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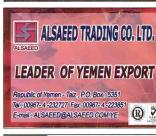
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# US-Yemen efforts continue to track down al-Ahdal, the 2nd most wanted al-Qaeda suspect in Yemen

YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Tribal sources have confirmed on Friday the news on intensive military buildup and operations in various areas in the governorate of Mareb and

Jawf. They claim that those operations are aimed at hunting down the other al-Qaeda elements still at large. Among those wanted men is Mohammed Hamdi Al-Ahdal, also known as Abu Assim.

"The Americans were able to

get one of the two al-Qaeda suspects [Qaed Salim Sunian al-Harethi], now the other needs to look above his head for any approaching planes," a tribal figure said on condition of anonymity.

It was also mentioned that

President Bush has given broad authority to "a variety of people" in his administration to launch attacks like the missile strike that killed al-Harethi, his national security adviser said last week.

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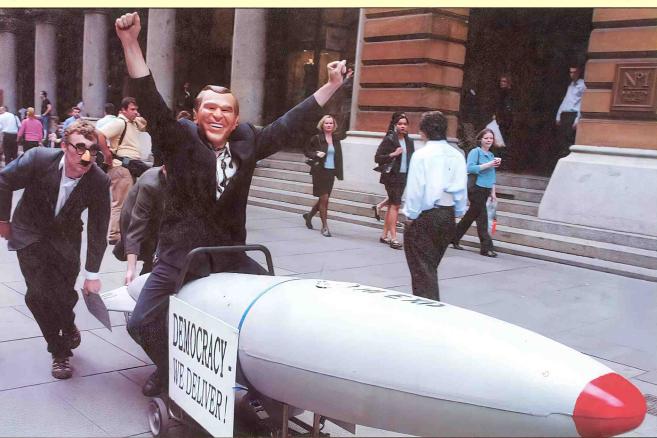
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Most Yemenis believe that the US-strike assassinating 6 Yemenis on November 3, which was authorized by George W. Bush, resembles a dangerous turn in US aggression against Arab nations. Outrage at US policies in dealing with international affairs is extending beyond Yemen and the Arab world. Shown, a protester wearing a George W. Bush mask rides a fake missile during a protest against the Informal World Trade Organization (WTO) meeting in Sydney November 14, 2002. REUTERS/Mark Baker

# 14 al-Qaeda suspects released

By MOHAMMED BIN SALLAM YEMEN TIMES STAFF

SANAA-Executive manager of the National Organization for Defending Rights and Freedoms (NODRF) the lawyer Khalid al-A'nisi said that the Yemeni intelligence organization had set free 14 persons who had been under investigation for alleged links to al-Qaeda organization. He added that more suspects were expected to be released within the coming two weeks.

Mr al-A'nisi told in the past week. Those were legal rights." detained at the Political

Intelligence)", adding that it is expected that another number of detainees would be released in the coming days. They are out of 82 persons the Political Security Organization admits to be detained by it while the actual number is expected to be higher.

A Yemeni parliamentary committee had condemned in a report issued last September the arrest operations that included persons suspected to have links to terrorist organizations. The report mentioned that "the arrest operations were

The report added that the

Security Organization (the authorities did not level charges against any of the arrestees whose number, at the time of issuing the report, amounted to 152, 104 of them detained at the Political Security.

Yemen shows cooperation with the United States in chasing and arresting people suspected of having links to al-Qaeda organization of Usama bin Laden considered as the mastermind of 11 September 2001 attacks.

The CIA had announced its responsibility for killing Qaed Senayan and five of his part-Times "We have been sure that carried out in an illegal way ners on November 3 in Mareb 14 persons have been set free and they were deprived of their governorate as part of an operation of hunting down suspects in Yemen.

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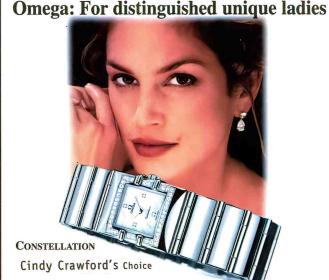
BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

SANAA—The UK government has issued an amendment to its travel advice for UK citizens on Friday advising them to avoid traveling to Yemen. This amendment is similar to that issued in 1999 following the death of three British nationals and an Australian in Abyan as a result of a failed rescue attempt of the kidnapped tourists. The new amendment did not only warn UK citizens against visiting Yemen, but also recommend their leaving the country.

The new travel advice starts by saying "We advise against travel to Yemen, and advise British nationals resident there to consider leaving."

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## TIME

# **Opposition slams Nov 3 US-strike**

SANA'A -The Joint Meeting Parties (JMP) said in a joint statement issued last Monday that the US attack assassinating 6 Yemenis and the official silence of the government represents a clear testimony that national sovereignty was undermined.

The JMP blasted the U.S. missile strike calling it a violation of Yemen's sovereignty.

In the statement, the Islamist Islah Party, the Yemen Socialist Party and the Nasserite Unionist Popular Party also slammed the government silence on the assassinations.

Analysts said the criticism was unlikely to affect the pro-Western government, backed by the ruling General People's Congress which controls parliament, but that it may become an issue in general elections in April 2003.

"Yemen's silence in this regard confirms an official collusion to squander national sovereignty and the blood of Yemenis," said the opposition statement, issued after a meeting in the capital Sanaa.

The six were killed when their car exploded in Yemen's eastern Marib province on November 3. Yemeni authorities refused to comment on the cause of the blast, but U.S. officials said a rocket fired from an unmanned CIA drone was responsible.

The JMP has also called upon the parliament to shoulder its responsibilities more efficiently and express its strong opposition to the government's actions in undermining the country's national sovereignty and condemn Prime Minister Abdulqader Ba Jammal's statements published in the Hayat Arabic daily mentioning that Yemen is not in control of the Bab al-Mandab Strait and Yemeni territorial waters.

# Aden's clubs and tourist sites inspected

BY RADWAN AL-SAQQAF ADEN BUREAU CHIEF

ADEN-During his visit to the Aden governorate last week, President Ali Abdullah Saleh gave his clear orders to form a special committee to operate during the holy month of Ramadhan in investigating any clubs or tourist sites that may be breaking the law by offering illegal drinks or means of prostitution. The President ordered the general attorney to investigate and if needed close any clubs or hotels that violate the law and also bring those responsi-

ble to justice.

Security sources at Aden governorate said that the campaign is underway and is targeting all tourist resorts, hotels, and clubs that are suspected of involvement in unethical practices. "We have already closed down a hotel and a club a few days ago and our mission is going on smoothly," a source at the security forces of Aden said.

The Aden governorate represented by its governor and the security administration has expressed its desire to limit any incidents that could damage Aden's reputation.





### Revenge kills 4 in Jawf

Four people were killed in the Jawf province last Wednesday when an armed group from Bani Nawf tribe, based in Jawf, stopped a car and started shooting at it intensely until all the four men in it were killed.

The car was on its way from Sana'a into the Jawf province.

Tribal sources in the region stated the reason behind the murder was probably tribal revenge between tribesmen from Bani Nawf and others belonging to the Al Ahmed tribe, to which the four killed men belonged.

It was mentioned that Mohamed bin Tessa'ah of the Al Ahmed tribe was accused of killing three tribesmen of Bani Nawf tribe in one of Al Jawf markets. The sources added that the Yemeni government encouraged the slaughtering of

three men of Bani Nawf tribe and granted their killer two cars and five military ranks.

When inquired, the government denied those claims and said that the issue was probably an internal tribal vengeance.

### Oman's 32nd national day marked

Today, Monday November 18, the Embassy of Oman celebrates its thirty second national day in Sanaa. Each year, Oman celebrates the reign of Sultan Qaboos on National Day, 18th November.

Oman has been developing rapidly during the last decade as its economic,

### Damaged supertanker released despite Yemen claim

BRUSSELS (Reuters)- The supertanker damaged by an explosion off the coast of Yemen was handed back to its owner CMB, despite a call by Yemeni government to pay millions of dollars for environmental damages, CMB said.

Belgian shipping group CMB, which owns the French-flagged Limburg supertanker through its French Euronav unit, refused to pay Yemen \$18.5 million in damages caused by oil that spilled out of the tanker's punctured hull in exchange for the release of its vessel.

"It has been solved via a donation to the Yemeni population," Peter Raes, a CMB managing director, told Reuters, adding that the company paid less than five percent of the requested damages to have the tanker released.

On October 6, a blast tore open the side of the supertanker in the Gulf of Aden, killing one crewman and causing an estimated 50,000 barrels of oil to leak into the sea.

Raes said a 1969 international convention held the owner of a vessel responsible for pollution except in the event of war or an act of terror.

human, political, and social development statistics indicate that it is among the fastest growing nations of the world.

At the time he assumed office in 1970, Sultan Qaboos took over a nation in need of a new direction. Many areas needed to be developed: a better schooling system, health care system, sanitary facilities for water purification, housing and communication systems. This new leader knew that to build an infrastructure in his country, he needed to establish political stability first. After he was able to achieve stability, a new wave of reforms started to develop the country in all aspects. Today, Oman stands as one of the most rapidly developing countries of the world and is considered a model for many countries to follow. Through the persistence of its leadership in coping with the new era, Oman was able to adopt to a changing world requiring new strategies and visions to suit the 21 century. Oman has succeeded in its initial developmental goals, and is looking forward to a brighter future.

### Aden Festival 2002

Preparations are currently underway to hold Aden Festival 2002. The festival, which is regarded as the first of its kind in Aden will take place from 8 December 2002 to 2 January 2003 to promote the tourism industry in Yemen in general and Aden in particular.

A host of Yemeni businessmen and investors at both local and international levels will attend and participate in the Aden Shopping Festival 2002.

The festival basically aims at making Aden a real tourist, commercial as well as industrial attraction.

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"The president has given broad authority to a variety of people to do what they have to do to protect this country," national security adviser Condoleezza Rice told the television show Fox News Sunday. "It's a new kind of war. We're fighting on a lot of different fronts." Hence, another similar attack targeting al-Ahdal could not be ruled out.

In harmony with those developments, several military patrols had been stopping vehicles at checkpoints for inspections of weapons and identities throughout the two governorates.

One tribal leader said that Americans had been seen working along with Yemeni military special forces, especially in Marib province.

An Interior Ministry official told the AP that the military operations were part of "new security arrangements" which the government had approved at a Cabinet meeting on Tuesday.

The official added that the Cabinet decided to establish five new "security outposts" in the Jawf governorate, but he would not elaborate.

On the other hand, Sheikh al-Okaimi, the Sheikh of Jawf governorate denied reports the came in the local press mentioning that military units belonging to the special forces started the hunt for al-Ahdal.

Sources have ruled out that he might be hidden in al-Jawf governorate. In a statement to Yemen Times, Sheikh al-Okaimi strongly denied any presence to Abu Assim in al-Jawf governorate and the news of the deployment of military forces in his governorate. "Abu Assim has never been seen or found in the al-Jawf governorate," he said.

Al-Okaimi refuted the allegations by Shiekh Al-Shaef, who said that members of al-Qaeda network were behind the attack on his house. "The attackers are a group of tribesmen belonging to his own tribe named Aal Asha'abi," he said.

Those developments followed the November 3 attack by a U.S. Hellfire missile in Marib governorate killing six people, including al-Harethi. The move was slammed by the Yemeni opposition parties and was criticized by officials including Brigadier General Yahya M. Al Mutawakel, the deputy secretary general for the ruling People's General Congress party. Al Mutawakel told the Christian Science Monitor that the attack resembled a clear example "why we are reluctant to work closely with them." He said, "They don't consider the internal circumstances in Yemen. In security matters, you don't want to alert the enemy."

However, other than the statement of Al Mutawakel, no official response in the form of condemnation or any other reaction was expressed by the authorities.

Citing "informed sources," Newsweek magazine said Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh gave the United States permission for such attacks but was angered when the hit was leaked to the press.

CIA officials were also angry and concerned that the leak, which they traced to the Pentagon, would discourage other countries from allowing such strikes within their borders, Newsweek reported.

### **Britons warned of coming to Yemen**

Following recent developments, including the terrorist bombing of a night club in Bali on 12 October, UK nationals world-wide, and specifically in Yemen, should be aware of the risk of indiscriminate attacks on civilian targets in public places, including tourist sites."

The UK Foreign Office added, "In view of the heightened threat of ter-

rorism against Western interests in Yemen, we have decided to amend our travel advice."

The earlier UK warning was eased a few months ago after many months passed without major kidnapping incidents. But nevertheless, the new travel advice will certainly have a negative effect on the flow of British tourists and businessmen to Yemen.

### **KLCC** inaugurate its branch in Yemen

Khaled Menibari-KLCC is a leading company in international trade in the sector of children clothing.

As part of its prominent and wellestablished international chain, a new branch in Sanaa has been inaugurated today, Monday November 18 in the presence of a host of prominent figures and businessmen. KLCC is affiliated to the branches of the Khaled Menibari in the world.

Several high quality child clothes are to be exhibited to the public. During the inaugural ceremony, a number of gifts and prizes will be given away to the visitors.







# Course on limiting use and trade of light arms

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

SANA'A- A regional course for nongovernmental organizations was concluded last week in Amman for regulating the misuse of light weapons in the

The Republic of Yemen was selected as the regional center for the international network to end the trade and use of light weapons in the Arabian Peninsula.

The Human Right Information and Training Center (HRTIC) was assigned the duty to promote this cause in Yemen. Among the organizations that attend-

ed the course besides HRTIC, were the

Organization for Defending Rights and Freedoms NODRF.

Unlike other countries in the region, including Jordan, Yemen has been suffering from the regular use and trade of light weapons among citizens in all parts of the country. This has resulted in many violent conflicts that resulted from tribal revenge, kidnappings, etc. Yemen is in urgent need to reactivate a stalled disarmament campaign that could potentially reduce the incidents that result from the misuse of light arms and bring stability to the country.

The course was attended by a remarkably high number of attendees representing civil society organizations and representatives from Yemen's Ministry of Interior.

Several working papers were presented revolving around the impact of outdated traditions that command the carrying and use of light arms.

Mr. Ezz Addeen al-Asbahi, Chairman of HRTIC was nominated as the regional general coordinator for this purpose.

Participants have expressed their deep appreciation for this nomination and wished Mr. Ezz Addeen well in implementing a long-term strategy in spreading awareness of the need to tackle the problem of the use and trade of light arms in the Republic of Yemen.

# Pesticides problem discussed

By Yaser al-Mayasi YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Officials at the Ministry of Agriculture told Yemen Times on Tuesday that during this month, Yemen will be destroying around 220 tons of soil polluted by toxic waste. Samples of the polluted soil will be sent to special laboratories in Netherlands for inspec-

According to the ministry, those

wastes were buried in Wadi Sardod of Hodeidah in 1983 by an American company. In 1992 the ministry in cooperation with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) discovered 30 tons of highly toxic waste in one of Sardood farms. The statistics revealed that the polluted area is around 200 square meters in area and 2 meters in thickness. The ministry believes that there is about 1000 cubic meters of polluted soil of

which 300 cubic meters are highly polluted. The Ministry of Agriculture said that it holds the American company that buried the waste without informing the Yemeni government accountable for the damage it had caused to the soil. However, Yemen could not file a lawsuit against the company because it was not found on the list of all American agricultural companies currently operational.

# IT illiteracy training course kicks off

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

SANA'A- A training course in the field of administrative archiving is kicked off in Sanaa last Monday at the Yemeni Club for Information and Technical Education.

The training course, which will end on November 28, aims at promoting techniques to collect, gather and maintain information through providing the trainees with basic skills and vocational knowledge in the field of applying documentary procedures.

"Administrative archiving can be used effectively through mapping out a unified criterion and taking part in eradicating IT illiteracy through the use of modern technology with the aim of coping with state-of-the-art skills," Mohammed Ali Rajeh, the General Manager of the Yemeni Club for Information and techni-

In order to benefit scientifically as well as technologically from the training course, a host of eminent professors have been selected to teach the trainees. Among these professors is Dr. Mohammed Salman Ali, a professor in library science, docu-Sana'a University, Dr. Raja

Assalaily, an international expert in documentation and information, Mr. Mohammed Ali Rajeh, the General Manager of the Yemeni Club for Information and Technical Education and the Chairman of the Information Foundations Division and Mr. Sami Ali al-Khowlani from the National Information Center.

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Trainees trained in the context of administramentation and information at tive archiving and IT illiteracy.

approaches have been dealt with specifically in the context of administrative and material archiving, the notion of classification, files administration, automatic documentation, preparing documentary database and use of Internet.

