarantee the security of civilians in Israel, when they themselves are in full control of the security situation in both Israel and the Palestinian territories. Thus, the Israelis are logically responsible for the death of their own people, as well as the death of hundreds of Palestinians! Surely, Ariel Sharon is not stupid enough to realize that he is the cause d'être of all the mayhem that exists in the Holy Land today and after all this time, it is up to the rest of the world to really see things in their right perspective.

Many Arabs used to object to the suicide bombings, as an appropriate form of resistance against the cruel and deliberate occupation of the Palestinian territory, not to mention the continuing settlement build-up. But after watching the Israelis continue their genocide relentlessly for over five weeks of free peace, most Arabs are now saying to the Palestinians: "Give'm All You Got! We are with you all the way, notwithstanding the positions of Mr. Bush or our governments!"

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UK also applies double standards

The Bush administration's case that Iraq should comply with existing UN Security Council resolutions would have far more worldwide credibility if they applied it to all UN defying countries, including Israel, who of course continues to ignore the UN, with the full support of Bush and Blair. It is double standards yet again.

Astonishingly, most Americans still fail to understand why their government policies are hated by millions of ordinary people in the Middle East!

I am sadly not very proud to be British right now.

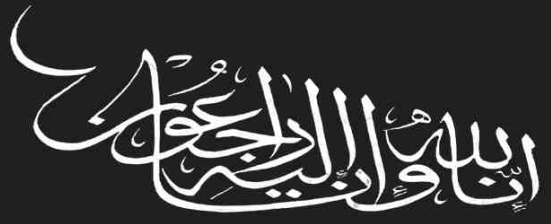
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There is no legitimate reason

People in America are not asking "why did this happen?" Just like a wife who gets beat by her husband does not say "why does he hit me?", America will not seek or accept excuses for those who senselessly attack us. There is no legitimate reason "why", so we will not seek one. The excuses of those who hate are irrelevant.

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In an opinion poll among Palestinians and Israelis:

78% of Jews support a non-violent struggle for a Palestinian state

BY BILAL THAHER
FOR BBC

Sixty two per cent of Palestinians expressed their belief in the need to change the form of struggle through the Intifada, while their majority (72% - 92%) expressed their support to the use of non-violent means by Palestinians. In return, 78% of Jews in Israel said they believe Palestinians have a legitimate right to struggle for the establishment of a Palestinian state, provided non-violent means are used. 56% of them believe that Palestinians have the right to oppose settlement expansion. 61% of Israelis said they support concessions for the benefit of Palestinians, and showing more flexibility in negotiations over the borders of a Palestinian state.

These were results of a public opinion poll conducted among Palestinians and Israeli Jews regarding the potential

for Palestinians using non-violent methods throughout the Intifada. The poll was conducted by the Institute for International Policies Approaches Program at the University of Maryland, as a result of an approach from the Belgian-American Search for Common Ground Organization. The poll was conducted among Palestinians by the Jerusalem Center for Media and Communication, under the supervision of Khader Abu Sawy, and among Israelis by the B.L. and Lucille Cohen Institute for Public Opinion Research in Tel Aviv University, under the supervision of Doctor Tamar Herman. The poll was conducted around the middle of August.

The poll pointed out that the majority of the Palestinians expressed their willingness to participate in a number of non-violent activities, including boycotting products and practicing various forms of popular civil disobedience. In spite of that, Palestinians

expressed a similar support by using violent struggle methods.

Most Palestinians polled said they approve of the idea that all Palestinians refusing to work in settlement construction, or at workshops located inside settlements. In return, most Palestinians expressed the conviction that the Israeli government should not employ stringent measures against attempts to organize strikes or refusal to work by Palestinian workers at settlements. However, most Jews polled said that the government should take stringent measures if large members of workers stopped working at settlements or blocked roads leading to settlements.

Palestinians and Israelis expressed a lack of conviction regarding the emergence of a mass non-violent protest movement. While Palestinians believe that a non-violent protest movement will be ineffective, Israelis believe such a movement is unlikely to materialize.

Attacks on the US will strengthen the resolve of the American people

BY BYRON ALLEN

I am very interested personally in the Arab world as it is important for me to understand what the feeling and concerns are in the Arab world as I do with Arabs and enjoy visiting the Arab world.

It is also very important that the Arab world understand the American mentality so you can understand how we feel. To that end, I offer a few insights. These are my personal perspective but are typical of the American public.

Our tradition is built upon freedom of the individual which includes freedom of religion. We have seen that when governments who control territories incorporating a variety of faiths try to impose one faith on everybody, a disastrous situation erupts.

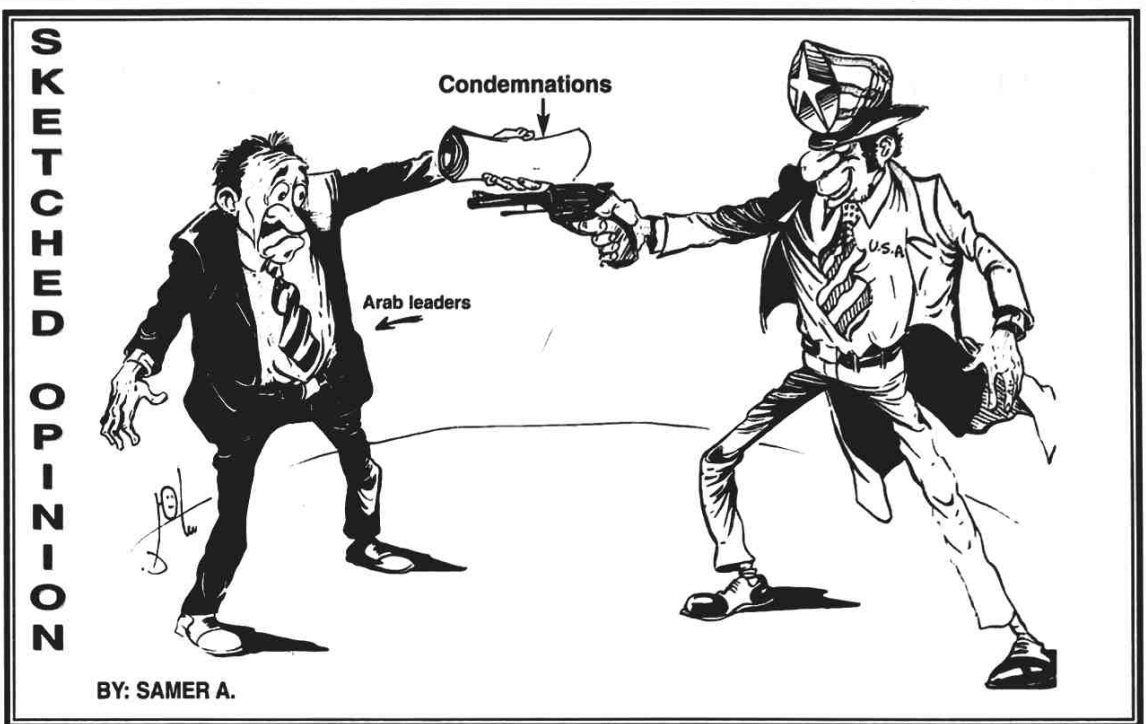
We generally like all nationalities including Arabs as America's strength is due in part to the fact that we are a nation of immigrants. Americans will not accept having innocent people murdered. Remember that many of the people who died in the World

Trade centers were Muslim. Attacks on the US will strengthen the resolve of the American people and will result in military action being taken. Saddam Hussein is viewed as a murdering thug who has killed many of his own people. Isn't he the same leader who attacked Kuwait and killed thousands of his Arab brothers? Isn't he the same individual who ransacked Kuwait and tried to steal from his brother Arabs? This type of individual, regardless as to his ethnicity, must be removed. Americans will no longer sit by and wait until he has nuclear weapons developed before action is taken. Saddam is dangerous to all civilization and therefore Saddam must go. I might add that America has no desire at all to occupy or dictate to the people of Iraq what government they should have. The people of Iraq should have the opportunity to choose their own government as you do in Yemen. We are the most generous people in the world. Our foreign aid rebuilt all of Europe, rebuilt Japan, provides funds to underdeveloped countries and now we are even helping

Russia. I am stunned by an editorial in Yemen Times describing America as having done so much harm to the world. I do not think that this is an accurate reflection of historical fact at all.

I read with interest the Yemen Times article on the "Hunger Conference" in South Africa. Isn't this the same conference where the delegates feasted in mounds of Lobster, crab and caviar while discussing the plight of the world's hungry population? This conference has zero credibility with anybody in America because of the utter hypocrisy demonstrated. The British delegation alone spent \$750,000 on its delegates to this conference. Money which could have helped other people. These people have no shame.

In summary, I personally have great respect for the Arab world and enjoy visiting often. I have even taken up learning the language because it will help me to better communicate with people. I want to assure Arabs that Americans have absolutely no desire to control, occupy or interfere with the Arab world.



His friends and supporters never thought it could happen.

His enemies hoped it never would

Sharon: the peace massacre

BY SAMI ABDUALHAKIM

“He is a brave man, very shrewd, an excellent tactician, smart, knowledgeable, and experienced” said Uzi Landau, a Likud party member and former comrade-in-arm when CNN asked him of what he thought of the prime minister of Israel Ariel Sharon. But the question should have been asked right after is “what kind of experience does he have? Is it experience in making peace or experience in killing hundreds of people?”

Sharon claims that he is for lasting peace, a peace that provides his people the security that they wanted, and the United Israel that they dream of. But what kind of peace is it? Is it a peace that does provide security for the Jewish people that leads to elimination of the Palestinians; Muslims and Christians from their land?

According to the Gallup Poll on Oct 18, 2000, the pre-election polls clearly showed that the Israelis did not believe that Ariel Sharon would bring peace to the region. When asked, “if Ariel Sharon is elected Prime Minister, will he succeed in reaching a peace agree-

ment?” 57% of the Israeli people said “no”. And when asked if they “fear that as a result of the conflict with the Palestinians, a regional war will break out?” 70% said “yes”. Moreover, Israelis knew that the possibility of the war would increase by 250% when asked “who has the better chances of causing a war?” 46% answered “Sharon” and only 19% said “Barak” former Prime Minister of Israel.

Now, why do his own people think that he will bring war? What has he done to make them think this way? Why do the Palestinians call him “the Bulldozer in a china shop” And how did he become the most unpopular Israeli politician among his opponents and deeply hated among Arabs? To answer all these questions, let's take a look at his past political and army career for the last 50 years.

In 1953, Sharon founded and led the “101” special commando unit that carried out retaliatory operations. On October 14 of that year, his troops blew up 45 houses, 69 Palestinians civilians were killed. Half of them were women and children. Just after three years of the incident in 1956 Sharon was appointed commander of the paratrooper brigade. His paratroopers were involved in killing 270 Egyptian pris-

oners of war.

1981 Sharon was appointed Defense Minister; in 1982 Sharon was responsible for the brutal attack on Lebanon, which went on for weeks with very little resistance.

According to the statistics published in the Third World Quarterly, over 29,500 Palestinians and Lebanese were killed and wounded from 4 July, 1982 to 15 August 1982. 40% were children. Ariel Sharon is responsible for the killing of the Palestinians and Lebanese civilians at Sabara and Shatila refugee camps in Beirut, Lebanon. The Red Cross International Committee said that Sharon killed over 2750 unarmed civilians, in about 60 hours. Some women and girls were raped before they were killed.

On February 14, 1983 the Israeli government forced Sharon to resign from the defense minister position after the investigation committee found him guilty of the Sabara and Shatila killings.

