

Thrown bomb causes panic near US embassy's complex

On alert

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Sanaa, July 30 - The area around the US embassy in Sanaa has been witnessing tremendous security measures in the last few days, especially after a warning was issued by the US authorities to its nationals in Yemen about their personal security. The security measures reached their peak yesterday following a small incident that occurred Tuesday night about a mile away from the embassy's gate. According to a reporter near the scene, "two Yemenis seemed to have started a dispute, which later turned violent when one of them threw a bomb, causing minor damage to some doors and shattering some windows, but resulting in no injuries. The person who threw the bomb was able to escape, while the police arrested for interrogation a store owner in the area."

It was feared that the attack may have been an assault against the US embassy, but it turned out that it was a dispute among locals. Embassy staffers received many calls following

the incident, signaling the sensitivity of the situation, which is ready to explode any minute because of the high level of alert due to possible risk of attacks against US interests in the country.

This comes after the US embassy in Sanaa warned US nationals in Yemen to be very cautious following Frankfurt court's ruling concerning the turning over of Sheikh Mohammed al-Mouyad and his assistant to the US, which accuses them of being al-Qaeda's supporters.

"The Embassy of the United States wants to inform American citizens in Yemen that the German authorities have ruled in favor of the U.S. request to extradite Yemeni Sheikh Mohamed Ali Hassan Al-Mouyad" the US message sent to all US nationals in Yemen and published on July 21 said. Al-Mouyad was arrested by German authorities last January on U.S. criminal charges of providing material support to foreign terrorist organizations, namely, al-Qaeda and Hamas.

The embassy advised the US nationals living in Yemen to be on high alert all the time and "to pay par-

ticular attention to their personal security at all times. Americans should make it a point to keep a low profile, vary routes and times of travel, avoid large crowds and demonstrations." They were also asked to "report any suspicious activity to the Embassy's Regional Security Office." A reliable source at the US embassy told Yemen Times, however, that this advice made by the embassy is something normal and that no extraordinary security measures have been taken in the embassy and that the consular section is working normally.

In response to this concern by the US and German governments, the Yemeni authorities intensified security measures around the US and German embassies in Sanaa.

A Yemeni delegation representing the parliament and Shura council is still exerting efforts in Germany to get the two suspects released and returned home.

On the other hand, families of a number of detainees with terrorism charges appealed Tuesday to President Ali Abdullah Saleh to interfere and get their relatives in prisons

of the intelligence released. In a press statement, they appealed to President Saleh to have their relatives released, as they have been in detention for 2 or 3 years. The statement cites the case of other detainees, with similar charges of having links to extremist groups or Al-Qaeda network, who have been already released and compensated. The statement stressed that there were no clear charges set against the detainees. "The detainees suffer psychological illnesses due to the detention," the statement stressed.

Minister of Interior, Dr. Rashad al-Alimi said mid July that around 200 detainees will be sent to court soon and that 95 others were released. Among those who were released were some convinced by the clerics committee, set by president Saleh, to abandon their extremist views, abiding by law and order. Earlier last year, a parliament committee was set up to investigate into the situation of the detainees with regard to terrorism. International organizations criticized Yemeni government for violating human rights in its war against terrorism.



An archive photo showing Yemeni military police pulling a man off the street for questioning in downtown Sanaa. Security presence in the streets and around the US and German embassies have increased in the fear of possible retaliation in response to the German court's decision to extradite Al-Mouyad to the USA for trial. REUTERS

N. Korea sanctioned over Yemen missile deal

Washington, Jul 25 (Reuters/Agencies)- Consequences of the Yemen-Korea scud missile deal have continued as the United States administration imposed last Friday new sanctions on North Korea over its export of 15 Scud missiles to Yemen last year. The incident ignited a major diplomatic crisis and exposed a loophole in global non-proliferation regimes.

The US State Department extended sanctions on a North Korean company accused of selling Scud missiles to Yemen on Friday, but upon guarantees by the Yemeni government, it remained faithful to its decision last

year not to punish Yemen for ordering the consignment.

This comes in a time N. Korea has deployed additional long-range missiles capable of reaching Japan.

Korea does not have a market economy, the same sanctions apply to the North Korean government but they will have no effect because the United States does not trade in military equipment with North Korea.

Until March 2007 the company, Changgwang Sinyong Corporation, will not be able to buy from the United States any items on a U.S. munitions list, win contracts with the U.S. government or export to the

United States, it said.