The training course aims at training those who work in archiving documents and information in different public as well as the private institutions and organ-

# New Arab human rights charter requested

By Fahmia al-Fotih YEMEN TIMES STAFF

In response to the Arab League's invitation to all Arab countries to provide recommendations on ways to modernize the Arab Charter for Human Rights, Sister Arabic Forum for Human Rights (SAF) and Human Rights Information and Training Center (HRITC) organized a discussion session for this very purpose.

Amal al-Basha Head of the SAF, Eizz Addin al-Asbahi Chairman of the HRITC and the well-known Sudanese human rights activist Dr. Mohammed al-Attaieb along with a number of parliament members, lawyers, human rights activists and media persons attended the session and enriched it with their participation.

Ms. Al-Basha told Yemen Times that all the concerned government and nongovernment organizations should participate in the modernization efforts of

the Arab Charter in a way that conforms to our culture and creed and go along with the international conventions for human rights. She added that the session was an initiative and attempt by SAF and HRITC to eventually come up with a true vision to pro-



mote human rights in the Arab world. She pointed out that they are surprised that the Yemeni government didn't comment on the articles in the Arab League Charter that hideously violate human rights in the absence a unified Arab Court that is supposed to violating countries. "So Yemeni government should put in consideration all the civil institutions comments and notes on Arab Charter for Human Rights" she commented.

She hoped that Arabs could come up with mechanisms that guarantee the rights of Arab citizens in practicing all their rights and protect them.

The participants criticized the Arab countries' charters that lack proper democracy and multi-party systems and asked to form an Arab network to exert pressure on the Arab leaderships to avoid further deterioration in their human rights

It is worthy to mention that this session is an introduction to a forthcoming seminar to be held in December, which will be the month in which each country will submit its

## Sheraton - Sana'a Layali hosts VIP's

Sheraton Sana'a Hotel organized last Tuesday an Iftar reception to commemorate the holy month with their customers and dignitaries of the city. The event was organised in the "Layali Tent" of the Sheraton and was attended by Ambassadors, Senior Executives, Businessmen, Media and other digni-

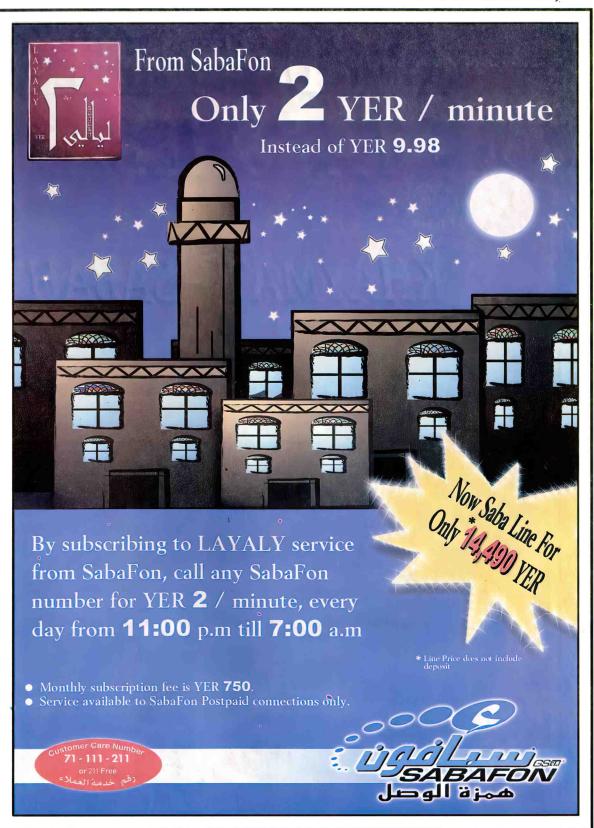
"Layali Tent" has been decorated in luxurious Middle Eastern settings and is the venue of lavish Iftar buffets daily

with cuisines of Arabia, special Ramadan beverages, evening entertainment with SAS band & singer, aromatic shishas and a whole lot more. Guests can relax and enjoy their favorite programs on the big screen while playing board games or enjoying their favorite food from the menu. "Layali Tent" is operational till late night and is an ideal choice this Ramadan to visit with your friends, family or business associates.



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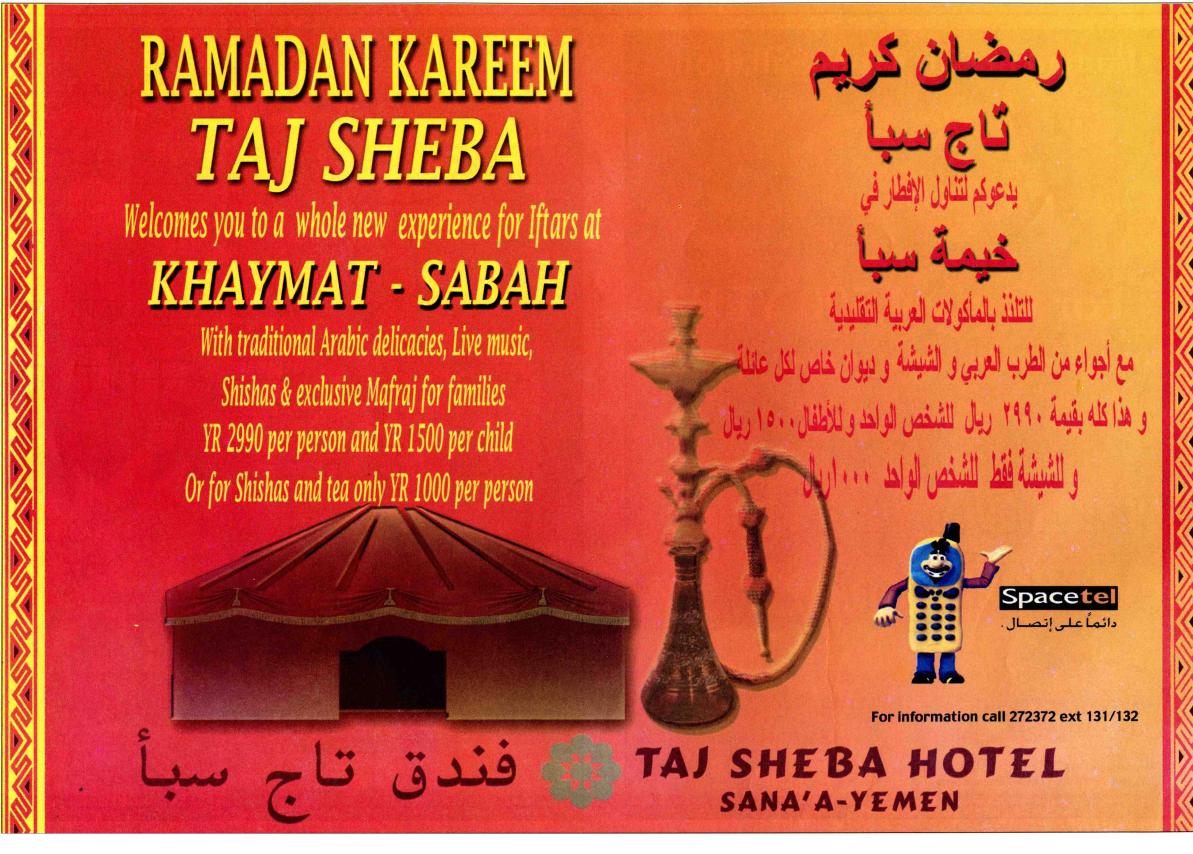
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At a time when international relations specialists are struggling to define the new type of power exerted by the USA - hyper power, neo-imperialist or globally hegemonic - this paper will attempt to describe how this international order operates at country level by taking examples from the Middle East and African regions.

The first questions to be asked is whether the internal political relationships are modified, or more bluntly are there new winners and losers ? Second, we can ask about the regional configurations, relations between neighboring states and the relevance of regional groupings. Globalization was once described to be the triumphant march of both free market principles with generalized free trade and democratic contagion. As the priority is now set on reinforcing states and their cooperation against terrorism the paper will assess the price of the trade

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The Dialogue of Cultures: the Reach and Limit of a Concept

The analysis of international tensions and conflicts from the bias of a culturalist, or religious, or a fortiori civilizational perspective, often masks a refusal or an inability to understand these conflicts or these acts of resistance as in their essence mundanely political. Furthermore, however necessary these efforts towards cultural or religious 'rapprochement' may be, the world is in need today of mechanisms

capable of guaranteeing a better redistribution of political resources...that is to say a higher degree of international justice. This equilibrium appears as the necessary precursor of a cultural rapprochement, without doubt also contributing to the resolution of conflicts, but not as a substitute for it.

Within these strict limits, the role of this 'dialogue of cultures' remains nonetheless important. Still it is necessary to delimit the field of action: first of all, one should not confuse oneself with an inter-religious dialogue whose recent history has shown its narrow limits. A wish to reduce the gap between dogmas makes in fact little of the strong identity coefficient that overlays a religious belonging, and little of the difficulty in a 'believer' making, without renouncing his faith, concessions other than formal to another 'believer'

The intercultural dialogue may in contrast be brought into play more use-

"The decision taken by President Bush to establish an axis of evil...has deeply polarised the international community."

fully to reveal the ideological character of the claim of 'specificity' that, in the matter of values this time, the representatives of different civilizations, be they oriental or occidental, still frequently persist in enunciating.

We defend here the idea that cultural diversity limits itself in reality to the world of material symbols (references, historical or mythical, profane or reliemploy to legitimize their values, but itself. This symbolic diversity of practices, rites and references is however regularly extrapolated, wrongly, to establish the existence of more substantial differences

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which serve to identify and segregate the civilizations as distinct. not simply in their practices, but also in their values.

This confusion is not recent and its consequences are multiple. From this mistaking of Kamal Ataturk making access to

modernity conditional on the wearing of a certain kind of European cap to the current reticence of certain western environments towards the wearing of the Hijab in European schools; or the frequent tendency among believers to deny the existence of a humanistic common denominator transcending religious belongings, the blockages, analytical and political, through which emerge this confusion between 'the substance of the values' and the 'symbolic references used to legitimize these values' are numerous. It is to this very ambitious task of unveiling them and denouncing them, in identifying the countless ways in which dogmas and doctrines have to deny the culture of the other the ability to express a universal reference, that an effective dialogue of cultures should be able to couple itself.

Dr Udo Steinbach, Germany

World Politics and the Struggle against Terrorism : A Critical Assessment

September 11th, 2001, has made

gious, of the group) that the cultures fight against terrorism the number one issue of world politics. Warfare is no which do not embody these values longer primarily defined as war between states, but between the "civilized world" and its enemies.

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international comislamist forces in munity is concerned there are deep differences how to define and

how to deal with terrorism. While the Muslim world insists on solving the regional conflicts and crisis (mostly the Palestinian problem), out of which terrorism arises, the Europeans would like to involve the UN.

The decision taken by President Bush to establish an axis of evil and to resort to unilateral action to bring about a change of regime in Baghdad has deeply polarized the international community. The EU, although far from being unanimous, is moving towards a scheme of European defence and security as distinct from NATO. In this context, not only relations with Russia, but with the Middle East have to be reconsidered. In view of overcoming unilateralism by the US, the EU has to transform its economic weight into schemes of political cooperation involving Russia and the Middle East in order to give substance to its claim to be part of a multipolar global system of powersharing.

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where the situation is politically bad for the US with the rise of a very fundamentalist and openly pro-Taleban majority in the NWFP and Balutchistan. The regional environment is less stable than a year ago and nothing is showing a marginalization of the islamist forces in Central Asia.

In a larger perspective, the invasion of Iraq would probably have the same sort of effect. A quick military victory and a very instable political situation with the same risk of an indefinite American military presence in hostile territory. For the American power the risk is a military overstretch and a popular reject.



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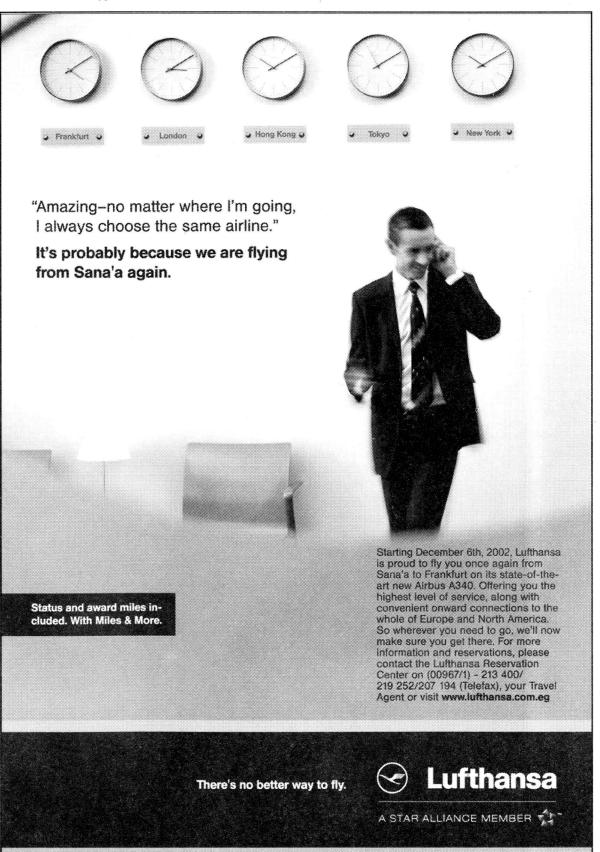
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### Sheikh Naji Abdulaziz Shaef to Yemen Times:

# "Al-Qaeda terrorism started in Yemen 18 years ago when Osama wanted to allure a tribal prominent Shiekh in my area..."

heikh Naji Abdulaziz Shaef, 62, is one of the prominent Sheikhs of Bakeel tribe, the largest tribe in Yemen. He is one of the revolutionary figures in the history of modern Yemen. He defended the revolution and the republican system since the outburst of the revolution in 1962. He spared no efforts to prevent smuggling and other types of negative phenomena in his tribal region.

Since the outbreak of the revolution, Shaef was able to gain the trust and admiration of his tribesmen and Yemenis due to his heroic deeds during the modern history of Yemen.

Yemen Times reporter Mohammed bin Sallam met with Sheikh Naji and filed the following interview:

### Excerpts:

Q: Can you explain the recent attack against your house in Sana'a and the earlier attack in Barat?

A: My house was attacked in al-Jawf by the so-called Ghailan Bin Qaed al-Qasemi and Noman Bin Naji Bin Saeed Ashabi. All of them belong to Aal Katan and Thu Hussein Tribe. Various heavy and light weapons were used in the attack.

Moreover, during last September, my house in Barat was also attacked without even knowing the reasons behind it.

At the end of October, another attack was carried out against my house in Sana'a. But thankfully, my family members and bodyguards weren't hurt

The gunmen bombarded the upper

floor of house with rocket-propelled grenades late at night.

### Q: How did you react to the

A: The attackers were chased to al-Hazm checkpoint in al-Jawf governorate by my bodyguards and then by security forces.

The attack ended in the killing of Abdullah Bin Saleh who was said to have been killed by the attackers them-

Then, the attackers sought refuge and restored to Shiekh Ameen al-Okaimi for protection and prevented the policemen to arrest them.

But, they were chased by my bodyguards until they sought protection at their homes and villages in Barat. They remained under siege for 4 days.



Sheikh Naji Abdulaziz Shaef

Afterwards and in response to President Ali Abdullah Saleh's directives, I ordered my bodyguards to allow the security forces to take over and try to capture the attackers.

So far however, none of them were

### Q: Why did the attackers attack your house? Do they have any political affiliation?

A: First and foremost, I want to emphasize that there are no individual discrepancies between me and the attackers as persons. They were incited by the al-Qaeda terrorist network where they have been part of for about 10 years. The attack was a direct consequence of our continuous anti-terror

efforts against those groups.

### Q: For how long have you been combating these groups?

A: It is undeniable that our stance against these groups has been solid for a long period of time. Just as we opposed the socialist, al-Ba'ath and Nassarite movements during the pre and post-unification period, we also expressed our strong stances against the second Gulf War, the September 11 terrorist attacks, the USS Cole incident and the explosion of the French supertanker Limburg.