Sharon now is the Prime Minister of Israel. His atrocities against Arabs (Palestinians, Lebanese or Egyptians) are not over yet. It is quite evident that he has been involved in killing thousands of people but despite of all the killings, he is still in power.

Waiting for the invasion of Iraq

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Despite all the diplomatic maneuvering by the Bush administration at the United Nations in New York, and by the regime of Saddam Hussein, it now seems quite clear that the United States will be invading Iraq to institute a change of regime. It is not a question of “if”; it's a question of “when?” President George W. Bush has been insisting that a regime change is needed in Iraq because Saddam is a menace to the world and especially to his neighbors because of the stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons that he has. The US also claims that he is merely months away from building an atomic bomb. Most of these accusations are based on possibly outdated knowledge of Iraq's stockpile of weapons compiled by UN inspectors before they were “thrown out” of Iraq in 1998. Many cynical observers have noted that it is Iraq's huge oil and gas reserves that the Bush administration is

really after. American rhetoric about wanting to establish a democratic government in Iraq is not given much credence by these international cynics, who have heard this rhetoric all too often. Unfortunately, the United States does not have a stellar record in supporting democratically elected governments, often supporting dictators and overthrowing popular governments whenever it suited US interests. In the case of Iraq, though, any new government would be an improvement over the repressive and thuggish regime of Saddam Hussein. As some Muslim commentators have been eager to point out, most notably the Iranian-born Amir Taheri writing this past week in both the Jerusalem Post and National Review, Saddam does not have widespread support either with Arab regimes or the Arab street. Having killed many Islamists and Nasserites, Saddam is not liked by Al-Qaeda supporters or the Arab left. Taheri predicts that the Arab street will not erupt into fury if Saddam is overthrown, which is probably true. The irony is that although most of the Muslim world

will probably welcome regime change in Iraq, it will also probably resent the fact that it was the Americans who did it. Since US foreign policy is often driven by its economic interests, for once here in the case of Iraq, I think most of the world is willing to overlook this fact since the invasion of Iraq will be bringing a regime change and future economic prosperity for Iraqis who have suffered under more than ten years of UN economic sanctions. Despite all the good that may come from a regime change, the Bush administration should still proceed cautiously. International support is extremely important so that it doesn't seem like the US is doing this alone. Once the invasion is on, the US should take utmost care to minimize the deaths of American soldiers and of Iraqi civilians. Iraq is a historically rich nation of 29 million people. The cradle of civilization, the country has a large middle class that is very well educated. As US National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice said last Sunday on US television, the Bush administration is not worried too much about the price

tag attached to the upcoming military operation and the subsequent reconstruction of Iraq. With its vast oil reserves, Iraq is capable of paying for much of its own reconstruction, unlike Afghanistan, which is desperately relying on foreign aid to get by. Sitting thousands of miles away in Washington may lull US military planners into a false sense of security, but those of us sitting here on the frontlines with Iraq, know all too well the dangers that Saddam could pose to us if attacked. During the Gulf War Saddam did not hesitate to launch Scud missiles into Saudi Arabia and Israel, hitting targets in the Eastern Province, Riyadh and Tel Aviv. The US at the time deployed Patriot missiles to protect us from the incoming Scud missiles, but the Patriots did not prove to be very accurate. The Israelis have been busy developing their own anti-missile weapon, the Sparrow, while we here in the Kingdom will have to rely once again on the Patriot missiles, which the Americans claim have become much more accurate. Let's hope they're right!

An opinion from the USA

How can Yemen declare that the US is wrong?

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Let me explain in simple terms why you may have received so much feedback from American writers to recent articles on September 11th asking whether Americans have learnt a lesson from the 11 September attacks or not.

The U.S. Government is not perfect, nor is it supposed to be. No government or person in the world is perfect, but in the U.S. what we believe in is freedom. Let me explain in detail.

When for example, a government tries to suppress another government or take another country over, is that right? Of course not! The U.S. has stopped this from happening on several occasions, but what the rest of the world sees is U.S. Imperialism, nonsense. The U.S. is not interested in taking over other countries. The U.S. does not want to control the world oil supplies. The U.S. does not want to massacre people. The U.S. does want to stop massacres. The U.S. does want people to have freedoms; freedom to vote for who controls their laws, freedom to practice what religion they choose, and freedom to think and prosper on their own. This is what the U.S. wants.

How can a little country like Yemen declare that the U.S. is wrong in what it does, when Yemen had never helped another country in its history? How can Arabs be ruled by dictators, who

control the news they hear and read and control every aspect of their lives, make a rational judgment if the U.S. is right or wrong?

I have seen the main press reports from various countries from around the world and the propaganda flowing from the top writers to the people who read them are incredible. If those people believe everything they read from those reports it's a crime and those so called intellectuals should be ashamed of themselves.

If you are to blame the whole Middle East upheaval on the Israel/Palestine problem you are looking for excuses for your own countries' problems. The U.S. does not want this problem to go on any longer than Israel does. “It is complete insanity to think that Israel wants to control the Middle East. They want nothing to do with the Middle East except peace and security.” Your Arab press wants the problem to go on and on, to take the pressure off their own governments. I have seen time and again Arab news and government statements twisting the facts, distorting the truth, and then shifting the blame onto the Israeli's then the U.S. and this is why the U.S. citizens are sick and tired of being blamed for everything that is wrong in the world, and in particular the Middle East.

We are a giving nation, a free nation, and we are no longer going to be the targets of extreme terrorism from religious fanatics. It's a shame we had to be dragged into this. But certainly, we aren't coming out until we are secure.

Talking about security agencies

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I would like to say that after reading many international online newspapers that I've come to this conclusion.

A majority of the troubles throughout the world are caused by the following agencies

CIA, NSA, FBI, MI5, MI6, MOSSAD, KGB

These SECURITY agencies are like flies that infest the world with their plague of misinformation, brainwashing, toppling governments, assassinating good people/potential leaders for

world peace, creation and funding of radical terrorist groups to instill fear within populations thus reinforcing their existence and channeling information between each other, offering services and backing BIG BUSINESS in ventures around the world to control populations, steal natural resources and control the shipment transport and delivery of narcotics in the world.

As long as we have the SECURITY agencies whose purpose of being is to create conflict in the world against their own innocent people, who are victims. They are prevented from the TRUTH. People are people wherever you go around the world. We all suffer from the same issues and these agencies. But via the MEDIA and HOLLY-

WOOD they sow seeds in peoples' mind by blaming a religion, a people or a country that they are different to us and they are EVIL and need to be destroyed.

The U.N. even though it is based in N.Y in the U.S., should ring alarm bells as it should be in Holland or Sweden as they haven't abused nations or peoples of the world in this century. The security agencies are against peace and if we didn't have these agencies then we would have PEACE and there wouldn't be a need to spy on your neighbour.

DEFENSE and the SECURITY agencies are sides of the same coin, they feed on each other as you can't have one without the other. I agree that

individuals have a right to protect themselves and their families but when you have a state saying “We will look after you and protect you from the bad people, these DEFENSE and SECURITY agencies create the bad people to justify their jobs. When are people going to wake up and realize that war and conflict shouldn't exist in the year 2000, we should rally for peace as it is this that will resolve conflict and suffering in the world.

I remind you of a U.S comedian Bill Hicks once said “If we used all the money the U.S uses in NUCLEAR DEFENSE we could clothe and feed the poor of the world without missing one human being, many times over and then we can as one race!”

Yemeni historical cities, living cities threatening of immigration



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The cultural heritage of Yemen is not pertaining to the written literature or folklore. It rather includes the architectural heritage and historic cities which spread along the country. They still steadfast to tell about the deep-rooted civilizations it witnessed throughout centuries. If we would like to speak about historic cities, it is as to speak about great living museums of living objects. Imagine a city dated back 3 or 4 centuries while still existing in good conditions and the people still have the same traditions, norms and values! How nice it is to see people proudly practicing their daily life activities similar to those of decades ago



using the same materials, tools and styles.

So, a historical city of good economic conditions and infrastructure is a living city. It is exactly like a big museum, but of live objects, among modern city. Unfortunately, it seems that the future of these cities, in the absence of a clear protection policy, is at risk since inhabitants are shifting to urban cities leaving their historic cities to collapse and deteriorate. This can be mainly ascribed to the deteriorating living conditions and economic depression in those cities. Not only that, but what is more regrettable is the irresponsible changes of the historic features of these cities by inhabitants or authorities equally by adding new structures to it or destroying its valuable assets.

Thus, historic cities have two choices, either to be distorted and surrender to the approaching modernization or to be vacant dead cities. In fact, it is a very complicated problem of various sides. First we cannot convince those inhabitants to live there without providing them with the essential needs of life or without creating more job opportunities. Undoubtedly, without the economic recovery of a historic city, it will be a dead city and people will leave it for the sake of a better life somewhere else.

Therefore, one of the key reasons for immigration from historic cities is the lack of economic growth which is necessary for populations to settle down. So, it is the responsibility of the government and private sector to invest in these historic cities, raising awareness of the people, and assisting them to repair and protect their cities by different means. We should indicate that the government of Yemen is yet uncon-

vinced of the urgent need to consider the cultural heritage as a vital developmental sector. It is sustainable wealth which we should invest well not only for tourism, which has become the future industry, but because it is a witness of our glory, our character and identity. However, every historic city has its own conditions and problems which cannot be generalized on all historic cities.

There are different ways of revitalizing our historic cities and saving our built heritage. The city of Zabid, for example, was a famous city of scholars in which people from different countries stayed to get knowledge and study different sciences in its small schools or (Arbatah). Now, it suffers a lot from economic depression which will turn it to a dead city. If the government invests in this area and enhances the scientific and the economic movement in the city, it will be revived and returned to what it was in the past or even better. So it is a matter of setting a suitable policy to protect and revitalize our cultural heritage representing in the historic cities.

However, at last the government started to recognize the immanent danger facing historic cities, asking friendly countries for help. Now, there is great cooperation between our country and the government of the Netherlands resembled in the *Urban Cultural Heritage Program UCHP*. This program, which initiated its activities in 2001, is working in full swing to raise people's awareness and provide different technical assistance for the protection of our historic cities. Such a project, needs a hand up and positive reaction from concerned authorities and the public as well to carry out its mission successfully.



Steadfast historical city

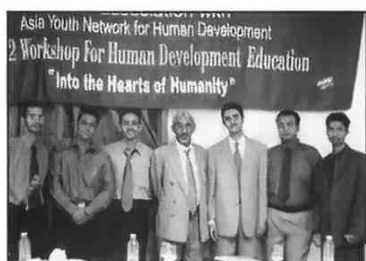
Yemenite Global Network: Youthful spirit brings glimmer of hope

On September 4th 2001, a Global Youth Network was created following the International Youth Summit and the World Conference Against Racism in Durban South Africa. The network was created to coordinate and liaise between youth from around the world in an effort to initiate a solid joint program for action and dissemination of information around shared goals. This entity would also facilitate the implementation of the International Youth Declaration and Plan of Action. The Global Youth Network further breaks down into sub-regional networks representing America's, Europe, Africa, and Asia. Yemenite Global Network emerged as the representative of Yemen in this network.

The Asia Youth Network, amidst creating its structure from youth NGO's to represent their countries, has invited the Yemenite Global Network of Volunteers for Development to represent Yemen. The invitation was extended in the form of attending a workshop for human development as well as a general meeting for the delegates representing 43 countries from the Asia region. The meeting was concluded with the adoption of a new name for the network, a new organizational structure and a democratically elected steering committee. Yemen, in the person of Mr. Hisham Al-Omeisy, was elected in the post of a General Coordinator for the Middle East Region (West Asia) within the newly elected Steering Committee for the Asia Youth Network, amongst 4 other coordinators for the, East Asia, South East Asia, South Central Asia, and Asia Pacific.