Identical existing sanctions against the company, imposed for exports to Iran, would have run out in June 2006.

A Spanish warship intercepted the last shipment of Scuds bound for Yemen in December last year but the United States decided to let the vessel continue on its way because the trade does not violate any international law.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said the United States did not also impose sanctions on Yemen as the recipient because of its good relations with the Yemeni government.

"We have assurances that this was the last part of the shipment and that there will be no further shipments. In consideration of our relationship, our cooperation on terrorism and consistent with the law, we're not imposing sanctions on Yemen for this activity at this time," he told a briefing.

More militants arrested

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Aden, 29 July - Four militants of the Aden-Abyan Islamic Army (AAIA) were arrested last week in the continued hunt down against the militants in some areas in Abyan, Lahj, and other governorates, a Yemeni official source announced last Sunday. The four militants were arrested in an area nearby Abyan governorate as the government's forces continued their campaign to arrest the rest of the group who escaped the military operation against its members late June. The number of the arrested militants rose to 31 while those who were killed in the military operation are 6 persons. The government forces battled the militants in Huttat after they attacked a military

medical convoy in the area.

The minister of interior Dr. Rashad al-Alimi announced mid July that the number of the group is 64 militants and that security forces are still hunting down to arrest the 28 elements of those who could escape to rugged and mountainous areas.

stepped up security around the German and US embassies in Sanaa fearing violent reaction to the German court's ruling last week concerning Sheikh Al-Mouyad. Streets around the two embassies were sealed off and police patrols were deployed in the vicinity of the two compounds for more protection.

This comes in a time Yemeni police

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Staggering number of car accidents causes panic:

Ten more killed, others injured

BY ABDU M. ASSABRI
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SANAA, July 29 - Ten people were killed and others were injured when their minibus rammied into a truck on the Sanaa-Hodeidah highway last week. The truck driver was the only survivor of the accident, which was among the most devastating ever on that highway.

Breakneck speed, negligence and technical problems are the main reasons behind such accidents.

Traffic authorities are concerned that lack of road services in Yemen's busiest highways, such as Sana'a-Taiz and Sana'a-Hodeidah routes could be a contributing factor to the high number of accidents.

"What is needed at roadsides is better signs, which could in turn prevent many traffic accidents that have become quite regular in our country lately," a traffic policeman said.

Roads are not safe in Yemen because driving license regulations are most of the time never enforced.

Unfortunately, children under the age of 16 years also drive cars using fake driver licenses or false dates of birth.



Thousands of Yemenis killed in similar traffic accidents all the year around

Solutions needed

Tackling the main problems suffered by drivers and police officers could substantially reduce the number of accidents.

The problem of excessive speed, the main cause of accident, can be tackled

through awareness campaigns, and proper law enforcement.

Only those road accidents attended by the traffic policemen in Yemen are recorded, whereas in other remote and mountainous regions, car accidents are rarely documented. More focus should

be given to rural areas in this regard.

Proposals for solutions to prevent accidents on Yemen's highways and roads are urgently required from the traffic authorities.

It would be beneficial if all organizations involved in the documentation

and collection of data on road accidents developed common criteria and definitions. This would allow comparisons to be made between information obtained by different sources.

State blamed

Despite a perceived lack of urgency on the part of the state to make any major changes to the traffic system in the country, more funding should be allocated for road maintenance.

Practicalities and safety signs on roads should be constantly reviewed, and traffic regulations implemented on all citizens equally.

However, the suggestion to have extensive auditing of police officers to know how

they handle their duties and better regulations to control speed limits on highways - by installing speed sensors, etc. - would certainly improve the situation. Although this may be more expensive in the short term, but it would prove to be more economically viable in the long run.

German nationals in Yemen, not targeted

A number of Sheikhs and figures from Khowlan tribe, to which al-Moayyad belongs, said on Wednesday that they were no activities or threats against German nationals in Yemen that could be in connection with the arrest of Sheikh al-Moayyad in Germany.

Stance of the tribe have been adopted during former collective sit-ins in Sana'a, mentioning that all Yemenis respect the Germans and their nationals in Yemen due to their positive stance

towards Yemen and Arab issues, and also because, the Germany is a leading state offering assistance to Yemen.

They added that previous kidnappings were unintentional.

A source at the German Embassy has denied the news published at Annas newspaper latest issue about the hand of the German Embassy in Sana'a enticing al-Moayyad and his companion to Germany last January and that the Embassy had granted him visa as it is

the case with any Yemeni intending to visit Germany or to have medical treatment there.