Our solid stance by our principles has resulted in an increasing number of

We totally reject all kinds of terrorist acts, which totally contradict with the spirit of Islam. True Muslims are not killers, bandits, or irritators,

### Q: So, what is your advice to those alleged al-Oaeda members?

A: I call upon them to be moderate and return to the Holy Qura'an and Sunnah (Muslim law, based on words and acts of prophet Muhammad, peace be upon to him). The Qura'an and the Sunnah are the main sources of legislation that should be depended on.

This is the suitable solution for dealing with non-Muslims in order to guarantee the mutual interest and good cooperation without damaging others' interests whatever their religious affili-

Despite the variety of races and com-

munities living in the four corners of the world, we as humans need to come together under the same roof. We are in need of each other. Disagreement and instability anywhere on the plant could potentially harm the security of all

### Q: How do you view the attitude of the Arab and world leaders towards the current global developments?

A: I truly appreciate our president's strenuous efforts and his leading role along with his Arab counterparts towards peace and security in the region. I also appreciate the role played by Saudi Arabia, the US administration, and the European community in combating terrorism.

We hope that they will unify their stance and determine the correct notion of terrorism for the sake of the whole community. This will enable them to avoid further terrorism that may occur as a result of these terrorist groups.

We are looking for communities that can enjoy stability and security a way from extremism, disunity, malice and hatred. We are in need of equal relationships based on the proper thought along with discarding the religious, ethnic and ancestral biases.

### Q: When do you think did Osama bin Laden's activities start in

A: Al-Qaeda terrorism started in Yemen 18 years ago when Osama wanted to allure a tribal prominent Shiekh in my area called Afraj bin Mohammed Hadhban. He was allured by a number of cars and an amount of money estimated at USD 1.5 million in order to conduct terrorist operations in our area. But Afraj was a wise man and was never persuaded to revolt against me or against his own people. This is what Afraj told me two years ago.

Despite the fact that al-Qaeda's hates us and hates all those who oppose terrorism, we have made every effort to give them pieces of advice to discard their aberrant behaviors.

### Q: Rumors say that your relations with your brothers in Saudi Arabia and others living there have deteriorated. How do you respond to such

A: I want to emphasize that Yemen and Saudi Arabia are the prime targets of terrorism and this is known to all. Concerning my relations with our brothers in the Saudi Arabia, they are undoubtedly strong and solid. What has been rumored is groundless. This has been done to cause mere trouble to our unique bilateral relations.

### Q: Any last comment?

A: We thank God that the latest difficulties and incidents have deepened our understanding and made us know who our true friends or foes are.

I hope that the nation of Islam becomes united in order to be dignified in the future.

### **National Committee for Woman:**

# Challenges & future

BY: MUJAHED AL MUSSA'ABI YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Founded in 1996, the National Committee for woman has proved women's successful participation in the development of the society in Yemen through its different activities and contributions to local or international functions.

"The main objectives of the NCW is to assist women practicing their rights, supporting women's issues, qualifying Yemeni women through different training courses and offering help to eradicate women's illiteracy especially in the rural areas" said Ms Muna Al Harethi, Coordinator of the Sana'a governorate at the NCW.

She confirmed in a brief statement to the Yemen Times that woman could prove high efficient performance in different public or civil organizations. On women's political participation, Ms Muna said "I think the political leadership has given women good opportunities to take part in the political life and the woman's attendance in different ministries is quite reasonable".

In spite of the fact that the Yemeni constitution guarantees women's rights similar to men specially in the political field, the Research and Studies Center indicated that women's participation in the local councils election of 2001 was very low.

Only 35 seats, out of 6676, were occupied by women and some still believe that parties had supported women to vote in the last elections by granting them more opportunity as voters than as candidates.

"That's not very true. There are certain social traditions which may deprive Yemeni women of full participation, besides the lack of awareness and social acceptance for women. In fact there are complicated factors and these are the challenges the Yemeni women are facing. I hope the future will be better"



Ms. Noria

Shuga'a Addeen

Al Hareth

Muna AL Harethi concluded. Ms. Noria Shuga'a Addeen, partici-

pants coordinator and head of governorates coordinators:

"We have concentrated on eradicating and supporting rural women who suffered a lot from illiteracy, negligence and social suppression and violence. We have now 19 women coordinators to work in 19 governorates on woman issues. Within the NCW activities is conducting number of studies and on woman affairs to enhance woman's role in the community along with male partners." Said

She indicated to the limited view towards women and violence against women which can expand to many aspects of life "We live in an oriental community in which the man refuses to help and share his wife sometimes at home for instance. So we still need more time and awareness to achieve the required change for the best". Noria indicated.

About the ambitions of the NCW in the future said the head of coordinators "We are looking for bringing woman towards decision-making authority. We are looking for better qualification and training for the Yemeni women. These ambitions cannot be achieved without others' support and adequate finance as well as full awareness of the society towards women's role in the democratic Yemen." Noria concluded.

# Symposium on Zakah and its social role

### BY MOHAMMED BIN SALLAM YEMEN TIMES STAFF

A symposium entitled, "Zakah and its Social Role" was held at the Strategic Studies Center last Tuesday.

The symposium was attended by a host of religious scholars and experts from Yemen, Sudan and Iran.

Zakah (the compulsory divine tax in Islam) is aimed at taking limited percentages of the rich's wealth to the poor and hence bridging the gap between them to a certain extent.

Different working papers were presented on Zakah and its role in fighting poverty and unemployment within the framework of the Yemeni community. The symposium concluded that this could only be achieved by establishing social equity and stability at grass root levels.

The fact that great emphasis was given to the significance of giving Zakah to the needy in the Islamic communities during the different Islamic eras was highlighted.

In his working paper, Dr. Mohammed al-Afandi, the Chairman of the Strategic Studies Center talked about the role of Zakah in today's Yemen.

"Today, Zakah's role is limited and incapable of achieving social equity due to the incapability of the government's mechanisms and policies in fighting poverty and unemployment. The current Zakah legislation is considered to be mere revenue-generating similar to other revenues included in the articles and chapters of the general budget of the state (such as revenues from tax, custom, etc.)

Zakah has not been considered as an independent revenue, and that is why it is difficult to determine those who benefit from the revenues of the Zakah including almsman and women, the needy and the poor." he

Dr. Afandi criticized the traditional methods of collecting Zakah and inability to generate new structures that could prevent delay of Zakah col-

"The absence of strategic vision to develop the role of Zakah economically as well as socially has negatively reflected itself upon the almsgivers' conducts and their preferences to redistribute Zakah to the needy and the poor considering Zakah given to the state as taxes because it doesn't serve the ultimate aim that was set for," the working paper said.

Dr. Afandi indicated further that the mechanisms used for redistributing Zakah by the Social Care Fund among the poor and the needy are stagnant and inflexible. That is due to the mal-redistribution of amounts of money in this regard.



# Israel sends armoured VACANCY vehicles into Hebron

(Reuters) - Armored vehicles poured into Hebron on Saturday in the first sign of Israeli retaliation for a Sabbath ambush of Jewish settlers in Hebron that killed 12 Israelis.

Defence Minister Shaul Mofaz was holding consultations with the chief of staff and other security officials to discuss the extent of Israel's reaction which security sources said would not end with the armored incursion.

Ultra-nationalists in the caretaker cabinet that Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is leading ahead of January 28 elections view settlers as their core constituency and are pushing for a tough response. The ambush of settlers as they returned to the adjacent settlement of Kiryat Arba after Sabbath prayers in Hebron was the deadliest attack in the West Bank city since the start of the Palestinian uprising two years ago.

Settler security and soldiers who rushed to the aid of the settlers were cut down by heavy gunfire along the narrow route between the Palestinian city and Kiryat Arba that Israelis call "Worshippers Way."

The Islamic Jihad group claimed responsibility for the attack, saying it was payback for Israel's killing of one of its military leaders a week ago. Three Palestinian gunmen were killed in the gunbattle with Israeli security forces.

The attack and the expected Israeli retaliation threatened to set off a new round of violence despite U.S. calls for restraint as it prepares for military action in Iraq.

The United Nations and France urged Israel not to launch a massive operation against the Palestinians.

But Public Security Minister Uzi Landau, a hawkish member of Sharon's Likud party, said that the government should eliminate Arafat's Palestinian Authority and the Islamic militant

ist infrastructure and that means destroying the Palestinian Authority and the Islamic militant Hamas group, extracting from them a heavy price," Landau said on Saturday.

One Israeli option under consideration, although seen as unlikely, is expelling Palestinian President Yasser Arafat, a move promoted by Foreign Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

"The question of expelling Arafat is being examined almost hourly," Dov Weissglass, the top official in the prime minister's office, told Israel radios, adding that Sharon did not feel the timing was right for such a move.

Calls from abroad for Israeli restraint The U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, Sergio Vieira de Mello, condemned the Hebron attack, urging Israel to respond "in a measured manner in accordance with international law."

French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin urged Sharon "not to give in to the temptation of massive retaliation which plays into the hands of those who committed these terrible attacks."

Netanyahu said he expected the world to "back any action that Israel decides to take against the Palestinian Authority and its leader Arafat in order to protect the lives of its citizens."

At dawn on Saturday, soldiers rounded up about 40 Palestinians and loaded them blindfolded onto buses and demolished the home of one of the gunmen's relatives, Hebron residents said.

The Palestinian Authority had no official response to the attack, but Minister Saeb Erekat called on the international Quartet - that includes the U.S., U.N., the European Union and Russia — to complete a peace plan so that the sides could resume negotiations and stop fighting.

"More Israeli incursions, more Israeli



Israeli soldiers prepare themselves outside the West Bank city of Hebron November 16. Palestinian gunmen ambushed Jewish settlers walking home from Sabbath prayers at the Tomb of the Patriarchs on Friday killing at least 12 people in the deadliest attack on Israelis in Hebron in two years of vio-REUTERS

attacks, more Israeli bombardments will be only adding fuel to the fire," Erekat told Reuters.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, who described the Friday assault "despicable," called on "all Palestinian groups to stop all such acts of senseless violence". "There was shooting everywhere," Arik, an Israeli who survived the ambush, told Army Radio. "It was like fireworks on Independence Day...It was a slaughter."

The Jewish community of Hebron planned a protest demonstration in response to the attack, and military commanders voiced concern about possible vigilante acts of revenge.

The 450 Jewish settlers that live in

Hebron amidst 120,000 Palestinians are considered among the most extreme in the West Bank.

Settlers living on occupied land Palestinians want for an independent state have been frequent targets during an uprising in which at least 1,663 Palestinians and 639 Israelis have been killed. The international community regards settlements as illegal but Israel

The Hebron shrine where the settlers had worshipped before the attack is the traditional burial place of biblical patriarchs holy to Jews and Muslims. In 1994, settler Baruch Goldstein shot dead 29 Arab worshippers in a mosque

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### **Financial Management Officer**

I. General Functional Areas of the Project Financial **Management Officer** 

The Project Financial Management Officer will work within the Financial Affairs department and under his supervision will head the financial management function for the IDA credit and supervise the work of the accountants assigned to work on the credit's accounts. He/she will ensure that a proper financial management system is in place, with appropriate internal control and records and books of accounts; that these are reliable, timely, and in accordance with the generally acceptable accounting principles and government regulations; and that other reports as needed are maintained and prepared on a timely basis, communicated to the appropriate users and properly filed at the CMT.

### The Project Financial Management Officer's basic functions will be as follows:

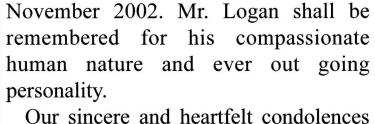
- The installation and supervision of all accounting records of
- The preparation and interpretation of the financial statements and reports of the credit.
- Insurance and review of the internal control system in the Financial Affairs Department for the credit. He/she will regularly review the internal control system to ensure those appropriate mechanisms, procedures and systems are in place.
- The initiation, preparation and insurance of standard practices related to all accounting matters and procedures and the coordination of systems throughout the project, including clerical and office methods, records, reports and procedures.
- The compilation of all project activities and the credit's operating costs.
- The preparation and interpretation of all statistical records and reports of the credit.
- The preparation of the budget of the project and consideration of that of the total project in conjunction with the Head of the Financial Affairs Department, and other concerned parties, and government counterparts, reflecting an annual plan covering all activities of the project for review by the Vice-Minister of Higher Education, for submission to the Steering Committee for review and approval prior to the beginning of the fiscal year.
- The maintenance of adequate records of authorized appropriations and the determination that all sums expended pursuant thereto are properly accounted for.
- The ascertainment currently that financial transactions covered by minutes of the Steering Committee are properly executed and recorded.
- 10. The maintenance of adequate records of all procurement and consultants' contracts.
- 11. The verification of payments, to ensure that the expenditures have been properly authorized and approved and that it has been budgeted for as per budget and/or as authorized from time to time by the Steering Committee.
- 12. The verification on a regular basis of the petty cash expenditures to ensure that these are properly authorized and recorded with all supporting documents.
- 13. Manage the cash balances to ensure the efficient use of funds. Work with the head of Financial Affairs Department on the prudent cash management to ensure maximum return as permitted by the Bank and government regulations.

### **II. Qualifications**

- A minimum of seven years of private sector financial management experience preferably with an auditing or accounting firm.
- A minimum of a Master's degree in financial management, accounting or auditing, with an understanding of procurement.
- The ability to translate planned activities into concrete budgets and establish standard unit costs and report on and analyze them for the purpose of recommending improvements in operations.
- Proficiency in both Arabic and English is a must.
- The ability to supervise accounting and other financial functions and report financial information usable to the various stakeholders, government, Bank and auditors.
- The ability to supervise accounting works and motivates others to achieve positive actions and results.
- Familiarity with computers, accounting and other software applications.

All applications along with a detailed resume should be submitted by November 30, 2002 to the following address:

> Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research **Vice-Minister Office Higher Education Project Amman Street** Sana'a



Armed Jewish settlers walk near the scene of an attack in the West Bank city

of Hebron November 16. Palestinian gunmen ambushed Jewish settlers

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to all his near and dear ones.

May his soul rest in peace.

# **Kuwait arrested senior** al Qaeda member:Paper

Kuwait has arrested a senior al Qaeda member who allegedly identified those behind last month's attack against a French supertanker off Yemen, a Kuwaiti newspaper said.

Al-Qabas daily said in an advance copy of its Sunday edition sent to Reuters on Saturday that the Kuwaiti suspect, identified only as Mohsen F., headed Qaeda operations in the Arabian peninsula and was in touch with the militant network's operatives in Saudi Arabia and Yemen.

Kuwaiti officials were not immediately available to comment.

A security source told al-Qabas that Kuwaiti authorities had passed information obtained from Mohsen to the United States and France one week ago. This included the names of two men who allegedly planned the October 6 attack on the tanker Limburg, which gutted the ship and killed one crewman.

It was not clear if Mohsen, who was born in 1981, was the high-ranking unidentified al Qaeda leader who U.S. government sources said on Friday had been captured in the past week or so and was in U.S. custody.

The paper did not say when Mohsen was arrested.

Washington blames Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda network for last year's September 11 hijacked jet attacks on U.S. cities.

The security source told al-Qabas that one of the men named by Mohsen was also allegedly involved in the 2000 suicide bombing of the U.S. warship Cole in Aden harbour that killed 17 U.S. sailors.

"Mohsen also confessed that he had prepared with his group a plan to carry out a suicide attack on a hotel in (the Yemeni capital) Sanaa with American guests," the source said.

Mohsen allegedly said he had received a call four months ago about ation", the source said, and that \$127,000 had been transferred from Kuwait to Saudi Arabia and then

Al-Qabas said Mohsen was arrested at his house after close monitoring of 10 mobile telephone numbers he had been using.

Yemen is the ancestral home of Saudi-born fugitive bin Laden. Six al Qaeda members were killed in Yemen in a rocket attack by a CIA drone plane earlier this month.

U.S. government sources have declined to name the operative captured recently but said he was in the top dozen and ranked him similar to Abu Zubaydah who is one of the most senior members of al Qaeda in cus-

The Federal Bureau of Investigation said in a bulletin dated Thursday that al Qaeda may be plotting "spectacular" attacks inside the United States.

# Sudan peace talks due to close, deal expected

MACHAKOS, Kenya, Nov 16 (Reuters) - The latest round of Sudan peace talks between rebels and the government was due to close on Saturday, with both sides hopeful of reaching agreement on how to share power in a post-war Sudan, mediators

The Khartoum government and rebels of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), at war for the past 19 years, have been meeting in Kenya to try to build on a framework peace deal signed in July.