On another level, the Yemenite Global Network has recently hosted a Workshop for Human Development in coordination with the Asia Youth Network for Human Development. The workshop was funded mainly by the UNDP and aimed at empowering high school students by educating them on their rights and equipping them with capacity building skills. The workshop followed a general theme of volunteerism in the field of development, specifically Human Rights, as a follow up to the International Year of Volunteers. Henceforth, the YGN has enlisted several high-school volunteers nominated by their schools, Yemen Modern School, Sam International School, Al-Hussein School, Pakistani School, Queen Arwa School, and Turkish School.

The volunteers from the above schools, upon receiving the proper training, will carry out projects aimed at educating youth in their respective



Scenes from the workshop in Sanaa

schools on the material and skills they have learned during the workshop.

The 2002 Workshop for Human Development has been inaugurated on the 31st of August by Dr. Waheeba Fare'e, Minister of State for Human Rights, attended by Dr. Waleed Al-Saqqaf, Yemen Times Chief Editor, Ms. Kalthoum Adam, Program Officer of the UNV Program in Yemen, Ms. Shanti Risal, Program Coordinator of the Human Rights Strengthening Program, and Mr. Khalid Saleh Al-Omeisy, YGN Official Sponsor in the name of Coral Est and Moulinex. Amongst the honorable guests were, Mr. Abdu Hussein, Political Advisor for

German Embassy, Mrs. Zainab Al-Ashtal, Yemen International Bank, Mr. Ali Al-Khali, Al-Akhali Pharmaceuticals, and Mrs. Fawziah Sharyan. The work

The workshop kicked off with a good start and an awe-inspiring support given through an opening speech addressed by Dr. Waheeba Fare'e. The workshop carried on smoothly from there on for a period of 5 days, under the supervision and guidance of two principal trainers, Mr. Hisham Al-Omeisy and Mr. Issmat Al-Akhali. And within the workshop, special sessions were delivered by Ms. Kalthoum Adam on Volunteerism, Ms. Shanti Risal on Human Rights, and Dr. Waleed Al-Saqqaf on Freedom of Speech. These sessions contributed vastly to the education and training of the 22 volunteers and a special thanks is due to the above individuals for their input and exceptional role during the proceedings of the workshop.

The workshop was concluded with a closing ceremony hosted by Mr. Hisham Sharaf, Deputy Minister of the Ministry for Planning and Development. Mr. Hisham Sharaf addressed the volunteers with a speech that asserted his and the government's full support for youth initiatives stressing the role of youth in building and strengthening developed and democratic societies. Closing words were also given by Ms. Kalthoum Adam and Ms. Shanti Risal on their support for youth efforts and elaborated on the responsibility garnered within this generation to push for a superior society, and a better future.

The ceremony was finalized by giving all the volunteers certificates of attendance and token gifts such as T-shirts by Mr. Hisham Sharaf whom endowed the event with a spirit of hope and continuation for the workshop initiatives. Gratitude was paid to him for his role in the success of the event and for his wise words and encouragements.



Members of the Global Youth Network

Aden's incense trade:

Where has it gone?

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Incense reality today

Nowadays, it has become more and more difficult to get the original incense of Aden. The reason behind that is because different cheap ingredients are now used and mixed in original incense. That is why the incense has lost its originality in comparison with the past. Despite all of that, the original Adani incense still receives high demand and therefore its customers and lovers are still in thousands.

Kinds of incense

There are different kinds of the Adani incense such as regular, troche, and al-Araesi. The latter is the best of quality. Several expensive ingredients are used in the incense preparations.

Historical evidence indicates that the main ingredients used in the incense preparations were extracted from the gum tree.

Ingredients used in the incense preparations are as follows: ambergris, aloes, musk, perfumes, barley sugar, and white-black aloes powder.

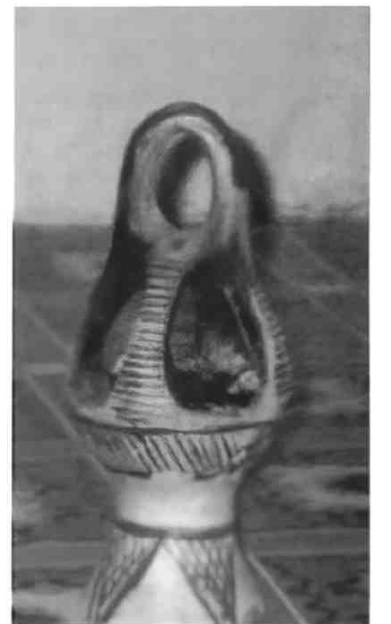
Incense ingredients have been mainly dependent on gum trees found between Hadramout and Aseer.

Imitation incense

Like other popular handicrafts, incense has gained wide popularity. But incense preparation of today is not similar or even close to that of the past.

Om Ahmed, a lady from Aden said, "Fake incense products have been sold cheaply. Those have been prepared by mixing some original incense with other material that results more incense but in low quality. This way, producers would gain more profit, but the reputation of the Aden's incense would be in stake."

In addition to this, Egyptian trade expeditions were sent to Yemen to bring incense and gum with them to be used on special occasions and reli-



When we asked the lady if she could tell us how her 'original' incense is made, she refused to allow us to her working place and show us how it is done because she said it was a "trade secret".

Incense market

Incense has been prepared mostly at homes. Rare and expensive ingredients have been used in preparing high quality incense. Only limited amounts of incense products are prepared and made by housewives.

Aden's incense is demanded and sold many Gulf countries such as Saudi Arabia and some of it is also exported to the US.

Until today, most incense products are prepared by individuals. But there is no doubt that its quality and demand is in the decline.

What has remained of this trade? Unfortunately nothing but its 'old' name and reputation, and low-quality incense sold here and there.

AIDS strategies in Yemen reviewed

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An extensive meeting was held last Wednesday 18 at the Ministry of Public Health and Population for reviewing and discussing the national draft strategy for eradicating AIDS.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Abdunnaser al-Munaibari, the Minister of Public Health and Population, specialists in the field of eradicating AIDS and a host of representatives of the international organizations in Yemen.

In his speech, Dr. al-Munaibari has called for mapping out a comprehensive and efficient strategy where different bodies entrusted with eradicating AIDS have to be included. "AIDS indications in Yemen have pointed out that there is a gradual reduction of the AIDS infection



which constitutes a global threat for the mankind. Strenuous efforts are in full swing by the concerned health bodies to eradicate this epidemic," he said.

"What is going to be presented by the health teamwork who are entrusted with preparing the national draft strategy for eradicating malaria and the proposals constitutes an essential

support for the proposed strategy," the health minister noted further.

During the meeting, a number of health issues were posed including, programs to roll back malaria, tuberculosis, and eradicating different epidemics.

In addition to this, different issues were discussed including the material support granted by the other international organizations.

Yemen according to the UN report in 1999, the AIDS cases reached at 1.0 percent. But the problem lies in the fact that acquired immune deficiency syndrome has not determined yet in Yemen.

Medical experiments in Yemen have made clear that without mobilizing efforts to eradicate this disease, it will break out at any time.

The proposed national draft strategy will be valid till 2005 which focuses on creating an efficient multi-sectional body with a view of coordinating policies for receiving treatment for the AIDS in all governorate of the republic.



Nicotine increases risk of cot death - study

Expectant mothers should avoid nicotine, even nicotine chewing gum, as it raises the risk of cot death, a new study shows, suggesting that it is not enough for pregnant women to give up smoking.

Scientists have long known that babies of smoking mothers have a much higher risk of cot death than infants of non-smokers, but a Swedish-French study is the first to point to nicotine rather than smoking as the culprit.

"What we have found is that it's the nicotine itself that is dangerous. It doesn't matter if you're using nicotine chewing gum — it's just as bad," Hugo Lagercrantz, a professor and pediatrician at the Karolinska Institute who initiated and performed the study, told Reuters on Wednesday.

Many women smokers, and their doctors, have assumed that chewing nicotine gum was safe during pregnancy as a substitute for cigarettes, Lagercrantz said.

In cot death — also known as Sudden Infant Death Syndrome —

apparently healthy babies, usually two to four months old, die in their sleep when breathing suddenly stops.

Normally receptors in the brain send an alarm to the nervous system when oxygen levels get too low during sleep — for instance if your nose is blocked or you are sleeping face down.

The message brings you back to consciousness, allowing you to open your mouth or turn over on your back.

Nicotine disturbs this ability to regulate breathing during sleep, the research team found.

The study found genetically modified mice that lack the "wake-up" receptor did not awake although breathing had stopped.

This receptor is also the one that responds to nicotine, so the scientists concluded that in growing foetuses these vital receptors become numb if exposed to nicotine, disturbing the wake-up reflexes and increasing the risk of cot death.

"The researchers proved that the reflex response to the lack of oxygen

is diminished in the invalidated (modified) mice, suggesting the involvement of the receptor in this response," the report said.

None of the mice actually died as all were woken before oxygen levels became lethally low, Lagercrantz said.

Lagercrantz carried out the study at the Institute Pasteur in Paris with Pasteur colleague Jean-Pierre Changeux and Philippe Evraud from the Hopital Robert Debre, also in Paris.

It was published on September 10 in the U.S. journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

In Europe cot death afflicts approximately one baby in 2,000 per year, while in North America the incidence is double. No apparent cause for cot death has ever been firmly established, though many theories have been put forward.

"If women gave up nicotine altogether the problem with cot death could probably be virtually eliminated," Lagercrantz said. (Reuters)

Population National Policy in Republic of Yemen 2001-2025

Aims, Principles, & Bases

Concept

The Population Policy of Yemen (2001-2025) is a set of measures articulated to influence, directly or indirectly, the demographic, social and economic characteristics of the population with the aim of inducing a balance between population requirements and sustainable development. It is a national approach to facing the challenges of the twenty first century.

Principles and Foundations

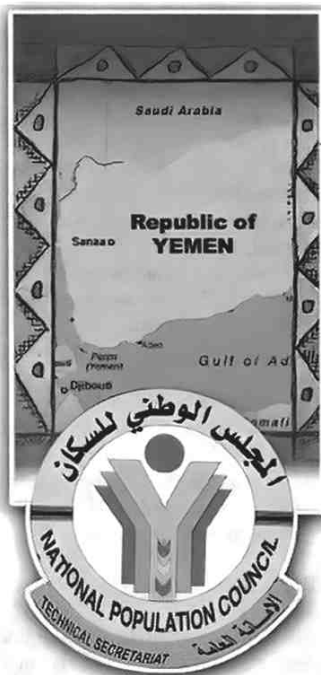
The Principles and foundations of the Population Policy of Yemen stems from the spirits of Islamic doctrine and coincides with the Constitution as well as the predominant values:

- Man is the most important and invaluable resource and the family is the basic unit of the society.
- The Population Policy is a key ingredient of just and sustainable development.
- Gender equity, equality and empowerment of women.
- Freedom of reproductive choices of all spouses.
- Safe motherhood and adequate care for children and adolescents.
- Partnership of government, private sector and civil society organizations in all efforts related to population, environment and development.
- Compatibility with international agreements, treaties and recommendations ratified by the government of Yemen.

Objectives

The ultimate goal of the Population Policy is to improve the quality of life of Yemeni people through promoting their social, health and cultural conditions. More specifically, the Population Policy aims to achieve, in the coming quarter century, the following objectives:

- A reduction in Maternal Mortality Rate so as to reach 75 per 100,000 live birth by the year 2015 and to less than 65 by the year 2025.
- A reduction in Infant Mortality Rate to descend to 35 per 1000 live birth by 2015 and to less than 50 by 2025.