Economical resources told the Yemen Times that Yemen could be economically affected by German foreign ministry and its embassy in Sana'a because of their warning to their nationals.

It also said that that could result in halting German tourist trips to Yemen and German developing programs in Yemen.

In tribal fighting in Sana'a

2 women killed, other 4 injured

Tribal clashes took place at Bani Hoshah area, 30 km to the east of Sunday caused the death of 2 women and injury 4 people at.

Because of looting acts and fire shots inside houses.

Mediation exerted by neighboring tribes are trying to conclude a long-term truce between the two parties.

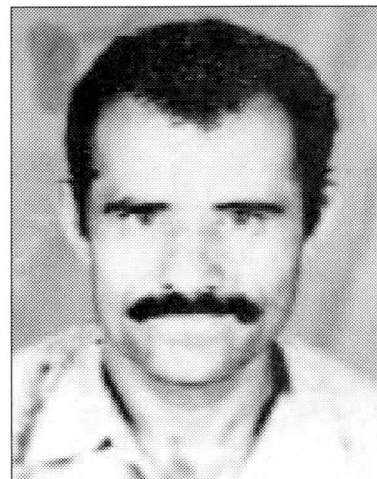
The two parties had earlier given mediators a time ended last Thursday for conducting their good offices.

Murdered family appealed to president

ADEN_20 July, Family of the murdered Mohsen Saleh Abduh Al-Amri from al-Merbah, Lahj governorate sent an appeal to president Ali Abdullah, human rights organizations and other international organizations requesting to be supported and established justice against some influential and the corrupt who impede the course of justice in their case.

The family mentioned in its appeal that the killed Saleh Abduh Al-Amri had been killed by an identified murderers who are still at large because they had been released under mediation of some influential persons and those who tamper with the case of the murdered, indicating that they were suffering from terror at a time the president himself calls for fighting terror.

The case which has taken place since 1999 in which three people of the Lahj governorate are accused, is still undecided yet despite of all the papers'



Mohsen Saleh Abduh Al-Amri

that the deputy governor and the secretary general of Lahj Local Council sent to the head of the appeal court and head of the appeals of the prosecution in Lahj.

Republic of Yemen Education Sector Investment Project (Credit No. 2570-Yem) Procurement, Delivery and Installation of Equipment for Sana'a Community College

- The Republic of Yemen has received a credit from the International Development Association toward the cost of The Education Sector Investment Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the contract for Procurement, Delivery and Installation of Equipment for Sana'a Community College
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- Bidding will be conducted through the international competitive bidding procedures specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits, and is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the Guidelines.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from The Credit Administration Unit and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below from 08:30 to 03:00 hours (Saturday-Wednesday).
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QUESTION:

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- To assure Iraqis that the two were killed. 61.2%
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Yemen-Oman to enhance media cooperation

BY YASSER AL-MAYASI
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Sanaa July 29 - Yemen and Oman signed on Monday a cooperation agreement in media field at the Saba News Agency headquarter in Sana'a. The agreement came after holding a session headed by the Yemeni Minister of Information, Mr. Hussein Dhaif Allah al-Awadi and Mr. Ahmed Bin Mohammed al-Rashadi, Oman Information Minister.

Talks between the two ministers focused on enhancing means to implement the previously signed agreements between the two countries as well as enlarging the horizons of cooperation and links between the different public and private media institutions of Yemen and Oman to improve their competence through the exchange of experiences and ideas.

This agreement came as part of a 4-day-visit paid by Omani Information Minister to Yemen.



The Omani information minister and his Yemeni counterpart, Mr. al-Awadi during the signing ceremony

Another workshop about reforms in structure and activities of the Social Welfare Fund:

Restructuring of SWF discussed

Fahmia al-Fotih
Yemen Times Staff

In spite of the short period that passed since it was established in 1996, the Social Welfare Fund (SWF) has been offering its services to more than 15 different sections of the community including orphans, families of martyrs, handicapped etc. The fund delivered its services to the most in need in very remote areas in Yemen.

Last week, SWF started discussing possibilities of restructuring and reforms in the organizational structure of the Fund and its branches.

In this regard, SWF concluded a 4-day-workshop on Thursday 24 July 2003 under the auspice of Dr. Abdul Karim al-Arhabi, Minister of Social

Affairs and Labor and the head of board of directors of SWF, which is supported by EU-Fund.