"We expect the sides to have reached a final compromise before the end of the day, as this is the last day here," Kenya's envoy to the talks Lazaro Sumbeiywo, told Reuters in the town of Machakos."So far the talks are going smoothly."

The deal in July was a major breakthrough. Khartoum agreed to a referendum on secession for the south and that Islamic sharia law should not be applied in the south, where many people practise Christian or animist reli-

The current round of negotiations has tackled power-sharing and wealthsharing, and sources close to the talks said they expected a framework agreesigned later on Saturday.

The talks will break for more than a month, resuming in 2003 to try to hammer out agreement on the outstanding issues, and ultimately sign a lasting ceasefire.

The two sides agreed last month to cease fire while dialogue was ongoing, after heavy fighting in the south led the negotiations to break down in September. It was not clear whether the temporary truce would be extended.

The war in Sudan has killed an estimated two million people and displaced twice that number.

# CONDOLENCES

We were overcome with grief at the news of Mr. Don Logan's sudden death on 11th All his friends November 2002. co-workers especially at the Central maintenance Group of Yemen Hunt Oil Company are deeply sorry for his sudden demise.

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### **Human Resources Clerk**

The position is located in the Human Resources Office, American Embassy, under the direct supervision of the HR Assistant and the general supervision of the Administrative Officer. This position reports directly to a variety of clerical and administrative support duties in the Human Resources section.

### **Desired Qualifications**

Education: Completion of Secondary school is required.

Prior work experience: One to two years of clerical experience is required. Language abilities: Level III (good working knowledge) English and fluent in Arabic are required.

Skills and abilities: Level II typing, a good working knowledge of word processing applications. Must have a good knowledge of general office operations and procedural requirements pertaining to functions performed in the Human Resources office.

Salary: The minimum starting annual gross salary for this position is USD5,860.

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### **Desired Qualifications**

Education: Completion of Secondary school is required, College or technical study in accounting, budgeting, analysis and management is desired.

Prior work experience: From 3 to 4 years of progressively responsible experience in accounting and budget work is

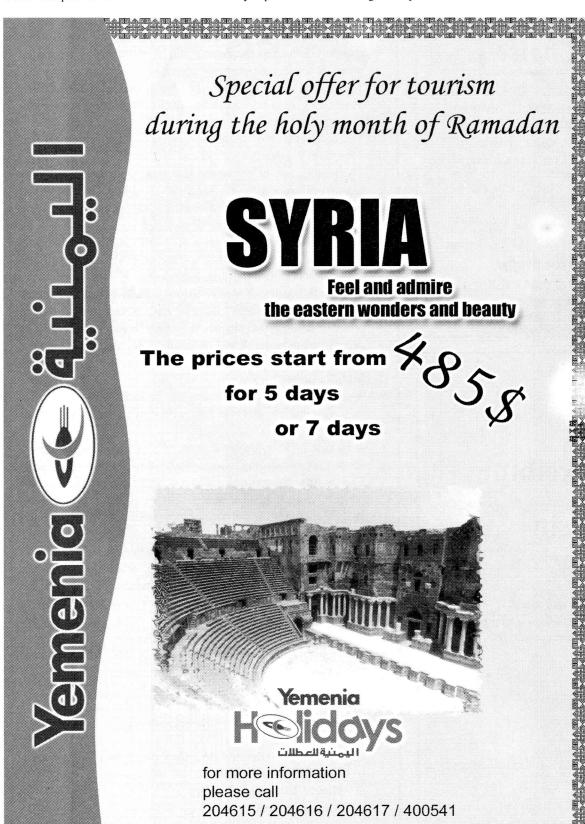
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Skills and abilities: Excellent Microsoft Excel and Access is a must. Be able to develop and maintain spreadsheets and database reports for utilities and other data reports.

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innovation. Businesses are

continuously looking for new

sources of innovation,

whether from Research and

Development laboratories, feedback

from customers or even through unsuspected means such as the social

As a matter of fact, finding inspi-

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becoming the trend in business inno-

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Indeed, this would enable businesses

to innovate and also help the society

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problems, they just do through

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walk away. Businesses, in order to

effectively solve social problems,

must move beyond social welfare to

social innovation. Businesses should

cooperate with the society in order to

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# Business

### More than **YR 64** billion deficit in 2003 budget

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

t is reported that the estimated volume of revenues in Yemen's general budget project for the year 2003 is amounting YR 604 billion, 371 million and 521 thousand, compared to revenues of 2002 that have been estimated at YR 482 billion and 21 million.

The volume of expected expenditure for the next year is reported to amount to YR 668 billion, 400 million and 570 thousand against YR 531 billion and 829 million of the current year. As for the deficit in the next year budget it is estimated at YR 64 billion, 29 million against YR 49 billion 808 million for the present year budget, which means a deficit increase of more over YR 15 billion.

The total amount of credits for use by the public sector productive institutions and their revenues for the year 2003, has been estimated at YR 641 billion and 349 million. The general budget project has defined surplus of activity by productive public sector institutions to an amount of YR 42 billion and 40 mil-

The government contributions to productive public sector projects in the next year budget are estimated at YR 19 billion and 651 million.

It is to be noted that rise in amount of net deficit in the next year budget was estimated on basis of USD 21 as price of oil barrel in world m market. The council of ministers has set up follow-up committees for finishing and publishing the financial statement of the coming year. The council has also formed a committee for studying and reconsidering the situation of some state institutions that are not performing well. The council has also entrusted deputy prime minister, the minister of finance and the minister of oil and minerals to present a detailed report on condition of Aden oil refinery with an aim of guaranteeing the realization of balance in its performance and to offer part of it to privatization.

The council of ministers promised that in the budget of the next year it would work on implementing the strategy of reducing poverty and building investment projects providing new job opportunities for the unemployed and the graduates.

It is important to mention that Yemen, which produces about 470 thousand barrels per day, depends by 65% on crude oil revenues for supporting the state budget.

# Yemen losing \$3.8 mln/month from tanker attack

Nov 8 (Reuters) -Yemen is losing about \$3.8 million a month in lost business and extra insurance premiums imposed after the attack on a French tanker off the southern cost on Oct. 6, the U.S. State Department said on

A fact sheet from the department's entering Yemeni ports," it said. Office of Counterterrorism said insurance premiums on vessels bound for Yemen had tripled since the attack and ship owners are having to pay a war risk surcharge of \$250 per 20-foot (sixmeter) container and \$500 for each 40foot (12-meter) container.

"This translates to an average cost of an additional \$150,000 for each vessel

Yemeni ports receive about 7,000 containers a month but business at the main ports, Aden and Hodeida, has slumped by 50 percent since the attack on the tanker "Limburg," it said.

"As a result of the high insurance premiums, the price paid for war risk surcharge, and the decrease in shipping activity, Yemen expects to lose approx-

imately \$3.8 million per month, a drastic blow to Yemen's economy," it

The loss does not include the cost to the Yemeni authorities of providing tighter security along the coast.

In October 2000, the U.S. destroyer "Cole" was attacked in Aden harbor in a suicide operation attributed to Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda organization.



# Civil society organizations, role in social development

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overnmental and nongovernmental societies functions and tasks are varied and multiple. There are many kinds of societies whose functions are determined by the nature of their orientation. There are therefore charitable, scientific, agricultural, fish, housing and cooperative societies, sport federations and clubs and various other societies specialized in charity and services activities.

The question that is raised is whether those societies have achieved their goals of serving the civil society ad the individuals targeted by their activities. Are the funds these societies

obtain as support from the Social Fund for Development and from government institutions, the private sector and foreign aid are enough to help them implement their plans and proj-

rom general administration for societies and unions of the ministry of social affairs and labor mention that there are in Yemen 245 social societies, 28 scientific societies and 66 sport societies and unions. There are 987 cooperatives, distributed over 541 agricultural, 89 consumer, 109 fish, 222 housing and 26 professional.

During the past ten years, the number of overall societies amounted to 2783 cooperatives and social societies. The general administration for societies and unions follows up activities

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of societies and the procedures of their establishment on institutional bases with support of the Social Fund for Development. This administration has carried out a field survey on the support offered to non-governmental Reports and information derived organizations and soundness of ways of spending it by them and extent of people benefiting from that support. The field survey on the societies has shown that in 2001 there were 1165 societies, and that 844 of them had been established according organized method while the remainder were not founded on correct bases and had no offices, as well as facing problems particularly in remote areas. These societies are mainly active in public welfare, care and rehabilitation, public

cerned with developing products, encouragement and paying attention to culture and tourism, while other organizations are concerned with charitable and religious activities and pro-

tection of environment and population. Activities and works of these socities are mostly focusing on services projects of which they have finished 467 projects costing YR 2 billion, 137 million and 950 thousand. Sources of funding those projects are 51% nongovernmental, 25.7% governmental, 11% local organizations and 11.7%

social organizations. Some reports mention that finishing those projects by the societies does not mean that they have realized their







innovation. Endnote: There must be a committed relationship between the society and the business in order for both to develop. Such relationships have enormous benefits and solve long-standing problems such as education, guidance and unemploy-



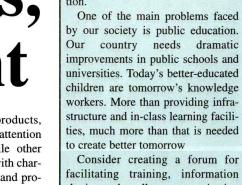
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Consider creating a forum for facilitating training, information sharing and to allow communication between students and business enterprises. This would create a direct link between students and the corporate world, which would in turn give them an idea about what skills are needed and which are the fast growing industries, also provide new insights about training, job placements and supervision to the stu-

Moreover, this could be the groundwork for sharing thoughts about problems they currently face or how they can contribute to the society. For example an industry can convey its need for a type of technical people or problems it faces in distribution. And that shall be discussed. Through the discussion the business may find inspiration for solutions and the people would understand the needs of the industry to grow.

Such forums can even help explore entrepreneurial spirits in the community. With businessmen providing good insights and offering support, they can set up and manage their own businesses, this means providing new job placements. And in turn help the society solve a problem of unemployment. This is one way of how businesses can help in social

### Words of Wisdom



The fall-out from technology advances, notably globalization, is clearly ahead of us. We need to grapple with this and the sooner we assess the issues and decide on what we need to do, the better prepared we will be. A main component of globalization is liberalization.

> Prof. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf, (1951-1999) Founder of Yemen Time:



### Limit not reached?

ast week, a personal American friend called me asking, "How many items have come up in the official press condemning the US-strike against the 6 men in Mareb?" I quickly skimmed through the various government and pro-government Yemeni newspapers searching for any simple sign of any condemnation. But I found no condemnation whatsoev-

All I found was a wave of accusations against the opposition for condemning the US-strike and accusations that it has become 'disloyal to the country's national interests', 'advan-

My American friend expected that the government newspapers would at least have one item criticizing this US move, ust as many international publications did, including US publications. But that wasn't the case.

All the government did was accusing the 'terrorist' elenents in the country of causing instability and insecurity and plaming the opposition for supporting those elements.

I wonder how a Yemeni living in the US would feel when he sees some of the US pro-human rights organizations criticizing the US for this action, while knowing that the Yemeni government does not even admit that it was a US strike.

What has happened to our pride and national integrity? How can the government justify its stance?

If the government cannot speak up against the US for the illing of 6 Yemenis, it should have at least kept silent when others wanted to condemn this action. Why did it then blast at the opposition for standing for a moment of truth in speak-

We do know that the Yemeni government had to fight gainst 'terror' because it was pressured by the US. That is no secret. But there is no need for some writers in government newspapers to strongly support Yemen's stance in assisting he US in its war by saying that this was in Yemen's best nterest because Yemen had suffered from terrorism for so ong and it is only natural that it would support the US in this cause.

Those writers have failed, however, to realize that most of hose terror attacks in Yemen might have resulted from Yemen's support to the US.

In any case, we are witnessing one of the darkest moments not only in Yemen's history, but in the history of all Arab and Muslim nations. We are extremely weak and vulnerable to pressure exerted by superpowers such as the US.

Our governments know we are weak, and so do the Yemeni people. But it would have been much better to confess to the people that Yemen had to do this because it was pressurized to do so instead of claiming that it is doing it for the sake of its people.

There are certain limits to what a government could say in justifying its stance in defending the US war against terror. But there is also another limit to the level of frustration among the people concerning the US command in the region.

The most important fact that we should all realize is that every limit has an end, and the limit of Yemen assistance to he US nowadays is also reaching its end.

Will the end come after the war against Iraq starts? Or will it end when Yemen itself becomes a future target? Let's wait and see.

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### International Relations after September 11th

# War in the times of peace

A PERSONAL SUMMARY



BY MICHEL LANDECK

n November 2nd and 3rd 2002 scholars from England, France, Germany, Saudi Arabia and Yemen met at a conference on the international relations after September 11th at the Sana'a Sheraton. It was organized under the auspices of President Ali Abdullah Saleh by the Centre Français d'Archeologie et de Sciences Sociales de Sana'a, the Yemeni Center for Studies and Research, the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung. The title of the conference was "War in the Times of

What does this title tell us? It is obviously dealing with the issue and the definition of terrorism after the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and therefore dealing with the ideological construction "Bin Laden". US-officials have "painted" a scenario of a global crisis, which consists of a 2-world model, in which the civilized world is confronting barbarianism, the free world is confronting tyranny and last but not least the Christian world is confronting the Islamic world.

Like Sabah Alnasseri, a lecturer at Frankfurt University, said, the new formula of the USA: World alliance vs. Bin Laden explains nothing less than that the definition of terrorism lies in the hands of the stronger one. The current USadministration provides the outline through which terror is labeled and identified. The State Terrorism (Chomsky) by the Israeli government in the Palestinian territories is apparently not included in the American definition of terrorism, whereas Iraq, after Afghanistan, stands next in line on the US-administration's agenda of wiping out threats to the "civilized world" (the

In the Arab countries this proclaimed virtual conflict between the world alliance and Bin Laden leads us to the very real conflict between the authoritarian regimes and the Islamic movement, which in most Arab states constitutes the strongest, sometimes the only viable opposition which criticizes the rulers of lacking legitimacy, because they oppose the further democratization of the political system. The Bush administration's simplified view of the conflict forces smaller states in the Middle East and elsewhere to be either with the USA or against them. For the region this means that the political regimes for example in Pakistan, Egypt and Saudi Arabia, which have chosen to cooperate with the USA in their war against terrorism, profit from their support through increased financial and military aid from the US. This leads to the most important question posed at the conference: Does external influence (by the US) put at risk the internal achievements in finding consensus in the societies (in the Middle East)?

In the aftermath of September 11th the authoritarian Arab regimes have used the global political climate as justification for a reinforced crush on the Islamic opposition, regardless of the movement's diversity. Apart from certain political and ideological similarities the numerous Islamic groups and parties differ strongly in their strategies, their forms organization and in their social structure. The most important differentiation has to be made between radical Islamic groups, which promote violence to achieve their goals, and the moderate

Islamic reform movement that is willing to work within the political system.

A dialogue with these Islamic groups and parties should be promoted. A further step towards democratization by legalizing the moderate Islamic opposition would undermine the position of the radical Islamic groups, which accuse the political regimes in the Middle East of being "jahili" (non-Muslim, pagan) and thereby justifying the necessity of a violent overthrow of these governments in the name of Islam.

The question is now: How can we achieve a further democratization in the region?

The speeches of two of the speakers at the conference, Abdelkarim al-Iriani (Political adviser to president Ali Abdullah Saleh, the former Yemeni prime minister) and Udo Steinbach (Director of the Deutsches Orient Institute, Hamburg, Germany), sum up the obstacles that prevent "real" democratization in the Middle East.

Al-Iriani stated that the main problem that stands in the way of a further democratization of Middle Eastern societies is the lack of freedom of thought. the lack of freedom in education and the lack of freedom of societal activity. While agreeing with al-Iriani on that point, Steinbach added that social forces in the region are not able to pursue social, political and economic development in the region freely.

US-foreign policy in the Middle East generally tends to be imperialistic in its cope and logic. After September 11th the US-administration has renewed its unconditional support of authoritarian regimes in the region that agreed to side with the US in the war against terror. As a result, not the populations of these regimes, but the elites in the state bureaucracy and their allies, decide over their legitimacy and their political sur-

In front of that background the increased support of civil society organizations in Middle Eastern countries by the EU would provide a desirable perspective in order to confront the US-policy in the region. What does the term civil society mean?

The concept of civil society emerged as part of the political theory (ideology) of neo-liberalism, which besides a free market economy also promotes an enlarged political participation. From the liberal perspective there exists a clear division between society and state and society is supposed to have a controlling function vs. the state. The term civil society describes exactly this relationship between society and the state, while perceiving their diverging interests as a natural fact. The position of the state in this concept is to monitor the conflicts between the different interest groups in society.