- A reduction in Under-Five Mortality Rate to fall to 45 per 1000 live birth by 2015 and to less than 40 by 2025.
- An increase in life expectancy at birth to reach 70 years by 2015 and beyond that level by 2025.
- An enhancement of choices, services and information for spouses to be able to control fertility. TFR is targeted to reach 4 by 2015 and a bout 3.3 by 2025.
- An increase in Contraceptive Prevalence Rate to reach 56% by the year 2025, with at least 35% using modern contraceptives.
- A progressive annual increase in the number of children enrolled in primary education, especially for girls, so as to attain the noble goal of education for all by 2025.
- Slowing down the pace of population growth in response to the requirements of sustainable development on the one hand, and achieving the highest possible economic growth on the other.
- An enhancement of environmental protection measures joined with limiting non-sustainable production

and consumption patterns.

- Combating illiteracy especially in rural communities and for women so as it may not exceed 20% by 2025.
- A balanced spatial distribution of the population in response to development requirements. Urban growth is to be integrated in the development processes.
- Gender equity and equality with regard to civil, political and legislative rights and obligations are to be fully materialized. Women must be empowered to actively participate in the development process.
- Promoting health conditions and the well-being of all children, adolescents and youth. Their basic needs are to be satisfied.
- The provision of adequate support to the elderly with the aim of improving their quality of life and health conditions. Work opportunities are to be made available wherever and whenever needed by the elderly.
- Adopting effective measures for disability prevention. Rehabilitation and provision of necessities to the handicapped are to be maintained.

Mechanism

For the purpose of realizing above objectives the Population Policy has designated key means and mechanisms which are represented in the following:

- Strengthening the coordinative role of the National Population Council and its Technical Secretariat, and enforcing its function to follow up and monitor the population program/interventions at all levels; centrally, locally and sectorally.
- Continuous development of informatics, and planning and legislative environment.
- Setting up an effective and efficient partnership between governmental, private, voluntary and civil society organizations.
- Promoting and intensifying population information, education and communication activities to raise awareness and commitments among all population segments.



WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME OF THE UNITED NATIONS (WFP) VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The WFP is seeking to fill following vacancy in its Office in Sana'a. Interested applicants should deliver their applications along with their detailed CV's in English. Applications from qualified female candidates are encouraged. Applicants should be Yemeni nationals only.

Administrative/Finance Clerk (GS 5)

The responsibilities of the administrative/Finance Clerk shall include but not be limited to the following:

- Extract and input data from various sources in administrative, human resource, finance, procurement and other WFP systems;
- Respond to queries regarding data form staff in the unit and elsewhere in the Programme;
- Maintain administrative control records such as commitments and expenditures; initiate administrative actions related to one or more of the following: travel arrangements, payments and purchase and deliveries of equipment, supplies and inventory;
- Review supporting documentation for processing various action, e.g., personnel payroll, budget, procurement, country activity; answer a variety of enquires and supply readily available information from office files, databases, liaising with other offices as appropriate;
- Design and update charts and table utilizing different software, design hard copy and computer resident forms; initiate, update and track computer-assisted processing of administrative actions;
- Draft routine correspondence related to the unit's work and type a charity of material such as correspondence, reports and papers;
- Provide information related to the above functions and exchange a variety of statistical information; Search for retrieve, compile assemble and archive a variety of statistical data from computer files, records, reports or from other sources for external use;
- Assist in the preparation of administrative reports; draft routine correspondence and take notes at meetings; make correction to texts or data already on diskettes;
- Assist supervising of drives, maintenance of vehicles, certify/scrutinize the log books, and identify the personal use of WFP vehicle.
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- Set up, classify and maintain unity files.
- Initiate and modify automated transactions.
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- Respond to accounting, budget or financial queries regarding data from staff in the unite and elsewhere in the programme;
- Verify claims for accuracy and confirm the availability of funds prior to review by supervisor and prepare payment, vouchers;
- Assist in the preparation of budget, accounting financial reports and other reports as required;
- Prepare payments, verify invoices/bills for payment, and follow up settlement;
- Maintain the Impress account. Send the Returns to FSFF, HQ;
- Prepare financial statement as required;
- Perform other duties assigned;

Qualifications:

- Completion of secondary school education,
- Training and/or experience utilizing computers, including word processing, spreadsheet and other software packages. Very good knowledge of Arabic and English.

Experience:

Five years of progressively responsible clerical or secretarial work experience including at least two years in the field of finance, accounting, human resources, evaluation, audit or administrative services or other related field.

All applications to be submitted to the Representative on not later than 25.09.02 in closed envelope clearly marked from the top of the outside (APPLICATION-Administrative/Finance Clerk at WFP) at the following address: UN Building, Off 60 Meter Road, Sana'a or PO Box 7181 Sana'a - Republic of Yemen

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I. What to Say Situation and Expressions (26): Talking about food

Everyone loves good food. One can even say without any fear of exaggeration that most of us are slave to our palate. Who on earth can honestly assert that he/she can resist the temptation of good food? It's no denying the fact that mouth starts watering at the sight of delicious dishes.

We enjoy eating outside and are very choosy about the quality and cost of food. We usually ask a number of questions about the cuisine, especially when we visit new restaurants.

Our mood of joy and satisfaction after having a delicious and sumptuous meal is too short for words. We are almost ecstatic in praise for the cuisine. Similarly, we express annoyance if the food doesn't suit our palate or we don't relish it, lending credence to the saying that man belches what he eats.

Now, shall we see some expressions used in talking about food.

- The food is simply marvelous.
- Very homely preparation. Simply unforgettable!
- Its taste is inimitable. Just superb!
- I very much relished the taste of it.
- After ages did I taste something like this! Thanks a lot.
- For a moment I forgot myself and thought it's from mama's hands.
- How nice. I licked even the last drop of the gravy.
- The food was so plain, yet so tasty! I marvel at your culinary skill.
- This dish never tasted more delicious.
- Ah! What a fantastic smell! My mouth salivates before tasting it.
- The soup has a wonderful flavor.
- I don't mince words. The food is really tasty.
- The food here is so good. You have made me your regular customer.
- The food is sumptuous.
- The food is lot satisfying.
- The dishes are delicious.
- Each item was unique and mouth watering.
- Excellent food tempered with a touch of affection made this evening truly memorable.
- I liked the food. It's so hygienic and wholesome.
- Thank you. The cuisine was really lip smacking.
- Food was good although a trifle spicy.

- The food was awful.
- Rice was overdone.
- The soup had too much salt and spice. I didn't relish it.
- I never tasted such a bad cuisine as this. I feel like vomiting.
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Expression of distaste for food

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

1. Let you and I solve this riddle.
2. The climate of Yemen is better than Egypt.
3. One of them has already given up one's studies.
4. One should not waste his time.
5. Either the Prime Minister or his Cabinet Colleagues have submitted his resignation.

Solutions to last week's questions

1. **Tonight** there is a party in my house.
2. She is **good** at studies.
3. He is **clever** at figure works.
4. Please excuse me. I'm in a **hurry**.
5. We must always aim **at doing** good.

III. How to express it in one word

1. Person ready to do any reckless or criminal act.
2. Deserving to be despised.
3. Ruler with unlimited powers, which he uses wrongly or cruelly.
4. Course of fruit, etc., at the end of a meal.
5. Place to which somebody or something is going or is being sent.

Solutions to last week's questions

1. Laugh scornfully at somebody or something: **Deride** (vt)
2. A word that is derived from another: **Derivative** (adj & n)
3. Science of the skin and its diseases: **Dermatology** (n)
4. Remarks that tend to take away one's credit: **Derogatory** (adj)
5. Name, title or description of a person: **Designation** (n)

IV. Grammar and Composition

a) Grammar

1. Fill in the blanks choosing the correct words given in brackets

- i) Hussein is _____ to me. (senior/older)
- ii) Everyone _____ him submitted the papers. (Except/without)

2. Rewrite the following sentences using phrasal verbs in place of the italicized words

- i) Ghada *visited* Amani.
- ii) The boy *wears* a blue shirt.

b) Idioms and phrases

Use the following phrases in sentences of your own

1. attribute of
2. attune to
3. augur well
4. under the auspices of
5. authority on

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

1. vocation, avocation
2. award, reward
3. aware, beware
4. awl, owl
5. babble, bubble

Answers to last week's questions

a) Grammar: Words used as noun and verb

1. **issue** (n) (question that arises for discussion): There needs to be a national debate on the issue of

banning qat.
issue (vt) (give or send out): The Dean has issued a circular about compulsory attendance in lectures.
lag (n) (period of time by which something is slower): There is a time lag in implementation of the government decisions.
lag (vi) (go too slow): Let's work hard so that Yemen does not lag behind.

desire (n) (strong longing): I have no desire to be rich.

desire (vt) (long for): We all desire to be rich and famous.

stare (n) (a fixed look at eyes): Children were nervous when the father gave them a rude stare.

stare (vt) (look fixedly at): I don't like being stared at.

end (n) (last part): Every beginning has an end.

end (vt) (come to an end): The road ends here.

b) Idioms and phrases

1. **pay attention to** (direct one's thoughts to something): Pay more attention to your health.

2. **attentive to** (paying attention to): Please be more attentive to your studies.

3. **Attest to** (bear witness to): His deeds attest to his intentions.

4. **attitude towards** (way of thinking, feeling or behaving towards): What is your attitude towards qat chewing?

5. **attraction for** (strong like for): I have no attraction for cinema.

c) Words commonly confounded

1. **avenge** (vt) (take revenge): I shall avenge this insult.

revenge (n) (reversing an earlier insult or injury): He took revenge on his enemy for the insult and injury.

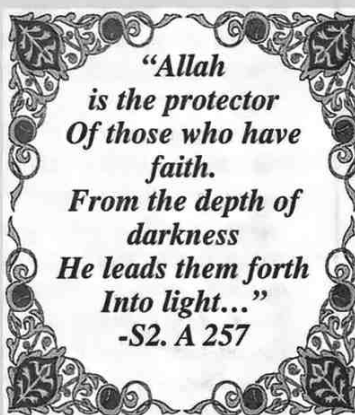
2. **avert** (vt) (prevent, avoid): The cautious taxi driver averted a sure accident.

averse (adj) (opposed to): Lazy as he is, naturally he is averse to hard work.

3. **aviary** (n) (place for keeping birds): I like to visit the aviary in the zoo.

aviation (n) (art and science of flying an aircraft): He is an expert in aviation.

V. Pearls from the Holy Quran



VI. Words of Wisdom

"Art is not a thing; it is a way"
—Elbert Hubbard

T.S. Eliot's Love Life



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Whatever Eliot (b.26 September 1888) may have said about the objective impersonality of art, the full meaning of his poems, particularly the meaning of *The Waste Land* and "The Ash Wednesday" depends on our knowledge of his first, disastrous marriage. Eliot himself inscribed a copy of his poems, 1907-1925 with the sentence: "For my dearest Vivienne, this book which no one else will quite understand." Equally, Eliot's long relationship with Emily Hale supposedly informs his poetry but the terms of endearment are yet to be uncovered. Eliot's biographers have asserted that his love life had a significant bearing on his creativity.

Vivienne Haigh-Wood, an English girl, was the first wife of T.S. Eliot. She predeceased him by eighteen years. Emily Hale was Eliot's Bostonian friend but her in-person connection with him was immeasurably less than that of Vivienne with whom Eliot lived for most of the time between his wedding in 1915 and separation in 1932. Vivienne was born in 1888, four months before Eliot in Lancashire cotton mill town of Bury. There was an impulsive and almost clandestine marriage. Eliot's family was opposed to his choice of a possible career as a writer in England over that of a philosophy professor in America. Eliot got support from his Harvard mentor and intellectual sponsor, Bertrand Russell, who most possibly seduced Vivienne within months of her marriage to Eliot. The sexual and temperamental incompatibility of Vivienne and Tom is a well-titled field. But new material on this has appeared in recent books based on bisexual Bloomsbury gossip, Vivienne's correspondence and writings still in manuscript, and unpublished diaries.