In his speech, Dr. Al-Arhabi gave a background about SWF. "Establishing the SWF was recommended by donors as a part of the Social Security Network and was then left without technical assistance. Then SWF started with self-efforts and has grown steadily to introduce its services to all sectors of the community throughout Yemen."

He stressed on the importance of the workshop in introducing possible means to reorganize the structure and work of the SWF and specify the cases that need more assistance and funding. "The issue is quite simple. We in the fund want to help those specified by

the law as needy and vulnerable, who meet the criteria as there is an increasing number of cases that do not meet the criteria. Our support is somewhat temporary. So we seek a mechanism to re-assess all cases and establish an effective monitoring system to ensure that those who no longer meet the criteria are filtered out" Al-Arhabi said.

Dr. Al-Arhabi thanked the EU-Fund for its assistance. "The EU-Fund was very generous and we thank the experts who exerted great efforts resulting in fruitful results," he said.

He also highlighted the intensive efforts made by the employees of the fund. "We believe there are pros as well as cons in our projects, whose implementation is not easy. We in SWF

continuously seek rehabilitation and improvement in our performance. We surely have a long way to go" Al-Arhabi concluded.

Mr. Mansour Al-Fayadi, SWF Executive Manager, addressed the attendees by explaining the activities of SWF since it was first established. "Despite the fact that the SWF resulted from genuine local efforts within the country, it has succeeded in implementing great projects in cooperation with some bodies and benefited the society tremendously. Today, this workshop has come to crown 5 previous workshops held in five governorates with the participation of more than 250 participants."

He added, "SWF has conducted a series of surveys about its beneficiaries and projects. The statistics suggest that more than 450,000 people have benefited from our projects until 2003, while another 100,000 will benefit too."

He said that the obstacles that the SWF has faced include shortage of rough information and statistics about poverty and insufficient financial and human resources and capabilities as well as other social, economic and political challenges.

Mr. Walter Tebert, an international expert in human resource development provided information about the so-far held workshops specialized in discussions on restructuring the SWF and described the results achieved so far.

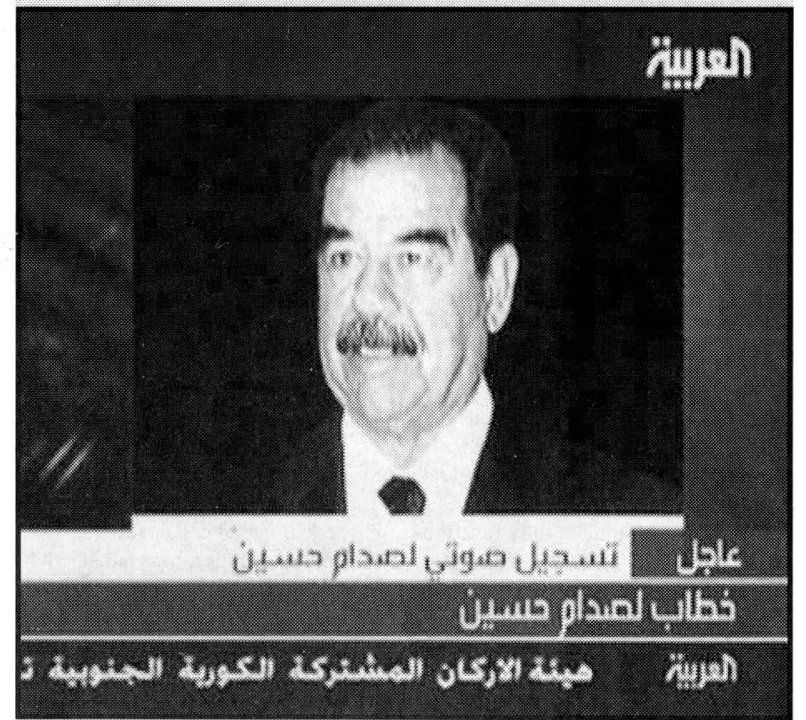
Mr. Arjen Sterk EU team-leader, said "This workshop is just one step in bringing the Social Welfare Fund closer to all those who need it. It is a step to make the SWF assist its beneficiaries in meeting their food and non-food requirements. And it is also a step to make the SWF more actively involved in helping its beneficiaries become self-dependent and not in need for social welfare any more. For sure, the way will be long, but we are heading in the right direction."