Despite much debate about the ideological uses and the definition of the civil society concept, most scholars agree that civil society generally consists of societal institutions like associations, clubs, syndicates, trade unions and political parties which are supposed to monitor the relations between society and the state. According to neo-liberal theory the existence of a strong civil society indicates democratization progress, because its existence implies

the weakening of the state. It is worth noticing that this is a too simplistic and positivistic assumption. Neo-marxist theory reminds us that in the capitalist political system the state institutions take on the task of co-opting the citizens in system. According to neomarxist thought, this task in not restricted to the institutions formally belonging to the state, but extends to the institu-

tions with are considered private in the jurisdictional sense. As a consequence, the societal institutions of civil society, which, according to the liberal perspective, help to control or reduce the power of the state, are actually in constant danger of being co-opted by the state, because the membership of citizens in institutions and organizations makes them controllable.

In the Arab world scholarly works on the topic of civil society have been published as early as the 1980's. There are basically two different models of the concept of civil society, the secular and the Islamic one.

The secular Arab liberals see the concept of civil society as an alternative to the authoritarian political order in many Arab regimes as well as to the societal model drawn by the Islamic Intellectuals. As a consequence they exclude religious organizations from the participation in civil society. In general their conception of civil society stands in the classical tradition of liberal political thought.

In the point of view of the Islamic intellectuals, the basis of civil society, meaning the voluntary, intermediary institutions which represent the political, economical, social and cultural interests of society and which are supposed to be independent from the power of the state, do not stand in contradiction to an Islamic political order. The Islamic intellectuals use the term "muitama al-ahli" (society of city) as an alternative to the western term civil society. The institutions of the "mujtama" al-ahli" have the function to curtail the power of the state. In order to achieve that, the Islamic intellectuals demand the re-establishment of the power of these institutions like the mosques, the religious schools (madaris), the religious scholars (ulama), and the religious institutions (waqf). The moderate Islamists therefore do not reject the terms "civil society", "democracy" and "pluralism", but only try to incorporate them in the concept of an Islamic social order.

Even if the danger of the possibility of co-option of civil society organizations, by the political regimes in the Middle East is taken into account, the direct financial support of Non-government organizations (NGO's) in the region, including the religiously motivated organizations, provides an alternative to the currently most popular system of channeling western development aid mainly through the state bureaucracies of authoritarian regimes in the developing world and thereby giving the elites a maximum of control in the development of society and excluding the majority of the people from the political decisionmaking process.

Identifying the events of September 11th in the larger context of violent protest against political and economic injustices in the Middle East due to the longevity of authoritarian regimes, and therefore increase the support of the democratization process in the region at the grassroots-level would enable western powers to fight the real origins of terror by peaceful means.

This approach could provide an opportunity for the EU to confront the unilateralism of the current US-administration, which aims at redrawing the global map as it pleases. A EU-policy along these lines, using its economic weight in order to establish a stronger political cooperation with the Middle East and also with Russia and China would enable the Union to finally live up its vision of a global multipolar power sharing system, which might lead to a more balanced and therefore a more just international political system.

# A letter to the presid



By Amin Al-Da'ari amen\_me @yahoo.com

Dear President,

This is a letter from one of the Yemen's most patriotic people, who, at many brave and courageous times defended Yemen's unity in the civil war in 1994 against the secessionists.

All my family members and I gave our savings for years for the cause of unity. I know it is nothing contrasted to the massive needs of unity at that time, but at least we had the honor of participation.

We gave many food items, overloaded our cars with aid to our military and risked our lives by driving these because I have no email or telephone aid cars to the lines of war where the legitimate forces were fighting the enemies of the unity.

We did so, no matter how difficult and dangerous it was because for this good country I am not only ready to give help, but also willing to sacrifice my life for its stability and security. This is not my only feeling, but it is common sense for every patriot toward his homeland where he was grown up.

We have helped in attaining security in cooperation, and we stay alert against anyone we happen to know that he has any link with sabotage acts. That's a common responsibility for every one living in this country.

I have tried too many times to contact you by any means, but to no avail, number to get an appointment with

It seems to be impossible for me to convey to you my problem. I believe that you can solve it.

By the way, I dreamed one night that I was shaking hands with you and then you gave me the republican flag at one of our national anniversaries. I felt very proud and lucky to have seen the president face-to-face and to have been honored that great way, as if it were genuine in my dream.

The summary of this letter is that we are suffering from such a bad problem and I believe that you are the only one who can make a settlement for what we have been suffering, because you are the father for all the people living in this great and dear homeland.



### COMMON **SENSE**

By Hassan Al-Haifi

### The whole world is a stage...

s events in the world unfold day by day, one is bound to wonder, if everything that occurs in the world is really out of our control and out of our minds. Somehow to the analytical observer, things do not seem to work in the logical framework that one would expect or even like to see. For weeks upon weeks we have been seeing a cat and mouse media game of a big bully chasing little icons of mischief here and there, without really knowing what these mischievous clowns have done and why. Whatever the case, the world seems to be undergoing a fully staged scenario that is no longer the Tom and Jerry type chases we have come to recognize and even enjoy at times. Now, the game is quite different, where incomparable odds are facing each other, seemingly without purpose and without end in sight and people are no longer killed by simple bullets, but by high flying rockets that burn the bones to extinction.

It is a drama that has not been rehearsed before on any theater or previewed by any of the great producers of our time. Nevertheless, we see this drama unfold without fail, while the mechanics and tools of the trade bring about a speech by a villain here, a bomb by a misguided peon from fly-by night organizations that send shivers down the spine of the intellectual trying to make sense out of all the nonsense one sees.

What seems to be obvious is that everything that is going seems to fall into a pattern that cannot preclude the fact that the world has fallen under an ugly military-industrial-corporate complex labyrinth of hate, greed and sheer drive for unlimited power, might and domination by the wrong side of the human moral fabric. It is an evil concoction that has existed throughout history and prophets and do-gooders have confronted sometimes giving their lives to ensure that humanity is not ever forced to succumb to a helpless state, which no one will be able to resist or oppose. Yes, it is a familiar scene in history when evil takes the helms and orchestrates the world around them to conduct itself according to the whims of arrogance and chauvinism.

It may seem ridiculous to some, but the fact is that the Zionist establishment of the world has found a comfortable niche to carry out their evil designs in the Middle East and elsewhere in the world after they have found that comfortable niche in the United States. Look at them have a holiday in the Holy Land, killing and destroying all forms of life that does not have the Star of David stamped on it. It is an ugly chauvinistic movement personified by the murderous image of Ariel Sharon and his equally demagogic new partner Benjamin Netanyahu, who came out before even giving the oath of office, to declare that he is vent on destroying whatever Ariel Sharon could not complete, when he retakes the premiership of Israel!

Yes the world has become a stage for the Zionist estabishment to have a ball in the Holy Land. Hundreds of lives are destined to die as Israel takes her political game to the front to stall on any effort to bring peace to the region. What does it matter anyway, the United States is busy trying to unleash its monstrous war machine on Saddam Hussein, even if Saddam Hussein has so far played on well over the last year, not giving the United States any excuse to fall in the trap of Zionist dictates. Perhaps history does teach one good lessons and survival is thus guaranteed a little longer, as those who put you in power have decided they do not want you there anymore!

Yes it is a strange drama indeed, when the man who reportedly caused all this mayhem, Osama Bin Laden, always comes out with a tape just at the right moment when Zionist and American interests coincide. It is not clear whether Mr. Ben Laden falls to the dictates of CIA strategists or Zionist play writers, but whatever the case, many are now beginning to realize that for all intents and purposes, Mr. Ben Laden and his accomplices are maneuvered by a remote force that certainly does the Moslems of the world the least good! The corny rhetoric of Ben Laden and his likes throughout the world is becoming clearer to many open minded well-informed Moslems. The rhetoric they are following just does not fit into the moral and social dictates of Islam and are as far away from serving Islamic interests as the Protocols of Zion!

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# 'Victory still far away'

BY GEORGE S. HISHMEH IORDAN TIMES

Chinese proverb puts it bluntly: One picture is worth 10,000 words. This time around, this could not be truer than

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George W. Bush was photographed with his Secretary of State Colin L. Powell in the White House Rose Garden following the unanimous UN Security Council resolution on Iraq.

Absent from the photograph published last Friday on the front pages of

the day after a smiling President most American newspapers were the administration's key hawks - Vice President Dick Cheney, Secretary of Defence Donald H. Rumsfeld and his deputy Paul Wolfowitz, and sometime hawk, National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, to name a few.

### Powell got praised

There is no doubt that Powell had played his hand well on the domestic and the international fronts. His commendable success in securing the unanimous vote served to reestablish him as the country's number one foreign policy adviser, a position that was being challenged by many others within the Bush team. Bush, who was said to be weary of the United Nations, praised him for his "leadership, good work and his determination".

But Powell's personal success at the United Nations was not a "triumph" that the Bush administration could claim for itself, as some attempted here. After all, it was the policy of this administration - "regime change" and acting unilaterally against Iraq which was shelved. Most significantly, the Security Council resolution denied any sanctioned automatic response by the US, should Iraq falter. The United States was forced to agree to review any Iraqi violations within the Security Council, and not to resort to military

In fact, it was the Bush administration that backtracked from its declared single-minded approach, thanks to the concerted efforts of the other vetowielding members of the Security Council, particularly France and Russia, and Third World members like

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Syria and Mexico.

If anything, the unanimous vote was a great victory for the United Nations and the central role that this body played and must continue to play in world affairs. The decade-old impasse over Iraq, coupled with misguided policies in Washington and London, had diminished the international body's standing.

### Still not clear

What was not made clear in the Security Council decision was the timing for the lifting of the sanctions against Iraq. There was no guarantee that should Iraq comply with the resolutions, including full disarmament, the sanctions will be automatically ended.

Although the support of the 22 Arab foreign ministers, at their last meeting in Cairo, for the Security Council decision received front-page attention here. not all issues raised in their eight-point statement won endorsement or praise. The Arabs insisted that the UN inspectors include Arabs in the team that will be going there shortly. They also asked that Israel be ordered, like Iraq, to rid

itself of weapons of mass destruction because they "constitute a serious threat to Arab and international peace and security".

Syria's unexpected endorsement of the UN resolution was said by Saudi Foreign Minister Saud Al Faisal to come about as a result of a reassuring letter from Powell to his Syrian counterpart, Farouk Sharaa. Powell reportedly stressed that "there is nothing in the resolution to allow it to be used as a pretext to launch a war on Iraq and that if the US administration had any intention of resorting to military action, this resolution wouldn't have taken seven weeks".

But despite the seemingly positive turnaround, there are many voices who are not certain of Washington's intentions, especially as the threats continued coming from administration officials and the press was rife with reports about war plans.

### "I don't fear Iraq"

Former chief UN weapons inspector Scott Ritter has once again sharply criticised Bush's intention to attack Iraq. "I don't fear Iraq, but I fear US policy towards Iraq," he said in an interview in the upcoming Globes weekend supplement. In another part of the interview, he added: "I am bothered by the US interpretation of the resolution. I am convinced that the Bush administration is determined on regime change in Iraq, and they see the Security Council resolution as a tool that will lead to a military blow. I fear that the administration will use the inspectors as an excuse to go to war."

Helen Thomas, the veteran Lebanese-American journalist who covered the White House since President Kennedy was in the White House until two years ago, had this pithy observation in a talk to an enthusiastic audience at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology: "I have never covered a president who actually wanted to go to war. Bush's policy of preemptive war is immoral - such a policy would legitimise Pearl Harbour. It's as if they learned none of the lessons from Vietnam."

Powell, the former soldier, is a long way away from victory.









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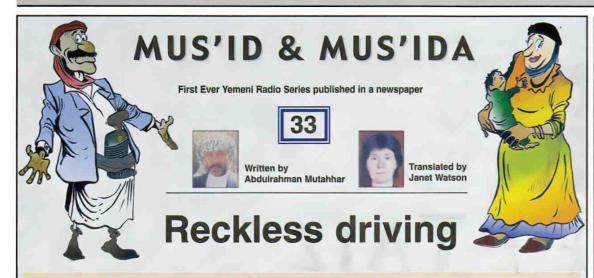
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M - What on earth do you think you were doing, Mus'ida, running into the path of a car like that. You were just asking to be killed! Have you no eyes in your head, or were you star gazing?

Ma - Was I star gazing! I ask you! I never dare cross the road until I've looked left and right at least three times! I still care about my life, you know.

M - So how come that driver went and drove over that bag of tomatoes and squash them. How did it get to be under the tyre in the first place?

Ma - If the bag of tomatoes hadn't fallen under the tyre on its own, that driver would have squashed me along with the tomatoes without giving it a second thought! But God was merciful. I took a step back, the bag of tomatoes fell off my head into the path of the car, and the driver went straight over it with the front tyre. I don't think I'll ever get over the shock!

M - Mus'ida, that shock'll have a bad effect on you, you know. I'll go and heat up the cauterising iron and cauterise you.

Ma - You will do no such thing! The only one who needs to be cauterised is that lunatic of a thought of him and got people to crowd around him.

M - And what good did it do getting people to crowd round him? You'd have done better with a stone in your hand.

Ma - There's absolutely no point in violence. I tell you, though, I'm astounded by that driver. Rather than say, 'Thank God you're not hurt, dear!' he got out of his car with a furrowed brow and started yelling at me. You'd think I was his mother-in-law the way he went on. He had absolutely no sense of shame or

- That's the problem, Mus'ida. Unfortunately some drivers seem to have no sense of responsiblity and don't bother about behaving well. They don't respect the right of the road, or pedestrians, or rules of the road, or the traffic police. They don't obey directions, or traffic lights. And this arrogance and lack of regard for other people is typical of ignorant sods.

Ma - The description you've just given applies perfectly to that driver who almost knocked me down and squashed my bag of tomatoes with his tyre. But 1 Al-Akwa', p. 1091.

driver. But I told him just what I some people would be impudent outside a police station. As the Yemeni proverb goes, he who has no sense of shame will do whatever he wants

> M - Exactly, having a sense of shame is part of Islamic belief, and is a feature of a true believer. Respect for the road, caring for the safety of pedestrians, sticking to the rules of the road, and showing respect for the traffic police is all part of having a sense of shame. He who has no sense of shame will do whatever he wants

Ma - And I found all this out first hand! That driver is someone who doesn't care about any rules or values. This type of behaviour causes traffic accidents which result in tragic loss of life and damage to property and possessions. And the ones who bear the costs are the family, society and the state departments responsible. We can't carry on footing the bill, and we can't sit back and let these people get away with it. But that Yemeni proverb sums it up nicely, 'It's only weak donkeys that let you down.'1

# Sana'a is very decent, but could be better

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'm a Yemeni woman, born in Yemen, raised and educated in the UK and eventually, fate brought me back to my homeland, where I have settled and have lived here for 16 months now.

The construction of my home began in 1999 and I moved in with my family in

Since I started living here in Sanaa, I can't help but notice the stark changes in the city from 1995 to the present. The roads are much cleaner, the refuse collection is more reliable and prompt, more roads are paved, the bus service has improved greatly and the striking thing which has given me much pride in my country, is seeing the trees and beautiful plants and flowers that line the roads, from the 60 meter road, to Hadda, to Zubairi, to Tahrir, to Taiz street etc.

The water tanks are now a common site on their daily routine, watering the

plants and trees, thus providing us with a pleasure to the eyes. The organization of the traffic is improving, as we see more and more traffic police on duty.

In addition to all this, the authorities have made special market places for people who wish to sell their goods off wheelbarrows, in an attempt to clear the streets of random, unorganized street trade, which was an eyesore. Yemen also boasts the finest markets and shops, which would put other countries' markets in the shade. The arrays of goods sold, to suit all tastes, for all ages, are a

wonder to behold. Walking through Bab Al-Yemen, one does not feel as if he or she is shopping, but on a day out!

A friend told me recently, that Sanaa has been awarded a prize, for the best general transport in the world!! I couldn't agree more!

With regards to the Qat problem, there is now a lot of literature on the ill effects of Oat and there has been a distribution of caricature leaflets aimed at schoolchildren, warning them about the negative aspects of Qat. There is also a newspaper called "Yemen without Qat" which is an indicator of the seriousness with which the authorities are taking this problem.