Vivienne was sickly, high-strung and cuttily sarcastic. As a young girl, she suffered from physical frailty and mental disorder. She underwent repeated surgery for tuberculosis of the bone, an incurable disease during those days. She fell in love with complex and shy Eliot, and despite sexual and marital dysfunctions she had stimulating influence on Eliot's creativity. Virginia Woolf was the first to note that part of *The Waste Land* is the autobiography of the marriage though it was a disaster. Virginia admitted to Clive Bell that Vivienne was "the true inspiration of Tom," and Russell concluded that "their troubles were what they most enjoyed."

On finishing a first draft of "The Fire Sermon" (*The Waste Land*) in November 1921, Eliot remarked: "I do not know if it will do, and I must wait for Vivienne's opinion." Vivienne was staying those days with the Pounds in Paris, where she also met James Joyce. A recent biographer of Vivienne suggests that she either wrote the following lines from *The Waste Land* or is being quoted verbatim:

My nerves are bad tonight. Yes, bad. Stay with me. Speak to me. Why do you never speak. Speak.

Probably, she demanded that Eliot chop off the line "The ivory men made company between us," considering it to be "too revealing of their lack of

communication." All in all, her collaborative assistance, particularly her improvements to the Cockneys in the Lil/Albert scene, make Vivienne central to *The Waste Land*. She was a gifted writer, a perceptive book reviewer, and a discerning editor. She chose the title of the magazine Eliot edited, *The Criterion*. On February 24, 1924, Eliot wrote to Sydney Schiff: "We have both been working at top pitch for the last five weeks to get out the *Criterion*." She contributed to the magazine under aliases, of which the most favorite was "Fanny Marlow."

From the early 1930s Vivienne's nervous attacks worsened, leading to frequent public expressions of her hatred for Eliot. She complained "he has not average strength," and that Eliot "lived in constant confrontation with the demon of his own impotence." W.H. Auden recounted an episode of arriving at the Eliots for dinner in 1932 and getting firsthand experience of their relationship on the rocks. Conrad Aiken, too, witnessed their angry exchanges. Her eyes became "the eyes I dare not meet in dreams" (*The Hollow Men*).

Around the time Eliot was invited to give the Norton lectures at Harvard in 1932, he decided to eradicate Vivienne from his life. In summer of 1933, he and Vivienne signed papers for legal separation. Although she tried for reconciliation, Eliot went into hiding, avoided her, and even refused to receive her at his Faber office. Her letters to him at Faber were returned unopened. In July 1938, the police found her wandering in a London street at five in the morning in a state of acute mental breakdown. Her nine-year incarceration in an insane asylum amounted to a complete blank in her life. When contacted by her brother, Maurice Haigh-Wood, Eliot, who was vacationing with Emily Hale in Gloucestershire, made no inquiries regarding her care and well being. On hearing the news of her death in January 1947, Eliot told Mary Trevelyan, a close London friend from the 1930s, that it was "unexpected. She was supposed to be in quite good physical health."

What was the precise nature of the relationship between Eliot and Emily Hale? Was it just a 48-year long smile and shake of the hand? She was his oldest friend and, perhaps, his closest. When Eliot set off from Harvard for Europe in 1914, not to return again for 18 years, he was 25, she 22. She was fond of him and he liked her very much, and he also seems to have given her reason to believe that he would marry her if Vivienne were to die. When in April 1949 Mary Trevelyan expressed her feelings for Eliot and in fact suggested marriage, Eliot suggested that his past affection for Emily rendered any new relationship impossible for him. Emily had accompanied Eliot on his visit to Burnt Norton in 1935, and the following lines suggest their enduring love:

Footfalls echo in the memory
Down the passage which we did not take
Towards the door we never opened
Into the rose-garden. My words echo
Thus, in your mind.

(Burnt Norton, *Four Quartets*)

But the news of Eliot's nuptials to Valerie Fletcher, his secretary, in 1956 came as an immense shock to her, as had come the unexpected word of his almost clandestine marriage to

Vivienne in 1915. Emily had thought Eliot unstable, and liable to "the awful daring of a moment's surrender." When her moment of glory didn't come, she thought Eliot could not be the man she had known, admired and loved. There are more than a thousand letters from Eliot to Emily, written over fifty years, gathering dust in the University library at Princeton but Eliot's interdiction against all accessibility until Jan 1, 2020 continues to keep the nature of their closeness under wraps.

Eliot cherished friendship of another woman, Djuna Barnes whose novel *Nightwood* he published and made famous. His closeness to this patroness saint of lesbianism supports the idea that Eliot's attraction to masculine women was another aspect of his sexuality. His complete biography is still awaited and so a complete appreciation of his poetry is impossible without sizing up the implications of his love life in his creativity.

Tear and Smile

By HAIFA SALEH AL-HATIF
ENGLISH TEACHER, HAJJA

*Is it the warmth of meeting
Or the coldness of parting?
I don't know, really I don't know.
What can words say or do
When hearts become absolutely full?
Do you want me to continue,
Singing our song or stop it now?*

*Four dear years had passed so fast
Assuring me that you are my dearest
Only one heart is pulsating here
And another soul languishing there
Nothing can be given except a world of sighs
A tear, a poem and that is all
For these are what only friends can share.*

*Oh, thank God, this is their birthday,
It is also the ceremony of their own death
Gracious tears are embraced by smiles,
Tears are running for their sake.
But smiles! What are they made of?
Of course, no doubt, just for their own sake.*

*They, once more, may meet here or there
And renew their hopes, sobs and dreams
But the setting, events and time
Will be completely changed.
So what kind of fiction can they narrate?*

*All readers of this cruel nice world
Would smile for ever, and for ever shed tears.
Whatever good minds and hearts there are
A tear will burst into tears and a smile into smiles
Your sweetness and cheerful joy may defeat
The bitter farewell of your sorrows past.
You are my dear tear that fills my eyes
And my sighs and smiles bear the brunt of it.*

*As the sun never forgets to arise every morning,
As the sea never ceases to run high,
I'll live for your remembrance and for it I'll die.
Whenever a bird settles or flies over trees
Gently or violently the wind continues blowing a while
If a time came when mothers forsook their dear ones
And if the cloudy sky refused to weep
And shed drops of rain
Only then I'd believe I forgot you.*

A NOTE TO OUR ESTEEMED READERS

I was away in India on vacation during July - September, 2002. Some of you emailed your views during this break. I am replying to some of them now

I am pained to know that some of your articles sent to us by post are not reaching me. All your contributions are welcome and we would like to have them published in course of time. But we are undone because most of them don't ever come to my desk due, perhaps, to incorrect address.

In order to prevent this, I suggest that articles meant for 'Youth Forum' may bear the following address both on the envelope and at the beginning of the article:

Attention: Dr. Sahu
Youth Forum
Yemen Times
P. O. Box 2589
Sana'a, Yemen

Those of you whose articles haven't so far appeared in 'Youth Forum' may please take the trouble of sending them to us once again quoting the above address.

Dr. Ramakanta Sahu

TIMES QUIZ (41)

Answer the following questions

1. Seed bearing plants are known as

- a) Angiosperms
- b) Gymnosperms
- c) Phanerogams
- d) Thallophytes

2. The sun consists of

- a) Gases and solid matter
- b) Series of concentric cells
- c) Solid mass
- d) None of these

3. Influenza, mumps, and measles are caused by

- a) Bacteria
- b) Worms
- c) Viruses
- d) Protozoa

4. Lack of vitamin B (thiamine) causes a disease called

- a) Scurvy
- b) Rickets

- c) Xerophthalmia
- d) Beri Beri

5. What is the full form of the abbreviation BP?

Answers to TIMES QUIZ (40)

1. Chemical compounds having same molecular formula but different molecular structure are called **isomers**.

2. We add washing soda in hot water to clean dirty cloth because **it gets attached to grease and reduces interfacial tension between water and grease resulting in emulsification of grease in water**.

3. An endoscope is a **narrow telescope**.

4. **Pedology** is the study of soil.

5. The full form of the abbreviation BGC is **Bacillo Calmette Guerin**.



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Our life as a school

Whether to be good or bad in your studies, is your choice. Whether to be a great person or a common person, depends on you. Whether you want to be a good model for other people depends on your conduct. The mind is in its own place, you can harness its energy for the most constructive purpose. Or you can use it in trifle things. You are the master of yourself. You can look forward to a bright future, and adopt a suitable plan for your success. This is an undeniable fact that if you succeed at home first, you will scale greater heights because, as the saying goes, "Charity begins at home". Our life is as a school, where we educate ourselves with new things and discover new meanings every day.

This life deceives people, who run after sensual pleasure. But we must look for the other life, the life beyond and work towards

fulfillment in life. We must punish ourselves before the day of sanction or punishment come. Plan before you start any action, and think what you want to say before saying it.

Mofeed Abdul Othman,
Faculty of Education & Arts,
Khwalaan

Early Marriage

Early marriage means that a boy and a girl get married when they reach 14 or 15 years. But it is not good either for the boy or the girl to get married at that age because they are not matured enough and have no experience or knowledge about life. So getting married early will cause a lot of hurdles for both, preventing them to face the life responsibilities properly. Besides they, in that age, are immature enough both psychologically and emotionally.

Unfortunately, the trend of early marriage is spreading in villages, especially in stupid and strong-headed families who unjustly think about the marriage as a big bargain. These families think that if they let their children get married early, they will be within control and will gather the necessary worldly experience gradually.

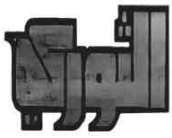
The girl that gets married in that early age, has to leave her school and education in most cases.

In my opinion early marriage is a failure in itself. Families should know that what they are doing with their children is wrong and it is the children who always pay a heavy price for the reckless thinking of their ignorant and unscrupulous parents.

By Amal al-Rukhee
Modern British Institute
Sana'a

Local Press

Prepared by Mohammed Khidhr



Al-Thawri weekly, organ of the YSP, 19 Sept. 2002.

Main headlines:

- U.S. assistant defence secretary says Yemen a "terrorism haven"
- While calling for national dialogue, YSP announces objection to dividing constituencies
- American warship bound for Yemen, observed
- Families of detainees in Cole case meet a parliamentary committee
- Press prosecution continue interrogations with "Al-Thawri" editor in chief

Columnist Hisham Abdulaziz says in an article that in a step ruled out by Washington, London and Tel Aviv and unexpected in the manner it has happened, Iraq has declared its acceptance of the unconditional return of U.N. weapons of mass destruction inspectors to Iraq. The Iraq step has come in its proper time and was correct, smart and courageous. Its importance comes from:

- It has dropped the U.S. attempts to implicate the UN in the effort against Iraq and has restored respect to Iraq's relationship with the UN,
- It has disclosed the clearly the American, British and Israel's irresponsible responses that only indicate their disregard of the international legitimacy. More important the Iraq step has revealed to the whole world that the American-British-Israeli aggression on Iraq is a premeditated option as a challenge of the international legitimacy and its resolutions and conventions,
- The Iraqi step has ended the state of duality resulting from the policy of reshuffling the cards of the international legitimacy and the tragedy the people of Iraq are suffering from for more than twelve years because of the continued sanctions,
- The Iraq step reformulates the attitude on principles and resolutions of the international legitimacy versus the international political bargaining, and thus the international community has become face to face with a serious choice of its grave

responsibility. The international community has only two choices; either the American-British-Israeli hostile pursuit that disrespects international legitimacy or the Iraqi response based on the sense of responsibility towards what concerns our world founded on noble expectations to a decisive, comprehensive and just solution versus the threats against Iraq's sovereignty, independence and choices.