Saddam tape vows revenge for sons' deaths

TIKRIT, Iraq (Reuters, July 29) - An audio tape purportedly from former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein broadcast on Tuesday vowed to defeat the United States to avenge the deaths of his two sons by U.S. forces.

"I mourn to you the deaths of Uday and Qusay and those who struggled with them... America will be defeated," said the voice on the tape, aired by Dubai-based Al Arabiya television. "They...died martyrs in the name of jihad (holy war)," the voice said.

The speech was rambling, breaking off in mid-sentence on occasions, but a Reuters correspondent familiar with Saddam's voice said it sounded like him. The CIA was trying to determine whether it was Saddam, a U.S. intelligence official said. A number of tapes purportedly from Saddam have been broadcast in the past few weeks, but this was the first to refer to the killing of his two sons by U.S. troops last Tuesday in a bloody raid on a villa in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul.



Badr Scientific Center: -

Scientific education for 500 students

SANA'A_ The Badr Scientific Center is to organize educational activities and studies for 500 intermediate school students during the present summer vacation.

Dr. al-Mortadha Zaid Mohatwari told the Yemen that 300 students from various governorates are to be provided with lodging and food at the center in addition to listening to scientific lectures on Qura'an sciences, Islamic law, grammar as well as training them on oratory out of Zaidi Islamic thought perspective.

Manager of the center Mr. Abdulqader said that the Zaidi sect

teaches student to be moderate and not to adopt sectarian fanaticism.

The center is also to carry out a number of other educational activities such as, teaching English language, computer in addition to services offered by the center's cultural library to children.

Badr Scientific Center is considered the biggest one specialized with the Zaidi sect whose spread has been receding recently in comparison with activities with the Salafi and other Islamic sects.

For further details see interview on page 5

Outrageous violation of freedom of press in Taiz:

Security attack al-Dakak

YT TAZ BUREAU

Taiz, July 29 - Security members attacked last Tuesday at the Taiz Security



Administration Station Salaheddeen al-Dakak, a writer and journalist working for the Taiz-based al-Thakafia newspaper.

Salah was attacked -following the release of his brother- in front of officials working at the security administration station. He was not allowed to write any report about this incident in his government-controlled newspaper.

Journalists, newspapers correspondents, and other reports, including those of Yemen Times, decided to express their solidarity with Salah at the Taiz-based Human Rights Information and Training Center and to choose a few of them to follow-up his case.

Oil & Minerals magazine released

Issue No. 24 of the Oil and Minerals magazine, a bimonthly, has been recently issued by the ministry of oil and mineral resources. The issue discussed in the government's program in the oil field and means to boost the production capacity of crude oil, encourage foreign investment in oil and gas, stabilize oil derivative supply to the local market, and expand the use of natural gas.

In a 6-page detailed reportage, Dr. Rasheed Saleh Ba Raba'a, the Minister of Oil and Mineral, emphasized the importance of active joint meetings between the various ministries to result in a comprehensive view of issues of common interest.

Global climate change, desertification threats to food production, lique-

fied gas and how it could be preserve, plus other environmental issues were also tackled.



Iran-Yemen sports cooperation to expand

Abu Dhabi, July 28, IRNA — Iran and Yemen here on Sunday afternoon reviewed further expansion of sports cooperation between the two countries.

During a session of the two countries joint sports commission, attended by a delegation from Iran's Physical Education Organization and officials from Youth and Sports Ministry of Yemen, the two sides called for dispatch of coaches, construction of sports stadiums, and holding training courses for

coaches and referees. Holding an exhibition of sports products and instruments in Sana'a was among other topics discussed by the two sides.

Iran's Vice President and Head of Physical Education Organization Mohsen Mehrizadeh, heading a sports delegation, arrived in San'a on Saturday.


Presently, two Iranian Judo instructors are in Yemen to train the country's athletes.

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Mental Health Hospital Inaugurated



President Saleh inaugurating the hospital

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The Social Development Fund has participated in equipping the Mental Health Hospital, which was inaugurated on the 14th of July

Today, the hospital is fully functional and equipped with the most modern equipment in the region. The inauguration was made possible due to efforts of many associations especially the Social Development Fund which funded the equipment of the hospital worth USD 350 thousand. The donated equipment included comfortable furniture which is expected to reflect positively on the mood of patients of the hospital, especially as the hospital's staff includes a group of high level specialists and psychiatrists.