There appears to be a lot more leisure places for families, such as the Horse riding club, which houses activities such as swimming, go-carting, pool, table tennis and a wonderful play area for little kids while the parents sit in the grassed area under the cool shade of the fruit trees.

The zoo on Taiz Street has undergone some remarkable improvements. There is also the famous Seventies Park (Hadeeqat As-sab'een) as well as the older, Thowra Park in Al-Hasabah. For those to whom money is not an object, there is no shortage of things to do and places to go to.

To summarize it all, I have witnessed, with my own eyes, a great deal of improvement in our environment in the span of just 7 years. I am happy in Sanaa, I feel that I am the happiest person alive (Al-hamdulillah) but for a few things, which blemish this happiness:

1) Since the government is doing its best to clean our streets and improve our neighborhoods, why is it then that people still throw their rubbish onto the streets? It breaks my heart to see drivers throwing out of their car windows, empty plastic bottles and bags, banana peels, tin cans, Qat remnants, even household rubbish!! Typically, its these people who complain about the state of our environment.

A famous U.S president once told his

would result in there being a life-long ban on most drivers. Since Islam teaches us manners and tolerance, why are drivers so inconsiderate? Are we still Muslims? Is Islam the predominant religion in Yemen? Or am I just being naïve?

3) Since we are a Muslim nation (aren't we?) why is it that people do not hurry to the mosques when they hear the Adhaan? I was shocked to see that the people are unmoved by the sound of the Muezzin, calling people "hayaa ala Salah, hayaa alal falaah". Even in the holy month of Ramadhan, people continue to go about their daily chores, seemingly in total oblivion to the call of prayer. We would kill anyone who ever defamed our religion, yet we are guilty of such hypocrisy, we cannot practice what we preach.

3) "Cleanliness is a part of faith." These were the words of our beloved Prophet Mohammad over 1400 years ago. Since then, science has proved, without doubt, that there is a link between poor hygiene and disease.

Why is it then that food sellers continue to sell their goods (sometimes on the floor) in fly infested and dirty environments that are guaranteed to cause illness? Some food sellers are so unconcerned with hygiene that we are in danger of an epidemic disease. Its no use asking ourselves WHAT caused our illness, it as clear as daylight, that we are as unconcerned about our own safety, as they are about their own hygiene. Is Yemen in such a state of ignorance that we have not yet heard about bacteria and micro-organisms? Why is it that Yemenis are prepared to

spend thousands of riyals on medicines for illnesses that are so easily prevented by good hygiene?

4) Finally, why is it that we cannot go into a shop and buy what we want without having to haggle our way to a price that may, in the end, be damned daylight robbery? Why do Yemenis find it so alien to put 'set' prices on their goods and tell the customer to 'take it or leave it?' Have we Yemenis not yet heard about competition? Could we not attract our customers by competing with others and making our prices lower? And why do traders have to shout to bring customers into their shops, why not try and entice them in, by displaying their goods in a professional manner?

In case this article has seemed like all doom and gloom, I'll end it on a lighter note, by asking why is it, during the rainy season in Yemen, do we not see Wellingtons on sale?



A view of the Old City of Sana'a people: "To keep America clean, you

must first clean outside your front door".

Yet in Yemen, we are so good at blaming

others, for the misfortune we bring upon

ourselves. We must realize, and make our

children aware, that the streets are our

own streets, if we don't care about them,

2) The roads consist of one or more

lanes going one way, and the same going

the other way. Why is it, then, that I often

myself face to face with people who are

driving on the wrong side of the road,

Why is it also, that some people drive

over the intersections of the roads, thus

crushing the plants and trees which have

taken a lot of time hard work in order to

improve our environment? Drivers in

Yemen, have absolutely no consideration

for their fellow drivers. The disgusting

way in which most people drive would be

unacceptable in developed countries, and

simply because they are in a hurry?

how can we expect others to?

# <u>RAMADHar</u> When nights are highlight

BY ISMAIL AL-GHABERI

ach year the Muslims World changes the routine of its daily life for the holy month of

In many countries of the Muslim world the eleven month system is turned upside down in Ramadhan. With a spiritual significance, new habits and conduct are formed in Ramadhan especially at night-time. It's almost like a new culture is expe-

rienced during this exceptional month. The succession of time emphasizes the idea of permanent change. It is through change that questions of

The mere breaking of dawn from night is a sign of transformation as the night's fall is also a sign of change. This idea of change is strongly felt with the emerging of a new month from an old one and can only be equaled to the coming of a new year from the old one.

human civilization are solved.

This succession in the current of time is similar to the flow of rivers which is always refreshing without being felt, causing greenery to gush out.. In a similar way the current of time brings about changes which can pass unnoticed unless man decide to share with

time in their flow and generation.

Being exceptional among months, Ramadhan's nights may be called the month of transformation notwithstanding the traditional rituals which are frequently repeated in Ramadhan.

Although each Muslim country has its own traditions of food, drinks and also its own way of spending the nighttime, yet these traditions become so fresh in Ramadhan as if they were not practiced during the previous year.

This freshness of Ramadhan is mainly related to its being the only month of its kind in the whole year so when it comes, the traditionally old wear new

Ramadhan's dining table is so appetizing that it looks prepared at the moment though it in fact is the same table of the last year.

Because this table shows up only when Ramadhan's crescent rises, people forget it for the rest of the year until a new Ramadhan comes to refresh this table once again.

If Ramadhan has a special taste in the Muslim world perhaps it was during the first six decades of the 20th century in Yemen's towns.

Before the revolution in 1962, nighttime entertainment or gathering on times other than Ramadhan was unheard of as the people at that time

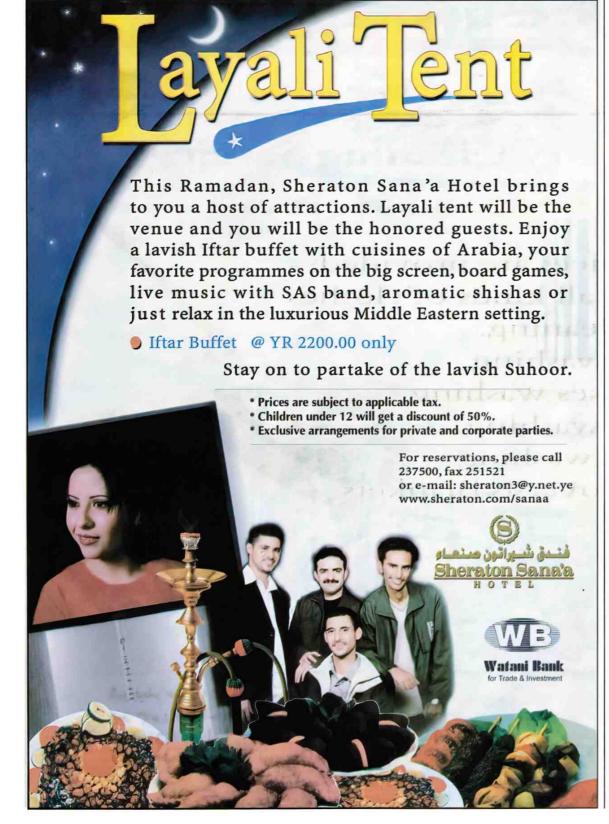
used to lock themselves up at their houses starting from 9 o'clock in the

evening. No one was allowed to walk around except for especial occasions like weddings, funeral processions or a child birth. At the rest of night time, shops and markets used to end their activities by 8 o'clock and it was seldom to find an open shop after nine in the evening as this hour was set to mark the beginning of a night curfew which was signed by the beating of the drums in a special quick rhythm.

People used to find no fault with this rigid system.

Therefore the month of Ramadhan during the pre-revolution age provided ample opportunities of free night movement. So people were allowed to move freely from house to another house or from mosque to another mosque. Also shops and streets markets remained

Being the only month on the whole year during which people were allowed to move freely at night, most people give up sleeping in Ramadhan's nights in order to avail themselves the enjoyment of a free night movement which can came only once a year. It is from this tradition that Ramadhan gained a special uniqueness in Yemen's big towns, especially in Sana'a city.





# Fasting in Ramadhan reduces risks of cardiac diseases



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he salutatory effects of fasting Ramadhan on the cardiovascular system of individuals are quite obvious. There are contributory factors influenced by fasting, which have a pleasant effect on the heart. As a matter of fact, Ramadhan fasting has a beneficial effect on most if not all of the primary as well as secondary predisposing factors of ischemic heart diseases.

There are three primary factors, which predispose to the coronary heart disease. They are hypertension (high blood pressure), hypercholestrolemia (high blood cholesterol) and smoking. Ramadhan fasting has a favorable effect on all of these three.

As far as hypertension is concerned, it is quiet obvious that because of the complete abstinence from blood (and of course salt) for about 14-15 hours in the month of Ramadhan, the blood sodium level decreases and hence the blood pressure tends to be lower than before.

As all anti-hypertensive drugs have their own side effects, hence by rule, every effort should be made to control the blood pressure by non-pharmacological means only and Ramadhan fasting has its place there.

The important factors to affect hypertension in this regard are overweight, lack of exercise, alcohol and cigarette consumption, over-eating of meat and animal products in diet and increased stress.

A bit of reasoning will suggest that Ramadhan fasting has positive effects on all of them. As people fast during the day, they tend to lose weight in Ramadhan. Alcohol intake is already forbidden for Muslims and Ramadhan

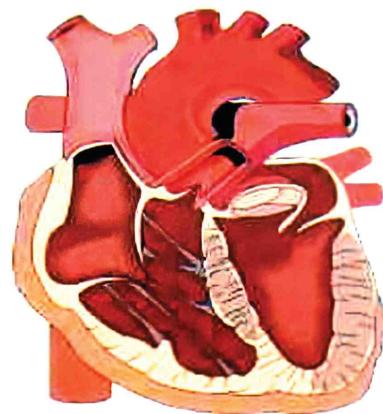
again proves that abstinence from these intoxicant improves the quality of life. There is also an obvious reduction in smoking and excessive dietary intake. Besides, in Ramadhan men are more inclined to offer their prayers regularly in mosques, which means an increased physical activity.

Muslims tend to be happier and stress-free in Ramadhan than in other months. As in this month the reward for worship and other good deeds (including fasting) is increased several times hence there is spiritual consolation, which surrounds the believers. This devoutness and piety gives them an internal satisfaction, which decreases the worldly tension and anxiety at least to some extent. It is noteworthy that Ramadhan type of fasting is especially suitable to control mild hypertension for which drugs should normally be avoided. A report by World Health Organization (WHO) says "efforts to lower blood pressure by life style modifications should normally precede any decision about the necessity for drug treatment of mild hypertension"

International Society Hypertension (HIS) also supports the idea that patients of hypertension -especially mild hypertension- should be advised to reduce alcohol, salt and fat intake. They should quit smoking and do regular light exercises. As mentioned earlier, Ramadhan ensures all these measures.

The secondary and primary predisposing factor for coronary heart disease is hypercholestrolemia (or high cholesterol). The association between high cholesterol and coronary heart disease is well-proven. In July 1994, Medicine Digest published results of a study on cholesterol decrease which showed that a 10% decrease in cholesterol reduces risk of coronary heart disease by 50% at the age of 40, by 40% at the age of 50 and by 20% at the age of 70 years.

It is quite obvious that Ramadhan fasting results in lower cholesterol level



provided intake of fats remains the same as before Ramadhan. In a study published in the Annals of Saudi Medicine, March 1994, cholesterol level of a group of diabetic patients was noted before the start of Ramadhan, which came out to be about 5.87+ 1.18 mmol/liter. Another sample taken after Ramadhan from same individuals showed it to be 5.19+1.11 mmol/liter, which is significantly lower than the

Similarly triglyceride level in the same group was 2.72+0.99 mmol/liter before Ramadhan whereas after one month of fasting it was also lowered 2.01+0.61 mmol/liter.

Surely Ramadhan fasting helps lower the cholesterol level as well as the lowdensity lipoproteins (LDL), which have adverse effects on heart.

At the same time, Ramadhan fasting helps increase the high density lipoproteins (HDL) which was proven to be cardio protective i.e. its high concentration is beneficial for the heart. Here it will be interesting to read an excerpt published in the Independent of July

"A study of a tribe of Muslims Bedouin found their high density lipoprotein level to be high during Ramadhan when they ate only one meal in the evening after fasting during the day but after Ramadhan when they ate three or four meals a day, their HDL level dropped by 30 percent. It is therefore suggested that fasting during the day and eating one meal in the evening should be good for a healthy heart". Note that this is what is followed in Ramadhan.

### Screening could cut artery rupture deaths: Doctors

screening program for elderly men could save more than 2,000 lives each year by reducing deaths from ruptured blood vessels, British doctors said on

Nearly 7,000 people, mostly men, die each year as a result of the rupture of an abdominal aortic aneurysm, or swelling in the main artery from the heart that passes through the abdomen.

A study of more than 67,000 men, published in The Lancet medical journal, showed that many deaths could be prevented by using ultrasound to detect the condition.

"Our results indicate that implementation of a national screening program could prevent more than 2,000 deaths from abdominal aortic aneurysm each

LONDON (Reuters) - A national year, without affecting quality of life," said Dr. Alan Scott of St. Richard's Hospital in Chichester.

The condition is difficult to detect during a normal examination, but Scott and his colleagues said it can be picked up by ultrasound screening and can usually be cured with surgery.

The researchers said it would be logical to screen only men because the problem is most common in men over 65 years old and there is no evidence that ultrasound would be beneficial for

In a separate study reported in the British Medical Journal, Martin Buxton of Britain's Brunel University did an analysis of a national screening program of older men for abdominal aortic aneurysms and found that it would be

### Lifestyle may be to blame for rise in asthma: Study

SAN ANTONIO (Reuters) - Living in lion in 1980 to 14.6 million in 1996, and the so-called First World could be bad for your health.

An expert at the annual convention of the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology said on Friday a rise in asthma cases may be linked, in part, to cleanliness and abundance.

"In the best countries in the world, the ones that have the cleanest air, the best food, the best vaccinations, the incidence of allergy and asthma is at its highest," said physician Bob Lanier, the organization's president.

"And in fact the places in the world that have the lowest quality of life issues - dirty air, pollution, unvaccinated, not enough calories, poor - they have the lowest incidence," he said.

"China, for example, has an incidence of asthma of 2 percent, while in this country, it's up in the twenties, and growing."

The number of U.S. children suffering from asthma, a chronic inflammatory disease of the lungs, rose from 6.8 milup to 17.3 million in 1999, according to the Public Health Policy Advisory Board, a non-profit health advocacy

Research has suggested that some of the increase is due to indoor air contaminants and second-hand cigarette smoke.

It is likely, Lanier said, that obesity, another affliction of abundance, particularly in the United States, is a factor.

"I think that the more obese people get the more likely they are to have these kinds of problems," he said.

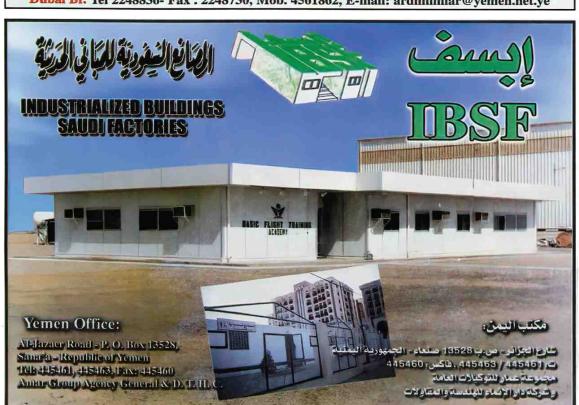
There are also indications that exposure to illnesses associated with poverty and lack of hygiene reduce the asthma rate, Lanier added.

"Children with certain infections seem to have lesser incidence of allergy and asthma than children who don't."

"It does seem to be odd that we are seeing so much of it (asthma) in industrialized countries," Lanier said.

"Maybe we live too cleanly," he said.









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# Local Press

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Al-Wahda weekly, 13 Nov 2002.