Hence the Iraqi stand comes in harmony with requirements of the Arab stand versus confronting and dealing with Arab issues.



Al-Wahdawi weekly, organ of the Nasserite Unionist Organization, 17 September, 2002.

Main Headlines:

- Bahrain hands over the Yemeni Mukhtar al-Bakry to the U.S.
- President Saleh threatens to use force against elements opposing border demarcation
- Troops from Brigade (310) invade Najr Amran
- American military landing operations in Yemen, groundless
- Nasserite organization condemns any attempt to attack Iraq
- Al-Ahmar accuses GPC party of forgery
- Supreme Committee of Elections cuts down shares of JMP
- Al-Qaeda challenges Pakistan and America to prove arrest of Ramzi al-Shaibh.

Mr. Mohammed Sharafudin says in an article that the United States in trying, through launching an interview media and political campaign, to blackmail Yemen politically. Western media have recently reported news on arrests, chasing and detention of Yemenis to have links to al-Qaeda.

In coincidence with these campaigns that targeted Yemeni expatriates, there come statements by American officials not ruling out that Osama bin Laden might be hiding in Yemen where the Americans think could be the convenient place to head for, in addition to Pakistan.

Against there recently escalated

campaign, come to surface some new American demands from Yemen the Americans believe they would support their strategic plan to strike Iraq and control the Arab Peninsula oil fields. Americans deem it necessary to exercise more pressure on Yemen making it play a role similar to that Pakistan in their efforts to undermine and destroy Taliban regime.

Yemen has extensively cooperated with Bush's mad campaign of so-called war on terror, that resulted in the imprisonment of hundreds of Yemenis in the political security prisons as suspects of al-Qaeda links. In return Washington has overstepped that cooperation as its ambassador to Sana'a began violating diplomatic norms by touring Yemeni governorates and meeting with citizens and social and tribal personalities without obtaining a prior permission from the Yemeni foreign ministry.



Al-Sahwa weekly, 19 Sept. 2002.

Main headlines:

- Expatriates: No investment without security, our conference not propaganda
- Fact finding Parliamentary committee regarding detainees of Cole and 11 September
- JMP denounces restraining registration committees

Columnist Zaid al-Shami comments in his article on the report issued by the ministry of communications that clarified that this sector has seen 40 years of backwardness in comparison with the developed countries. He says no doubt the said report has formed a shock and a surprise to many of Yemenis who used to believe that communications sector is the best regarding the completion of the infrastructure not available to other sectors and because telephone services have reached to rural and urban areas. In addition to that the positive effect created by the use of computers which the ministry of communications has extended its scope as well as the achievements in post services.

If the various sectors of the state have held comparison between their

situations and what should be, that would have given them the impetus to work for exerting more efforts and would consequently reveal to us that we are leading decades of backwardness compared to advanced countries. If all reports are characterized by objectivity probably they would be a motivation for working for tackling the negative aspects.



Al-Jamaheer weekly, organ of the Arab Baath Socialist Party, 15 Sept. 2002.

Main headlines:

- Iraq pledges to teach America severe lesson
- Security authorities impose strict security measures around U.S. embassy in Sana'a
- 8 Yemeni nationals arrested in Pakistan
- Following American direct threats, Arabs withdraw USD 200 million
- Israeli enemy tanks thrust inside Palestinian camps
- Who protects consumers under globalization?

In his weekly column the editor in chief says the United States is preparing for an event enabling it to hold sway on the world. It has chosen the 11th of September as the date for effecting the change and the axis towards which it is directed is Islam, as it possesses civilizational constituents qualifying it the spread in the world because of its owning of a just economic theory that would prevent exploitation and monopoly and a system based on justice, equality and peace. As faith is the contradiction of the capitalist pursuit, America has chosen Islam as he competing adversary that should be removed from its way. Bin Laden and al-Qaeda have been the weakest links that could be used in order to avoid Islamic effective reactions and also to stave off direct and huge conflict.

Bush's latest speech at before the United Nations has revealed this pragmatic approach that tries to antagonize one party against another and implement an installment plan concerning the cases. America has experimented that on many events, most

prominent is neutralizing of certain Arab countries from the list of the Arab-Zionist conflict in order to deal singly with the Palestinian people and to bring them back to the circle of targeting by considering them as terrorists.



26 September weekly, organ of Yemen Armed Forces, 19 Sept. 2002.

Main Headlines:

- Distinguished festivities on 40th anniversary of Yemeni Revolution
- Al-Kawabani, one of the most dangerous elements wanted to justice, killed in clashes with security men
- Officials resources: Yemen rejects to its territories safe haven for any terrorist
- Big government delegation to visit Sana'a next month
- 68 self-exiled military, back home

The newspaper's editorial says Iraq acceptance to re-admit UN weapons inspectors unconditionally, in response to its Arab brethren and friendly countries' desire, represented a smart steps to stave off plots of using inspectors return as pretext for attacking it.

By this Iraqi courageous and wise response, applauded by all nations, Iraq has placed the international community before their responsibilities, in particular the Arab and all the countries that insisted on Iraq in their demand. The international community, the Arab countries and other nations should lift the sanctions and break the blockade imposed on Iraq immediately at the end of all justifications for inspection.

The UN and its security councils resolutions has exhausted all reasons for issuing them since Rolf Ekeus report in 1997 that included confirmation on Iraq's non-possession of mass destruction weapons and consequently the sanctions on it should be lifted in order to put an end to suffering of the Iraqi people, especially children, women and the elderly as a result of the 12-year-old blockade. What is no longer acceptable is this stubbornness against the people of Iraq at a time when the Israeli occupation troops are

committing bloodshed crime against the Palestinian people without any movement to compel Israel to implement the UN resolutions pertaining to the Arab-Israeli conflict. The least stand required from the Arab and Muslim countries to take at this time is to stand by Iraq and support it to stave off dangers and challenges facing it and undermine the plots machinating on it.



Al-Balagh weekly, 17 Sept. 2002.

Main Headlines:

- 6th Yemeni arrested in Bahrain at the night of his wedding
- In prelude to American plans: Charges on Bin Laden's presence in Yemen.
- The Mujahidines deny al-Shaibh arrest
- Arab groupings to confront European threats, a must

Editor in chief says when the United States wants to implement a certain operation, it begins to leak lies and repeat them every now and then, complaining for itself a false file a certain region to activate it on due time. This is what the U.S. is now behaving concerning our country. It has been repeating statements on presence of al-Qaeda elements on our territories, and repeated such statements, adding a new one saying in case bin Laden is still alive he may inevitably be hiding in Yemen.

This means that our country has to prove the contrary and for America to prove that bin Laden is on our territories.

These media leaks represent only a new kind of polite pressure exercised and this time it is associated with praise of cooperation our country is offering. Nevertheless, the Americans insist on their media leakage. Security responsibility in our country is a pure Yemeni concern, and security cooperation with the U.S. could not allow it to be rendered to interference in the Yemeni affair. We have to be attentive to these new American stances that make us wonder what the Americans' plans concerning our country are.

World Press

Major news items in leading international newspapers *Provided by Xinhua*

Egypt

Al-Ahram

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak will receive his Italian counterpart Carlo Azeglio Ciampi during his one-day visit to Egypt on Oct. 20.

During his stay in Egypt, Ciampi will attend the world celebration ceremonies held by Egypt to mark the 60th anniversary of the Al-Alamin battle, in which Italy participate.

Al-Akhabar

Egyptian State Minister for Foreign Affairs Fayza Abul Naga left Cairo on Friday for Tripoli, Libya, on a visit during which she will attend the first Afro-Arab economic meeting.

Al-Gomhuria

The robot which was sent inside a shaft in the great Pyramid last Tuesday has proved that the pyramids are 100 percent Egyptian, said Zahi Hawas, secretary general of the Egyptian Supreme Council of Antiquities.

The results refute the allegations reiterated by Jews and some Western countries that the Jews built the pyramids, he added.

Egyptian Mail:

Egypt warned on Friday against the grave consequences of Israeli military attacks on the Palestinian people and cities, saying such operations would draw a chain of retaliatory actions that would thwart any bid to contain the dangerous situation in the Middle East.

Lebanon

DAILY STAR

Lebanese President Emile Lahoud updates EU envoy on dispute with Israel over plan to provide water to Lebanese villages from source of river that also supplies Israel.

AS-SAFIR

Israel tightens its stranglehold on Yasser Arafat's compound and Palestinians fear the building may collapse on him; European and Russian condemnation of the siege, but Washington understands Israel's motives.

AN-NAHAR

EU envoy warns all against escalation in south Lebanon, site of the disputed water project.

AL-MUSTAQBAL

France does not oppose a new U.N. resolution outlining the mission of weapons inspectors in Baghdad.

AL-ANWAR

Calm before the storm of limited U.S. strike on Iraq and "terrorist" camps in Lebanon in October or November.

France

Le Figaro

Germany has never lived such a suspense in nation elections whose outcome was more uncertain as last-minute polls found that social-democrat Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder was leading by paper-thin margins over Christian-democrat and conservative challenger Edmund Stoiber.

Le Monde

Big economies sought for solutions to get out of the financial crisis aggravated by scandals of Enron and

Britain

Financial Times

The White House on Friday set out a muscular US foreign policy, signalling its willingness to launch pre-emptive military strikes against perceived dangers posed by tyrant states and terrorist networks.

The Times

Organisations representing almost every school and college in England are

close to agreement on a new qualification because of collapsing confidence in the "gold standard" examination of A-level.

Liberation

One year ago, the explosion of the AZF factory in southern French city of Toulouse killed 30 people. In areas near the factory, residents still suffered from the trauma of the catastrophe. The number of people wounded by the explosion was still unknown.

The Daily Telegraph

A hunt for the killer of Amanda Dowler has been launched after British police identified a body found dumped in woodland as that of the 13-year-old who disappeared six months ago.

Nigeria

This Day

Amid outcry of scarcity of registration materials for the current voters' registration exercise, Nigeria's Independent National Electoral Commission has imported a large consignment of registration materials from South Africa barely 24 hours to the expiration of the 10-day-long exercise.

Vanguard

Nigeria's Independent National Electoral Commission said Friday the registration of voters will not extend beyond Saturday as it also denied claims of selective distribution of registration materials and funds.

The Punch

Rose Doudou Guei, wife of Cote d'Ivoire's slain former military ruler Robert Guei, has been found dead after a mutiny by the armed forces which shook the west African nation Wednesday.

Pakistan

The Dawn

The cabinet on Friday approved the re-organization of the Federal Investigation Agency and assigned exclusive jurisdiction to the National Accountability Bureau to deal with the anti-corruption cases.

The Nation

With keeping the boycott of elections as an open option former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto claimed that her party was sure to win the forth-coming polls if the military regime did not manipulate the electoral process.

The News

Pakistan denied on Friday there was any evidence of a plot to kill President Pervez Musharraf this week, despite a US government statement to that effect.

Kenya

Daily Nation

President Moi on Friday dismissed the demands of teachers, who threaten to go on strike next week, as "unsustainable" and ordered them to report to work on Monday.

East African Standard

Kenya's former army commander Augustine Cheriuyot has been taken

to court for allegedly failing to provide maintenance for his three children who are all minors, whose outcome was more uncertain as last-minute polls found that social-democrat Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder was leading by paper-thin margins over Christian-democrat and conservative challenger Edmund Stoiber.