### **Main Headlines:**

- Government decisions on tackling situations in Aden and Jawf
- Expatriates undersecretary: we seek to preserve cultural identity of our
- communities abroad

   Opposition consider Mareb incident
  "aggression" on Yemen's sovereign-
- Targeting the U.S. interests continues

Columnist Ahmed Muhidin says the U.S. and Britain managed to pass their resolution on Iraq . through the UN Security Council after eight weeks of pursuing a policy of the stick and carrot at the council. The resolution passed by the UN Security Council was not in the form proposed by the U.S. and British administrations. It was very clear for all political observers and world public opinion that the Bush's administration has dictated its will on international community and practical utmost pressures on the world to have the Security Council issue that resolution. But despite that the U.S. officials came out to declare that the resolution represented the will of the international community. Although the formula of the UN resolution dismisses the automatic use of force against Iraq, the U.S. officials and president Bush insists that it authorizes them to use force. Such a behavior by U.S officials is evident that they do not care a straw about of the heads of the state they have discussed with during the 8 weeks that preceded issuance of the resolution. Most of the political analysts think that president Bush's insistence on using force against Iraq and changing its ruling regime is pursuing a dangerous and unprecedented policy in international relations. They believe that such policy would inflict damage on the U.S allies and friends and their interests and would consequently be detrimental to the U.S. itself.



Al-Wahdawi weekly, organ of Nasserite People's Unionist Organization, 12 Nov.2002.

### Main Headlines:

- Angry international reactions to American attack in Mareb
- Joint Meeting Parties condemns American terror, holds government responsible for sovereignty violation
- Nationwide resentment on Bajamal's
- statement on Bab al-Mandab
   YR 158 million-worth education cor-
- Large solidarity with "al-Wahdawi"

Columnist Mohammed Yahya al-Sabri describes the Mareb attack as the American military piracy, saying that fearful and worrying reactions and stands followed the American missile attack on Yemeni nationals in Mareb on November 3 2002 All reactions and attitudes disclose that the event was not an ordinary but a hostile military terrorist operation carried out by the American administration on territories of a sovereign country. It is obvious that the incident does not come under the so-called Yemeni-U.S. security cooperation. The incident could indicate that Yemeni territories may become a test field for a new phase of an American campaign against what it describes as terror. These developments render the U.S. military operation in Mareb a dividing point, not only regarding the government relations with the U.S. administration, but maybe also so for the history of the region and the Yemeni's relationship with their govern-

ATTARIQ weekly, 12 Nov.2002.

### Main Headlines:

- Adenis describe distribution of education jobs as unjust
- Judiciary wanted members of Aden-Abyan army killed
- Abyan army, killed
   U.S. troops chase a Yemeni baker
- Military campaign in quest of al-Ahdal in Mareb and Jawf
- Amnesty International questions Washington on its role in attack in Yemen.
- Yemen receives 14 gunboats from the U.S.
- Yemeni students in Poland appeal to higher education minister
- Military experts believe a guidance device fitted on al-Harithi car

Columnist Wathiq Shathili says imprisonment sentences have occurred repeatedly nowadays against journalists, although all of them are stay of execution. This postponement does not make us joyful, not because it is temporary, for it could suddenly executed, as is the case with the recent imprisonment order against Mr. Khalid Salman, the Chief editor of "al-Thawri" newspaper, who has been sentenced to 3 months imprisonment. He had earlier been sentenced to 5 months imprisonment with stay of execution. The recent sentence necessitates the execution of the previous one.

What is required is cancelled of the text on imprisonment of journalists because of exercising their profession. This situation has become against all meanings of freedom and democracy instead of being in protection of them.

I'm not talking about immoral publication which we refuse outrightly. But regarding the reporting of events and opinion, especially when supported with information. A judgement of imprisonment is usually issued as punishment for a crime. The question is now whether publication has become a punishable crime in the era of freedom, democracy and counter-opinion.



Al-Shoura weekly, organ of Yemen's Peoples' Forces Union, 10 Nov.2002.

### Main Headlines:

- Consideration of the lawsuits against Supreme Commission of Elections
- Joint Meeting Parties studies situation versus the U.S. violation of Yemen's sovereignty
- Finance undersecretary's car seized
   Press prosecution postpones listening to "al-Wahdawi" reply
- As a result of Limburg attack, Yemen loses US \$ 3.8 million a month.
- Families of Cole victims criticize the American attack

Columnist Mohammed Sadeq al-Udaini says more than 15 sentences have been issued against journalists of oppositions press during the past ten months of this year. During the first months of this year, national press has seen a serious of violations, attacks and arrests targeting journalists because of their performing their duties towards the homeland and issues of their society. While the journalists syndicate in Yemen kept silent versus pressures and violations of journalists rights and freedoms many international observers and organizations have announced their concerns about the situation of the freedom of press and expressed direct and harsh criticism towards the Yemeni government.

The freedom of press, as major cornerstone of human rights and guarantee of other liberties, is an essential task of the 22 May unity of 1990. Defending the press freedom is a collective humane and national responsibility of all political and intellectual parties and organizations. It is also the responsibility of civil society organizations, professional and mass unions as well as social and legal personalities.



### Main Headline

- Funeral procession for al-Harithi politicians discuss future of al-Qaeda organization after his demise.
- Due to harassments, an investor announces intention of closing down industrial company
- Artist arrested in Taiz for a play criticizing the government performance

Columnist Sadeq Nasher says the U.S. has not hidden its ecstasy on success of the operation that led to killing six Yemeni citizens believed to have links to al-Qaeda organization. It has declared that it was behind carrying out the operation by using a drone aircraft and missiles. The CIA itself has announced that. The European Union criticized this American arrogance boasted by Washington. The EU considered facilities offered by Yemen to the U.S. to hurt down al-Qaeda elements on its territories as admission of its failure of protecting its territories. The question is why the Europeans have been more truthful than us when they have criticized the American joy over the incident at a time we have buried our heads in the sand. We on the other hand are aware of the difficult situation the Yemen faces as the presence of such a number of the al-Qaeda elements is because of us, not of others. For many years we kept denying any

change on harboring "terror" but nowadays many of our official press mention about several operations implemented by "extremist" and "terrorists" at many places in Sana'a, Aden, Hadhramout, Mareb and other areas. Now we are asking the help of others to help us put an end to terrorism and extremism that inflicted damage on the country's economy.



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Columnist Dr. Ali al-Fakiek discusses negative impact that led to weakening investment incentives. He says there are many factors impeding incentives of investment and have been tackled on many occasions. But the most important one are those opinions facing the private sector with regard to estimation of value of imported goods in an illegal way. Also there is the continued and multi measures required for customs clearance process, added to them problems related to fires reaching to 50% of customs duties. These problems form hindrances facing many issues, particularly investment. It is now imperative to consider the customs system. Exporters face a number of hindrances which form a group of frustration for exporting investors as a result of many duties levied on exports. Removal of these blocks would give a good push to encourage investment and exportation.

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# Islam: Source of peace & security

The religion of Islam can by no means countenance terrorism. On the contrary, terror (i.e. murderer of innocent people) in Islam is a great sin, and Muslims are responsible for preventing these acts and bringing peace and justice to the world.

### Part 1

Islamic morality: The source of peace and security

Some of those who say that something is done in the name of religion may, in fact, misunderstand that religion and as a result, practice it wrongly. For that reason, it would be wrong to form ideas about that religion by taking these people as an example. The best way of understanding a religion is to study its divine source.

Islam's divine source is the Qur'an, which is based on concept of morality, compassion, humanity, sacrifice, tolerance and peace. A Muslim who lives by those precepts in its true sense will be most polite, careful of thought, modest, just, trustworthy and easy to get on with. He will spread love, respect, harmony and the joy of living all around him.

### Islam is the Religion of Peace

Terror, in its broadest sense, is violence committed against non-military targets for political purposes. To put it another way, targets of terror are entirely innocent civilians whose only crime, in the eyes of terrorists, is to represent "the other side"

For this reason, terror means subjecting innocent to violence, which is an act bereft of any moral justification. This, as in the case of murders committed by Hitler or Stalin, is a crime committed against mankind.

The Qur'an is a book revealed to people as a guide to the true path and in this book, God commands man to adopt good morals. This morality is based upon concepts such as love, compassion, tolerance and mercy. The word "Islam" is derived from the word mean-

ing "peace" in Arabic. Islam is a religion revealed to mankind with the intention of presenting a peaceful life through which the infinite compassion and mercy of God manifest on earth. God calls all people to Islamic morals through which compassion, mercy, peace and tolerance can be experienced all over the world. In Sura Baqara, verse 208, God addresses believers as follows:

O You believe! Enter absolutely into peace (Islam). Do not follow in the footsteps of Satan. He is an outright enemy to you.

As the verse makes clear, security can only be ensured by "entering into Islam", that is, living by the values of the Qur'an. The values of the Qur'an hold a Muslim responsible for treating all people, whether Muslim or non-Muslim, kindly and justly, protecting the needy and innocent and "preventing the dissemination of mischief". Mischief comprises all forms of anarchy and terror that remove security, comfort and peace. As God says in a verse, "God does not love corruption". (Qur'an,

Murdering a person for no reason is one of the most obvious examples of mischief. God repeats in the Qur'an a command He formerly revealed to Jews in the Old Testament thus:

..if someone kills another person –unless it is in retaliation for someone else or for causing corruption in the earth –it is as if had murdered all the mankind. And if anyone gives life to another person, it is as if he had given life to all mankind...(Qur'an, 5:32)

As the verse suggests, a person who kills a single man, "unless it is in retaliation for someone else or for causing corruption in the earth", commits a crime as if he had murdered all mankind

This being the case, it is obvious what great sins are the murders, massacres and attacks, popularly known as "suicide attacks", committed by terrorists.

God informs us how this cruel face of terrorism will be punished in the hereafter in the following verse:

There are only grounds against those who wrong people and act as tyrants in the earth without any right to do so. Such people will have a painful punishment. (Our'an)

All these reveal that organizing acts of terror against innocent people is utterly against Islam and it is unkindly that any Muslim could ever commit such crimes. On the contrary, Muslims are responsible for stopping these people, removing "mischief on earth" and bringing peace and security to all people all over the world. Islam cannot be reconciled with terror. Just the contrary, it should be the solution to and the path to the prevention of terror.

### God has condemned wickedness

God has commanded people to avoid committing evil: oppression, cruelty, murder and bloodshed are all forbidden. He describes those who fail to obey this command as "following in Satan's footsteps" and adopting a posture that is openly revealed to be sinful in the Qur'an. A few of the many verses on this matter in the Our'an read:

But as for those who break God's contract after it has been agreed and sever what God has commanded to be joined, and cause corruption in the earth, the curse will be upon them. They will have the Evil Abode. (Qur'an, 13:25)

Eat and drink of God's provision and do not go about the earth corrupting it. (Qur'an 2;60)

Do not corrupt the earth after it has been put right. Call on Him fearfully and eagerly. God's mercy is close to the good-doers. (Qur'an, 7:56)

Those who drink that they will be successful by causing wickedness, upheaval and oppression and by killing innocent are committing a great error. God has forbidden all acts of wicked-

ness involving terrorism and violence, condemned those who engage in such acts and said "God does not uphold the works of those who cause mischief."in one of His verses. (Qur'an 10: 81)

In the present age, however, acts of terrorism, genocide and massacres occur all over the world. Innocent people are being savagely killed, and countries where communities are being brought to hate each other for artificial reasons are drowning in blood. These horrors in countries with different histories, cultures and social structures may have causes and sources peculiar to each. However, it is evident that the fundamental cause is a moving away form morality based on love, respect and tolerance that religion brings with it. As a result of lack of religion, communities emerge that have no fear of God and believe that they will not be called to account in the hereafter. Since they believe that, "I will not have to account for my actions to anyone" they can easily act with no compassion, morality or conscience

The existence of hypocrites who emerge in the name of God and religion, but actually organize themselves to commit wickedness condemned by God, is indicated in the Qur'an. One verse talks about a gang of nine men who planned to murder the Prophet by swearing in the name of God:

There was a gang of nine of men in the city causing corruption in the land and not putting things right. They said, "Let us make an oath to one another by God that we will fall on him and his family in the night and then say to his protector, We did not witness the destruction of his family and we are telling the truth." They hatched a plot and We hatched a plot while they were not aware. (Qur'an, 27:48-50)

As this incident described in the Qur'an reveals, the fact that people do things "in the name of God" or even

swear in His name, in other words that they use the kind of language designed to show themselves as very religious, does not mean that what they do is in conformity with religion. On the contrary, what they do can be quite against all will of God and the morality of religion. The truth of the matter lies in their actions. If their actions are "causing corruption not putting thins right", as the verse reveals, then you can be sure that these people cannot be truly religious, and that their aim is not to serve religion.

It is quite impossible for someone who fears God and has grasped the true morality of Islam to support violence or wickedness, or to take part in such actions. That is why Islam is the true solution to terrorism. When the sublime morality of the Qur'an is explained, it will be impossible for people to connect true Islam with those who support or join groups that aim at hatred, war and chaos. That is because God has forbidden wickedness:

Whenever he holds the upperhand, he goes about the earth corrupting it, destroying (people's) crops and breeding stock. God does not love corruption. When he is told to have a fear of God, he is seized by pride, which drives him to wrongdoing. Hell will be enough for him! What an evil resting-place. (Qur'an,2:205-206)

As can be seen from the above verses, it is out of the question for someone who fears God to turn a blind eyes to even the smallest action that might harm mankind. Someone who does not believe in God and hereafter, however, can easily do all kinds of evil since he thinks he will not have to account to anyone.

The first thing that needs to be done to rid the world of the present day scourge of terrorism is to use education to do away with deviant irreligious beliefs that are put forward in the name of religion, an to teach people true Qur'anic morality and fear



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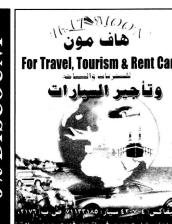
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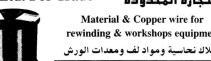
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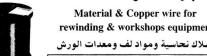
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# International Students Day Celebrations, 2002

### Address by H. E. Mr. M. S. Suman, Ambassador of India | Indians in Sana'a celebrate (Read out by Mr. O. P. Bajaj, HOC)

Excellency Ambassador of India, Dr. D. Thakur, President of CICA, ladies and dear friends. brated It gives me great pleasure to weleleventh come you all here on the occasion of November

Students International International Students Day has been specifically earmarked by the Government of India for a get-together of alumni from various Indian Universities, Colleges and other educational institutions. It is a happy occasion for the reunion of foreign students. who have studied in India in different educational institutions at different times. Equally important, it is also an

Yemeni academics. International Students Day is cele th every year, which happens to be to be the birth anniversary Maulana Abul Kalam

Azad. who Educationist. vas India's First Education Minister and under whose

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your friend who I have heard such

bag and baggage (with all one's belongings) He left the country

let the cat out of the bag (tell a

secret) In the course of conversation he inadvertently let

The poor and starving beggar is a

bags of (plenty of). He earns bags

of money from his business

put in bail (to pay money to secure

someone's release from jail) His

friend put in bail for him and got

Words commonly confounded

bough (n) (large branch of a tree)

The boughs of the Banyan tree

bow (vt) (bend the head or the

body) We bow our heads to express gratitude to Allah, the most

bought (vt) (past tense of buy)

They bought a new house recently but (conj) I advised him not to be

lazy but he didn't pay any heed to

butt (n) (person who is a target for

ridicule or jokes) His foolish manners make him butt of ridicule

abuse (vt) (to use something

badly) It is easy to abuse one's

misuse (vt) (to use something for a

wrong purpose). Don't misuse the

boy (n) (a male child) Boys have a

lot more freedom than girls in any

buoy (n) (something that helps to

keep a person afloat in water) After

their boat capsized, he saved his

brake (n) (part of a vehicle that is

pressed against a wheel to reduce its speed). He put on the brake to

break (vt) (cause something

separate into parts). He broke the

trouble-free service

you want it to give you

and the most

3 a bag of bones (a lean person)

with all his bag and baggage

a lot about

Idioms and phrases

the cat out of the bag

mere bag of bones

overseas

him released

give travelers shade

compassionate

# **International Students Day**

Embassy in Sana'a celebratee International Students Day at the resi dence of the Indian Ambassador to Yemen, H.E. Mr. M. S. Suman International Day is held in memory of Maulana Abul Kalaam Azad. independent India's first education Prof. Damodar Thakur Mr. Muthar minister.