Japan

Mainichi

Japanese government will check 11 nuclear plants across Japan.

Nihon Keizai

Japanese government is to draw up measures to accelerate bad-loan

write-offs.

Asahi, Nihon Keizai

Japan mulls rice aid to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK).

Yomiuri

Japan, Iran and Qatar reached a basic agreement to allow a Japanese consortium and multinational companies to develop natural gas resources in Iran's Pars South and Qatar's North Field.

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Horoscope

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Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19)
There is something in your life that you keep focusing on, which has long ago exhausted its usefulness. But, you keep thinking you can hang onto it, and it will somehow revive itself. It won't. Instead, it could just be a bomb you are sitting on, and be prepared for it to blow up in your face. Or, do the simpler thing, just let go of it.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20)
It's not just looking at what you say, but taking stock of your behavior and actions. After all, it's what you do that has an impact on your life. It's about really showing yourself, and proving that there is an inside to who you are. It's time to expose that, not for the sake of attention, or hope of feeling better about yourself, but for the sheer practice of it. So that even if no one else knows you've given what was real about you, at least you do.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)
Try checking out something from the past that still needs to be resolved. By revisiting the past, you can actually relive it during a retrograde period. Once you make mends, create a new perspective on the past, and redefine it, you can move on, and the real openings start appearing. You may be pleasantly surprised to find that something from the past, when resolved, actually gains new importance.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)
Make the decision, in advance, to lighten up this week. Too much seriousness can make anyone feel as though they can't go on anymore, without something needing to change. Force yourself to see the humor in life. I bet that if you look back, you'll realize that what you once thought was so acute and overwhelming, seems downright silly, or at least not so important anymore. Spend time laughing instead of crying, just because it will make you feel better.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 22)
You should only bring someone who can pamper your every whim and fulfill all your fantasies, if you know what I mean. If that's not possible, don't settle for less, and just go alone. You can still pamper yourself. And if you can't travel this week, then the same philosophy applies. You deserve the very best of everything and everyone. Don't take anything less. If you're in midst of still finding people who can really give you what you need, go it alone until someone pops up who honors those whims and fantasies. They'll show up.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22)
It's important to use your heart, and listen to its' message. This is scary for you, but believe it or not, your emotional radar will help you to discern how you should respond to a particular situation you are in. You will drive yourself nuts trying to make logic out of it, and use rational thoughts. You will quickly end up at the right conclusion, if you just trust yourself to read the emotional climate of the situation.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)
It's time to tell the truth to someone about something you've been hiding from them. Or maybe you've got more than one person you need to be truthful with...maybe even yourself! Then, you need to take some self-dares. Do things you've been daring to do for a long time now, but keep worrying about how it will effect the people around you. It's your life, you should be able to get as wild and crazy as you like. If it turns others a bit upside down, to see this side of you, don't worry, they'll get used to the new you. A little chaos will be worth the huge payoff.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
You should feel obstacles and barriers begin to lift, once you face a certain loss. Some things need to change, in order for new doors to open. Granted, loss is often associated with sadness and sorrow. But, you know that something new is always waiting to take its place. When you let go and get to this new vantage point, you will be able to reinvent yourself. Should you choose not to let go and move on, you'll never know what was waiting for you next.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
It's time to live by choice, not change. Not that change is bad, but too much change, over and over again, gets you nowhere. You can now take charge of your well-being by making a choice about how you think about yourself and how you truly see yourself. Making healthy choices should be your focus right now, so that you don't have to keep changing all the time.

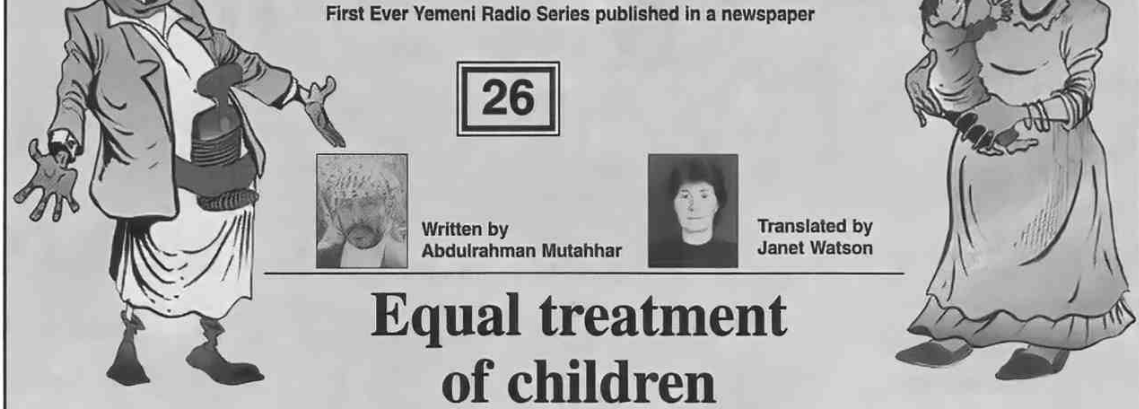
Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
Your brain is laser sharp these days, making it possible for you to accomplish anything you put your mind to. Don't be afraid to trust yourself and take some big risks. The truth is, you see things more clearly than anyone else around you. You really do know the best solution and the most profitable way to get there. You can apply this powerful energy to any part of your life, but pay particular attention to your professional sector.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)
If you believe everything you see and hear, you might be under the impression that everyone else has it figured out and you don't. Quite the opposite. Everyone has an opinion, and lately, people seem to be telling you what they think is best for you. The truth is, they may, if they're lucky, know what's best for themselves, but they definitely don't see the world through your unique eyes. Now, more than ever, trust your instincts to know what is best for yourself. You are very "in tune" at this time, and going it on your own may be your best path.

Places (Feb 19 - Mar 20)
You need to get control of some of the situations in your life, so that you can free yourself up for more fun. There probably isn't anyone out there who is going to literally rescue you and make your problems go away. But your friendship sector is in good shape right now, and you should be able to find someone who can help you figure out a game plan for taking care of those nagging issues. Once you put some of it behind you, you should see a less difficult flow of energy coming your way and things should ease up.

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Equal treatment of children

Ma — Oh Mus'id, if you want to do good in God's eyes and win favor from my family, please go round to my brother's after the mosque this evening, then have supper there and spend the evening.
M — If you're sure your family are going to sell the house and the buyer'll be there, I'll go even if it is after the evening prayer. I reckon my commission will be around 150,000 riyals!
Ma — They're not about to sell the house, so you can get that idea out of your head. The thing is my nephew from my brother's first wife came over last night, and he was really upset about his father.
M — What's that got to do with me? He and his father should make up on their own.
Ma — Yes, I know that, but my nephew was complaining that his father doesn't treat him and his half-brother fairly. He wants you to go over and talk to his father, perhaps he'll come to his senses and realize he should treat his children equally, as we've been told to do by God and His Prophet (PBUH).
M — Peace be upon him and his family and companions. That would be a good thing to do. Between me and you though, Mus'ida, your brother isn't the brightest one of the family. When his new wife came along, she exploited the fact that he's not very clever, and got him to neglect his duties towards his first wife and her son and forget all the time they'd spent together. This is one of the troubles of having more than one wife.
Ma — You're right there, but when the first wife

realized that her husband wasn't treating her properly because of the stupidity and selfishness of her co-wife, she kicked the tenant out of her own house and set up home there. She wasn't going to make trouble for herself.
M — The fact is, Mus'ida, that your brother's first wife is a true gem, but unfortunately he wasn't able to look after his gem properly.
Ma — Exactly. These days no one seems able to tell the difference between a pearl and its shell. As the Yemeni saying goes, "Mix it together, Fagih, it's all ours anyway!" Then that upstart went and ousted the one who belonged, and all the problems have been dumped on that poor son of the first wife.
M — Go on!
Ma — What I mean is that the son of the first wife simply wants his father to treat him and his brother equally. It's not right that he should favor one son over another.
M — You're quite right. You have to treat your children equally in all ways, and that's one of the things our religion teaches us in no uncertain terms. Fathers who aren't fair and who don't follow what their religion teaches them are quite out of order.
Ma — Absolutely! Now go over and talk to my brother. Tell him that he's opened his pocket and his heart to his son from his second wife at the expense of the son from the first wife.
M — What do you mean?
Ma — My brother favors his son from the last wife; he sends him to school, and helps him

get his school certificates through bribery.
M — He may as well feed him knowledge with a wooden spoon, like my grandmother used to spoon-feed children local ghee. He doesn't want to learn, and he doesn't deserve to be educated. It's like sowing seeds in a desert!
Ma — Exactly! But the son from the first wife, who does want to learn, and cries because he wants to go to school, has been forced out of school by his father. The father then went and bought him a battered old dabbab, and told him to go and fend for himself and his mother. He told him not to show his face again, and to get it out of his head that he still had a father.
M — That's wicked. Mus'ida, Islamic scholars tell us that fathers who don't treat their children fairly will have to account for it before God. Also don't forget that treating children unfairly is bound to build up resentment and jealousy between them, and if siblings resent each other you can't expect to have a cohesive society based on trust and love. Anyway, after evening prayer I'll come and pick you up, then we can both go over and give your brother a piece of our mind. And we'll stay put until he sees sense and agrees to treat his children fairly, exactly as we've been taught to do by Islam. Fair treatment of our children is the basis of love and respect within the family, and love and respect within the family is the basis for love and respect within society as a whole. This is something that not only your brother, but all fathers, must get into their heads!

*Reference to different types of grain.

WONDERWORD

by DAVID OUELLET

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

- CLUES**
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| Chandler | Foster | Mechanic | Sycamore |
| Charlton | Franklin | Milk | Tasks |
| Charm | Fuel | Mulberry | Tonic |
| Chatham | Gain | Murray | Trees |
| Chestnut | Goldsberry | Pearl | Tuckerman |
| Clarkson | Goulding | Plastics | Tum |
| Class | Green | Providence | Wachusett |
| Commercial | Hobbs | Races | Warm |
| Cozy | Hunt | Ramps | Washington |
| Crown | John | Rest | Wellington |
| Dean | Lancaster | Safe | West |
| Denny | Lanes | Salisbury | |
| Downtown | Laurel | Shelby | |
| Duty | Leaders | Show | |

WORCESTER, MASS. **Solution: 13 letters**

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ANSWER NEXT WEEK Last Week's Answer: Vision

The Universal Crossword

Edited by Timothy E. Parker

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| 1 Jewish scholar | 45 Juicy fruits | 18 Minerals | 44 Longtime |
| 6 Top reason for traffic jams | 47 Word with ice or roller | 23 Airport posting | Yugoslavian leader |
| 11 Stolen | 48 Word changer | 24 Lenient | 45 Piano piece? |
| 14 Actress | 49 Vow | 25 Attic condition, sometimes | 46 Extract |
| Burstyn | 50 Lyric verse | 26 Italian island | 47 Pinker or harder to find |
| 15 Senseless | 53 Failed | 27 Mixed school | 49 Gumbo essential |
| 16 Time period | 54 Researcher | 28 Female attendant | 50 Wind instrument |
| 17 He may have small arms | 57 Expert | 29 Makes eggs, in a way | 51 Medicine amount |
| 19 Ambience | 58 Make accustomed to | 31 Attempts | 52 Focus group? |
| 20 Embroider | 59 Like a fugitive | 33 Small amount | 55 Dry's associate |
| 21 Grade school snack | 60 Actor Cariou | 34 Admission permit | 56 Cleaning aid |
| 22 Listener | 61 Rose petal oil | 36 Patient | |
| 24 Type of transport | 62 Fencing swords | 37 Steep | |
| 25 Like some periodicals | | 40 Small aperture | |
| 26 Imitates | DOWN | 42 Pretend | |
| 29 News center | 1 Umps kin | | |
| 30 Lounges | 2 Medicinal plant | | |
| 31 Throw | 3 Setback | | |
| 32 Puppy bite | 4 Play favorites? | | |
| 35 Bias | 5 Shoe parts | | |
| 36 Banal | 6 Suffered | | |
| 37 Greek portico | 7 Rescind | | |
| 38 Explain further | 8 Half a bar order | | |
| 39 In need of a shampoo | 9 Like some towns | | |
| 40 Well-versed folks? | 10 Tranquil | | |
| 41 Vermont grove | 11 Personnel recruiter | | |
| 44 Head | 12 Projecting window | | |

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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An Overview of the Demographics and Usage Patterns of Internet Users in Developing Countries: Yemeni Internet Population as a Case Study (Part I)

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This study identifies the demographic profiles of the Yemeni Internet population and scientifically measures and defines their usage patterns, online activities, and interests.