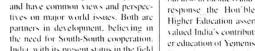
Murtaza, Vice-Minister for Higher Education, a number of senior Yemeni

Government officials, Indian teachers working in Yemem universities and Indian managers of corporate sectors in Yemen, and a large number of Yemenis who have completed their higher education in different universities in India attended the function. The function started with a welcome speech by the Indian Ambassador, in which he highlighted the long-standing co-operation between India and Yemen in the field of higher education. M. O.P.Bajaj. Consul in the Indian Embassy. reviewed statistics that revealed the full extent of the close cultural ties between the two countries not only in education. but also in business and industry. In his response the Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education asserted that Yemen valued India's contribution to the higher education of Yemenis, and that Indo-Yemeni co-operation has proved mutually beneficial. He expressed the hope that the quantum of scholarships offered by the India Government would be increased in the future. Professor D. Thakur, Chairman, Department of English and President of the

focused in his address on Maulana Abul Kalaam Azad's view of a composite Indian culture. India is not just a geographical territory, not just the millions of people living in it. India, he said, is a conviction, a philosophy, the philosophy of a unity

underlying apparent pluralities. He talked of the uniqueness

of India's pluralistic society and its global contribution in the field of education and thought, and the diverse opportunities in business and trade as well. Professor Thakur reiterated that India with its rich cultural heritage has a great sustaining power for the whole world. The present history of India is the biggest experiment in history so far of how people of different religions. languages and traditions could not only live together in peace and harmony, but also be a source of strength to each other. If India fails in its experiment, humanity itself will fail and all the beautiful dreams that the wise people of our societies have had for ages of a glorious future would be frustrated forever. India's success in its experiment will be the victory of the philosophy that plurality is a blessing, not a menace. Professor Thakur expressed his confidence that India will not fail, that India has the courage and the determination to rise above all its problems. Even though India has had occasional problems of inner cohesiveness and outer coherence. India will prove more than equal to the challenges that it has



India, with its present status in the field of higher education, is keen to help the Republic of Yemen. The Government India presently grants 30 ICCR scholarships to Yemeni students each year under the Cultural Exchange Program and the General Culture Scholarship Scheme, which are almost fully utilized. According to our statisties, more than 500 scholars have gone to India for higher education on schol-

arships. Besides, many more Yemeni students join various Indian Universities and Colleges as selffinancing students to pursue higher education. During the last four years, around 1000 students have gone to

India under this scheme. We attach

great value to the mutual friendship

and cooperation existing between the

two countries. I have great pleasure to inform you all that during the year 2001, according to Statistics released by CSO, Sana'a India was the largest importer of Yemeni products and was the third largest exporter of goods to Yemen. after UAE and Saudi Arabia. Further, the 4th Session of the Indo-Yemen Joint Committee meeting was held in New Delhi on October 30-31, 2002, in a friendly and cordial atmosphere. The following agreements were signed: () Bilateral Investment Promotion and Protection agreement and (11) Agreement on Cooperation in the field of Health and Medicine, Alongside of this Meeting, the second round of Indo-Meeting was also held in New Delhi. These meetings would pave the way

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n fact you have exerted a lot of hard work to enrich us with valuable teachings and enlightenment. We can't help expressing hankfulness to you for this. We will never orget you even if you left Yemen. You name and memory will remain stuck in ou minds. Respect and love for you will ever stay in our hearts. Your book "improve you English" will last with all our students and all the Yemen Times readers for all the time. If s a treasure for all English learners. By the is a freasone for all rights freamers. By imay we would not forget your colleagues Indian professors in Yemen's universities who have also been making much efforts in participate with you in the page of Education enriching it with valuable articles. nd various important teachings

This proves that you and your Indian colleagues in Yemen are very generous to femeni people and are helping us achieve more progress and prosperity in life. We rould be very thankful to you all. We hop ur mutual love would prevail forever Dear Dr. My suggestions are as follows Improve you English could be a single volume but divided into four parts each part meant for three months study. The ok could make a one-year curriculu leading to a degree or diploma in the English language

Imajid Ahmed bin Ali Jab P. O. Box: 8268 – Mukali

### Times Quiz 47

Antibiotics are obtained mostly

d) viruses meter measures Sphygm a) blood pressure b) pulse rate c) heartbeat rate d) cardiac output

The weight of a body is a) the force with which it is attracted by the earth b) the mass of the body c) the pressure of the atr

Eugenics deals with the use of a) environment to control human b) strictest laws to prevent detenoration of human race c) measures to preserve best human

race by applying methods of genetics d) None of these abbreviation NIC?

Answers to Times Quiz (46)

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**UV-rays** 

Minamata disease is due to mercury

Solution: 10 letters

WAP stands for Wireless Access

# Improve Your English



I. What to Say

Giving Advice (II)

Situations and Expressions (30):

A should very carefully study the practicalities of the

communicative context, such as the

kind of personality he is dealing with

the speaker's relationship with the

hearer, the precise nature of the

interaction, whether the advice is

sought for or is voluntarily given by the

speaker and so forth, before giving any

Now let's look at some more

· Discretion should be the better part

. You'll do well to remember that a

· You cannot afford to forget that a

. I put myself in your position and

Keeping your constraints in mind. I

it today. What you want to do today

It doesn't stand to reason why you

What on earth prompts you to

I fail to understand how you should

Should you face any problem

I see no harm in your DOING

Why can t you DO ?

Be a leader not a led

Your best lies in DOING.

· Discover the rhythm of life

Eshraq excels to speak

II. How to Say it Correctly

following sentences

holy Ramadaan

You may DO Try your best to DO

Set an example

Deserve before desiring

· In view of your fragile health, you

It seems to me that you should

In the best of your interests you

Dance your way to peace and

Correct errors, if any, in the

prevents you from

omissions and commissions

Be well advised to DO

· My advice to you is to DO

advice you to DO

should DO

do it now

think you should DO

'No words, but acts'

man is known by the acts of his

man is known by the company he

expressions used for giving advice.

of your valor

keeps

s we observed earlier, one

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Note When two nouns joined by 5

best dress

neither-nor differ in number, the pronoun must agree with the plural noun which comes after nor Those three girls love one another
Note: each-other is used in

speaking of two persons or things while one another is used for more than two Each boy and each girl was in her

III. How to express it in one word Small hollow in the chin or cheek which appears when the person smiles

Union of two vowel sounds Excessive craving for alcoholic

Irresistible tendency to steal Form of madness that gives a person the idea that his importance is very great.

Answers to last week's questions not with real understanding Dilettante (n)

Steady effort to achieve something Waste time by not making up one's

mind: Dilly-dally (vi) Make a liquid thinner by adding water Dilute (vt) Not bright enough to be seen What you want to do tomorrow, do 5

clearly Dim (adj) VI Grammar and Composition a) Grammar

Change each of the following sentences so that they start with the Give up smoking - If I were you

How can I stop chewing gat?" -Can you give me

Don't waste time' - In my opinion

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

- I am deeply worned

keep one's balance throw somebody off his balance

c) Words that are commonly confounded: Bring out differences in meaning of

the following pairs of words breakable, breakage breaker broker

bream, brim breath, breathe

borrow, barrow

We gave our friend goodbye at the Answers to last week's questions We should eat the poor during the Grammar and Composition

Composition Would it be possible (or convenient) for you to come and see me on Friday morning? but I would love to come on some

Can you come on Saturday? I'd like you to meet my friend who has recently come from India'. That sounds a good idea Would

you be interested in coming with

ne sometime next week?"

"Our Lord! Condemn us not If we forget or fall Into error, our Lord! Lay not on us

plate due to carelessness.

IV. Pearls from the Holy Quran

Have strength to bear. And grant us forgiveness. Have mercy on us. Thou art our protector; Over the unbelievers." S2: A286 0 0

"Education is an ornament in prosperity and a refuge in

by DAVID OUELLET CAMPING

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each	Family	Mountain	Sailing	Time
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ottes	Flies	Nature	Season	Trail
ring	Food	Outdoor	Settle	Transport
alm	Forest	Pack	Sing	Travels
amera	Free	Parks	Site	Trek
anoe	Friends	Peer	Sleep	Trip
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Last Week's Answer: Manager ANSWER NEXT WEEK

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Calm	Forest	Pack	Sin	
Camera	Free	Parks	Site	
Canoe	Friends	Peer	Sie	
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Class	Gear	Pillow	Sor	
Clearing	Group	Plant	Spi	
Clothes	Hike	Play	Sta	
Compact	Holiday	Pleasant	Sto	
Couple	Kias	Rain	Sto	
Crafts	Kite	Region	Stu	
Dancing	Lake	Relax	Su	

Lead

V. Words of Wisdom

The chief guest made a good

Solutions to last week's questions 1. We, you and they must work 3 The roads of Sanaa are wider than

The Dean gave order to begin the

those of Taiz. Neither the officer nor the clerks get their

burden greater than we

adversity."

Enjoy



### **Invitation for Bids**

### Al Taweelah Mahweet Girls School Tender No.81/02

The Republic of Yemen has received a credit from the Word Bank (IDA) towards the cost of Social Fund for Development's (SFD) sub-projects and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contract for Al-Taweelah Mahweet Girls School Project. Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the Guidelines procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits.

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Bids shall be in US\$ and valid for a period of 90 days after Bid opening and must be accompanied by security of 2% of total BID price valid for a period of 90 days after Bids opening, and shall be deliverable to SFD Head Office at 30 United Nations Road, Sana'a on or before 12:00 noon of Saturday, 28/12/2002 at which here they will be opened in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend, Any Bid received or submitted after this deadline will be returned unopened to the bidder. SFD is not bounded to award the contract to the bidder offering the lowest evaluated bid price or any other bid.

Domestic bidders shall attach their tax cards and qualification certificates with their Bids.

The Bidders shall at the their own expense visit and examine the Site of project and its surroundings before submitting their bids.

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رقم (۲۰۰۲/۸۱)

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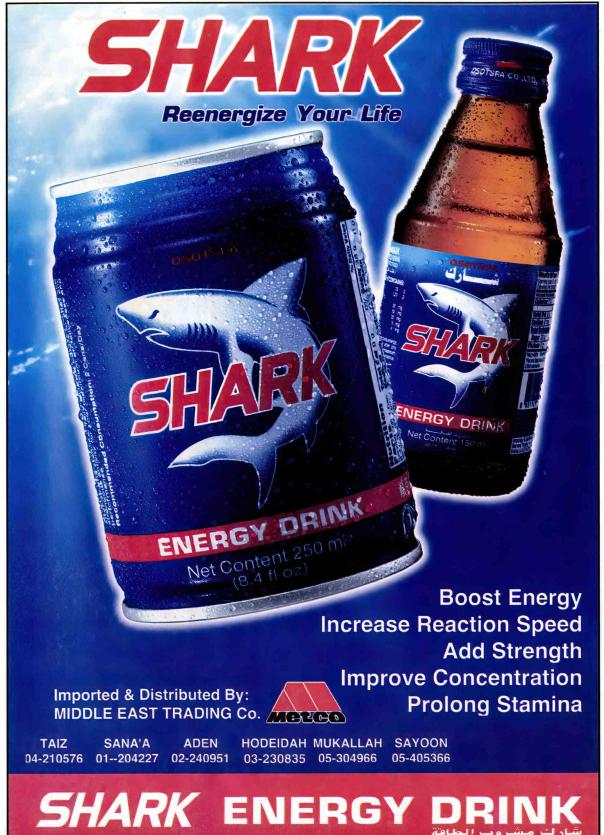
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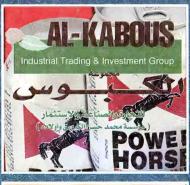




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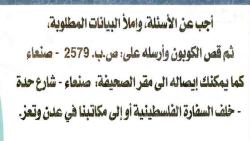
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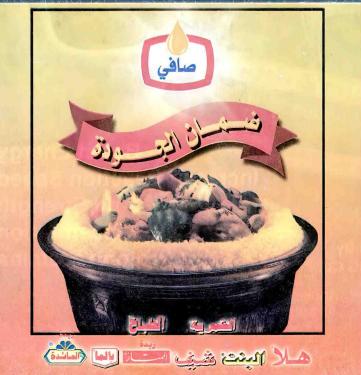










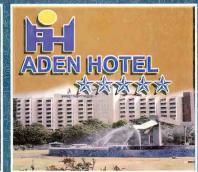












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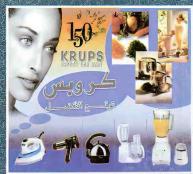




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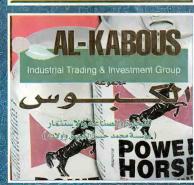
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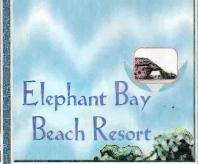


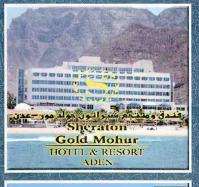


















### **Questions for Issue 47**

### Check the right answer

- 1- The number of products which are featured by the trade mark pure, (Safi) include:
  - **1** 7 **3** 8 **1** 6
- 2- The name of the product which consists of pure sesame
  - ☐ Al-Basha ☐ Al-Fanar ☐ Mari
- 3- An annual festival held by ☐ Abu Walad Biscuits ☐ Choco Wafer
- 4- The first concentrated milk in Yemen is ☐ Al-Momtaz

☐ Al-Hana

☐ Mari Biscuits

- 5- "A Bank for everyone" is a motto for one of the leading banking establishments
  - ☐ Yemen Gulf Bank ☐ The Central Bank of Yemen ☐ The International Bank

☐ Samsung 7- When Yemen Dairy & Juice Industries (SYC) established?

6- Mohammed Ibraheem al-Wajeeh, the sole agent for

one of the following

Yemen

☐ Videocon

■ Sony

famous trade mark in

- **1977 1978 1979**
- ☐ Heavy machines ☐ Household equipment □ Accessories 9- Yemenia Airlines

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  - ٤- الحليب المركز الأول في اليمن هو: 🗖 حليب الممتاز المركز 🗖 حليب الهناء الوطني
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### **Islamic morality:**

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On the occasion of Ramadhan, Yemen Times is publishing a series of informative articles on some aspects of Islam's concepts and stands towards various issues. The newspaper staff has chosen to quote from the book "Islam Denounces Terrorism" written by Mr. Harun Yahya who is a well versed author in this field.

s is known, for cen-

turies, various acts of terrorism have been carried out in different parts of the world by different groups for a verity of purposes. Sometimes a communist organization, sometimes a fascist group, and sometimes radical and separatist factions assume responsibility for these acts. While some countries like America often become the target of the attacks by racist and marginal terrorist groups, the European countries have been center stage for violent acts carried out by terrorist groups. 17 November in Greece, RAF ( Red Army Faction) and Neo-Nazis in Germany, ETA in Spain, Red Brigades in Italy and many other organizations seek to make their voice heard through terror and violence by killing

The nature of terrorism changes by changing the world conditions and increases its impact and power with the new means made possible by developing technology. In particular, mass communication tools such as the Internet

innocent and defenseless people.

rorist activities considerably.

ward claims which do not concur with not be called "Jewish" if the perpetrators were Jews or "Christian terror" if of a divine religion is unacceptable. We Hell. No one who is religious and fears God would do such a thing.

The aggressors can commit such violence only with the intention of the attacking religion itself. It may well be that those who carried out this violence did so to present religion as evil in the eyes of people, to divorce people from religion and to generate hatred towards

extend the scope and influence the ter-

Besides the Western organizations, there are also other terror organizations in the Middle East origin. Terrorist attacks are carried out by these groups in all corners of the world. Sadly, the fact the perpetrators of various terrorist acts carry Christian, Muslims and Jewish identities cause some people to put fordivine religions. The truth is that even if terrorists have Muslim identities, the terror they perpetrators cannot be labeled "Islamic terror", just as it could they were Christians. That is because, as will be examined in the following pages, murdering innocent people in the name need keep in mind that, among those who were killed in New York and Washington, there were people who loved the Prophet Jesus (Christian), the Prophet Mosses (Jews) and the Prophet Mohammed (Muslims). Unless forgiven by God, murdering the innocent people is a great sin that leads to torment in

dicts the message of Islam.

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those who are religiously inclined. Consequently, every attack on America citizens or other people having a religious façade is actually an attack made against religion.

Religion commands love, mercy and peace. Terror, on the other hand, is the opposite of religion; it is cruel, merciless and demands bloodshed and misery. This being the case, the origins of a terrorist act should be sought in disbelief rather than in religion. People with a fascist, communist, racist or materialist outlook on life should be suspected as potential perpetrators. The name or the identity of the triggerman is not important. If he can kill innocent people without blinking an eye, then he is a nonbeliever, not a believer. He is a murderer with no fear of God, whose main ambitions is to shed blood and to cause harm. For this reason, "Islamic terror" is an erroneous concept, which contra-

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