The research answers a number of large questions that have not been answered previously about the Yemeni Internet users. It offers a better understanding of how issues such as poverty, high illiteracy rate, poor telecommunication systems, and lack of institutional support affect the characteristics of Internet users and their online behavior. The study also discusses why a tremendously vast portion of the 17.5 million population is offline. The research is available from helmiOnline.com to all individuals and institutions involved in the development of Internet in developing countries.

Research Methodology

A rigorous methodology in conducting the research was applied to insure the validity of the information collected and the results produced.

Top-down conjectures: The two ISPs in Yemen provided geographical and organizational statistical information. Teleyemen, the ISP which shares 73% of the Internet subscriptions, also provided randomly selected server generated log files of the number and URLs of the sites accessed via their network. These log files were analyzed and significant results were produced.

Bottom-up surveys: A written survey covered 2 segments in Yemen: Internet users and non-users. To make sure that the results reflect the largest possible population of Internet users and non-users, information was gathered from Yemen's main Internet population cities: Sana'a, Aden, Taiz, Hodeidah, and Hadramout. The study aimed at yielding 2000 completed questionnaires from Internet users and 2000 from non-users.

Information was collected from a randomly selected sample of Internet users and non-users. The researchers personally assisted illiterate non-users to fill out the written questionnaire. The yielded results were 2000 from Internet users and 2000 from non-Internet users.

The researchers also conducted interviews with 10 to 20 Internet café operators in the same cities and had them answer an 8-item questionnaire.

By applying this research methodology the study avoided the bias produced by telephone surveys and online questionnaires as **Yemen was not used to giving information** over the phone or filling out forms over the Internet. The fieldwork was conducted from May 15 to June 28, 2002.

The definition of an Internet user is: Anyone who has direct access to the Internet or access through school, work, Internet café or any other venue and who actually has used the Internet in the last 3 months. A non-user is: Anyone who has never used the Internet.

Questionnaire Design

Internet users were given a 27-item questionnaire that covered demographic questions such as gender, marital status, age, education, occupation, and optionally, income.

Detailed questions included primary usage location, length of use, and number of weekly usage hours.

The questions also included PC ownership, whether the user has taken any formal Internet training, and whether he or she has personal Internet subscription.

Other questions included primary purpose of using the Internet, online activities, most used Internet applications, languages of the sites visited, and most used search tools for locating Arabic materials and English materials.

Non-users' 8-item questionnaire covered the same demographic questions mentioned above and were also asked about the reasons why they do not use the Internet and if they intend to go online soon.

Internet café operators were given an 11-item questionnaire that covered the number of Internet workstations available to users, the average daily Internet male and female Internet users, and the most used applications. The operators were also asked to optionally answer a question about the clients' access or attempts to access sex sites.

Major Results

1. Organizational and Geographical Distribution of Internet Subscriptions

- As of July 2002, 60% of the total 11600 Internet subscriptions is owned by the business community and 23% is personal subscriptions. Foreign organizations and expatriates share a relatively large portion (14%) of the total number of subscriptions.

- The lowest penetration rate is among the educational institutions (2%) and the government offices (1%).

- The Internet population is concentrated in 5 large cities with almost 60% in the capital city Sana'a only. This is not surprising given that the percentage of the urban population is only 24.7% of the total population.

2. Major Characteristics of Internet Users:

- The typical Yemeni Internet user is male (86%), single (66%), young (47% are 18 - 24 years old), finished high school (68%), and makes between USD100 and USD200 of

monthly income (43%).

- The very low Internet penetration rate among female Internet users can be attributed to a number of social and economical factors but the high illiteracy rate among adult females in Yemen (74.8) is probably the main factor.

- Internet cafés are the primary Internet access venues for 61% of the Internet population followed by work (24%) and home (13%). Only 2% have access from their schools.

- 14% of the Internet users have personal Internet subscriptions and 25% own PCs.

3. Usage Patterns

Email communication is the number one reason for using the Internet (43%) followed by browsing information (31%) and chatting (24%).

Browsing entertainment sites is the top online activity (45%) followed by browsing news and information about politics (23%) and Islamic sites (19%).

The very low percentage of online academic research (5%) can be attributed to the following main reasons:

1. The Yemeni educational institutions have not integrated the Internet into the education system. Sana'a State University, which has the biggest body of students in the country has not incorporated information technology as an educational delivery tool neither does it have an Internet ready computer network. Some of the private universities, notably the University of Science and Technology, make access to the Internet available to their students as a value added service. However, connectivity in these schools is usually very slow because they depend on sharing dialup accounts via proxy servers.

2. Specialized Internet training for academic research is virtually absent in most of the state and private academic institutions.

3. English, the language of the majority of the research materials published on the Internet, is not widely spoken in Yemen.

Sex

- Even though the two ISPs in Yemen use server based filtering systems to block access to sex and pornography sites, the randomly selected server generated log files indicated that 46% of the entertainment sites are pornography sites.

- Information gathered from the Internet cafés operators - the primary Internet access venues in Yemen - supports this online behavior. 48% of the operators said most of their clients access or try to access sex sites, 31% said some of the clients access or try to access sex sites, 21% said few clients access or try to access sex sites, and only 5% of the operators said their clients never try to access sex sites.

Online shopping

Only 0.5% of the Internet users have ever bought products or services via the Internet. A slightly higher percentage (3%) uses the Internet to find information about products and services.

This extremely low percentage of online shoppers can be explained by a number of reasons including:

1. Very few people in Yemen have credit cards

2. The absence of the culture of buying and selling via the Internet and the sense of insecurity in online shopping.

3. The cost of shipping products to Yemen is usually very high because most of the products are shipped from the US or European markets, the matter which substantially increases the total cost of the products.

4. None of the local businesses has online shops targeting the local market.

Content and Search Tools

aljazeera.net is the main source of news for 62% of the users followed by alawaba.com (27%) and CNN Arabic (4%).

Google.com is the most used search tool to locate both English materials (66%) and Arabic materials (53%). Yahoo.com is the second most used search tool to find English materials (30%) and raddadi.com is the second most used search tool to find Arabic materials (38%).

Analyzing the server-generated log files resulted in the following:

1. aljazeera.net is the most visited Web site.

2. Locally hosted sites account for only 1% of the total number of visited sites

3. 87% of the total visited sites are written in English

4. U.S. based sites account for 78% of the total visited site.

Online Behavioral Gender Differences

Two significant gender differences in online behavior are found. They are:

In addition to dominating the Internet population, Internet male users use the Internet with greater duration. 41% of Internet male users spend 1-5 hours online per week while only 12% of Internet female users spend 1-5 hours online per week. 52% of Internet female users spend 1 hour or less online per week.

More male users started using the Internet earlier than female users. 41% of Internet male users started using the Internet for more than 2 years, compared to only 18% of Internet female users.

4. Why the Offline are Offline

The cost of using the Internet and the cost associated with using the Internet is the reason why 40% of the non-users do not use the Internet.

There are only two ISPs in Yemen. Yeleymen, which started its services in September 1996 and shares 73% of the country's Internet subscriptions, charges approximately 60 cents per hour in its cheapest plan.

The second ISP, YemenNet, which started its services in April 2002, offers a flat rate pricing system. Users pay approximately USD17.00 per month for unlimited access. YemenNet's subscribers can access the service from only two telephone numbers, a restriction used to prevent the sharing of accounts by multiple users. Subscribers of both ISPs pay approximately 34 cents per hour for dialing the Internet access numbers.

Even though these pricing systems are affordable by individuals with high income, most Yemenis find this cost very expensive given that the GNI per capita in Yemen is only US\$370.

89% of the non-users do not own PCs, which makes the cost of purchasing a computer another economic obstacle. A locally assembled PC cost an average of USD600.

Illiteracy is the obstacle for not using the Internet for 26% of the non-users. Illiteracy rate is 32.5% among adult males and 74.8% among adult females.

The inability to speak English is the reason why 15% of non-users do not use the Internet.

17% of male non-users and 5% of female non-users said they intend to start using the Internet soon.

5. Internet Cafés: A Quick Look

Because 61% of Internet users use Internet cafés as their primary access venues, a questionnaire was specifically designed for operators of 60 sample Internet cafés in 5 cities. There are more than 120 Internet cafés in Yemen.

Here are the major outcomes of this part of the study.

An average of 3720 male Internet users and 720 female Internet users use the Internet at Internet cafés each day.

Email is the top online activity at Internet cafés (43%) followed by chatting (32%).

75% of the Internet cafés have a network of 9 to 12 workstations.

6. Conclusion

The Internet population in Yemen is dominated by young male users who use the Internet primarily for electronic communication and are attracted by the entertainment available on the Internet.

Online activities such as academic and scientific research, online shopping and e-commerce, and Internet governmental transac-

tions are either underutilized or virtually non-existent because of the lack of institutional support, low GNI per capita, and poor telecommunication infrastructure.

As in many developing societies, the current Internet penetration rate will continue to be very low because the cost and associated cost of Internet access compete with the cost of basic necessities.

The estimated total number of Internet users in Yemen is 46400 (4 users per 1 Internet subscription). That is only 0.26% of the total population. Any significant growth will be largely limited to the 24.7% urban population. This phenomenon creates an inner digital divide between the online minority and the offline majority in a country which is already on the poor side of the global digital divide.

In addition to the access-based digital divide, content-based digital divide adds another complexity; Yemeni Internet users "consume" extremely more than what they produce of Web based information. On the other hand, as the statistics above indicate, there is very little positive consumption that leads to academic or economic production.

Table 1

Major Characteristics of Yemeni Internet Users	
Sex:	
Male	86%
Female	14%
Marital Status:	
Single	66%
Married	34%
Highest Education Degree:	
High School	68%
BA/BS	28%
MA/MS	3%
Doctorate	1%
No. Formal Education:	
Age:	
18-24 years	47%
25-34 years	36%
35-44 years	7%
Less than 18 years	6%
45 years or more	2%
55-64	1%
65 or more	1%
Profession:	
University student and employed	30%
Managerial	28%
Academic	18%
Professional	8%
University students	8%
Unemployed	5%
Technical	3%
Other	7%
Monthly Income:	
USD100 - USD200	43%
Less than USD100 per month	28%
More than USD300	18%
USD200-USD300	12%
No source of income	5%



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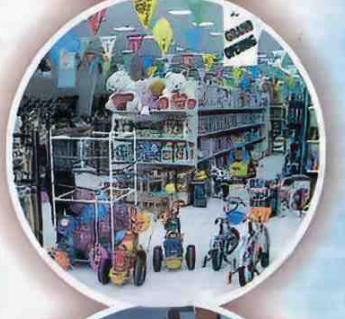
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