This hospital is the first charitable

mental health hospital in Yemen, and was established in the early 1990s, when it was then merely three rooms. Then the Islah Charity, along with Sheikh Mahfooz Shammakh and the Social Development Fund participated in expanding and enhancing it.

The inauguration was attended by representatives of the Supreme Council for Psychiatric and Mental Hospitals in the republic which was founded upon orders by President Ali Abdullah Saleh as a means to support mentally ill Yemenis with families of limited income.

During inauguration, Dr. Abdulkareem Al-Arhabi, Minister of the social affairs and executive manager of the Social Development Fund and Mr. Fahmi Al-Hakimi general manager of the hospital, who honored a number

of businessmen, well wishers and staff members of the hospital.

Furthermore, the Hospital plans to organize a conference on the mental health policies in Yemen in October to raise awareness of mental health issues in the country.

It is hoped also that the addiction rehabilitation center of the hospital will soon be in service. Various projects are expected to be organized with the help of the Social development Fund.

It is worth mentioning that the German Embassy also participated in funding the hospital as it participated in furnishing the rehabilitation and training center which provides a number of activities and tools such as sewing machines and handicrafts making instruments.



During the award ceremony



The President touring the sewing department of the hospital

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Founder of Bader Center, Dr. al-Mahatwari to Yemen Times:

“Unity and harmony between Yemeni sects needed”

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Dr. al-Murtatha Zaid Al-Mahatwari is one of the most respectful religious scholars with a long history in religious preaching and one of the pioneers in bringing different sects closer together. He is one of Zaidia modern preachers, born in Haja suburb in a religious family where his father was known for his wisdom and knowledge and was often working as a mediator in conflicts and disputes.

Dr. Al-Muhawary left his home town to Sana'a in an early age seeking knowledge and religious education. And he continued studying until he attained doctorate in religious science. With the establishment of Bader Center for Islamic Studies Dr. Al-Muhawary crowned his achievements and created a leading center, where many distinctive scholars have studied. In this interview, we aimed at getting closer to know how he works and more thorough information about his center.

Q: Why did you start this center and what are the subjects being taught here? Please tell us about the current situation of Islamic studies in Yemen?

A: In the old days, religious studies were limited to religious duties and legislation only. Also pre-revolution students had to travel to Sana'a, Dhamar, Shihara or Zabid and live in hostels in order to study religion, but today there are schools and universities where all subjects are being taught but little about religion was involved.

That was when I thought that some one must do something to preserve the religious teachings, else scholars will become an instinct feature in this country's culture. It is true that there are several centers here and there that have names such as “Quran teaching centers”, etc but I realized that most of them were merely places for political influence and the like. So I decided that it was my responsibility to start a center that preserves the teachings and does real studies in religion and share 'a and hence, I created this center where knowledge seekers learn and benefit.

I made sure that this center would be a charitable one for those who want to learn and can not afford it so as to produce real scholars to this country and the world. Because today there are many who claim to be so and are actually just certificate holders with no real knowledge. I hope that through this center, youths will be well-educated and yield the results aspired.

It is true that I belong to Zaidia sect but you will find that our preaching is not limited to this sect and our students are of various sects. Yet, we involve all sects in our studies in order to produce the best and most balanced education

level. We do not exclude any students and we accept all regardless of their orientation. We belong to Imam Zaid in the Jihad (Holy War) aspect only; that is why we always fight cruelty and defend against evil. We believe in the freedom fighters in Palestine and we look with pride and envy to them wishing to be in their shoes.

Unfortunately however, as Yemenis, we seem to be satisfied with chewing Qat and drinking Pepsi while condemning the offense that befalls us day and night.

The real essence of Zaidia is argument and convincing through dialogue and knowledge. This is our theme at Bader Center, which we implement even with our students from other sects. We teach those students their own beliefs and when they are strong and knowledgeable, we start arguing with them as equal opponents. In our teachings we don't follow just one person after the prophet Peace Be Upon Him (PBUH) but we weigh and study all sayings and select the most convincing and closest to the Quran and ensured Suna. Although Zaidia followers in Yemen may be third of the population or even less, while that of Shafie'ya are around 50%, yet we seem to be fought and combated wherever and in whatever form we take even from authorities because we believe that there should be no obedience to authority unless authority abides by religious constitution. I personally believe that unity and harmony between Yemeni sects is needed badly today.

Q: What about the dangers of having various sects and beliefs?

A: The existence of different sects should not be an obstacle or resemble danger as long as everyone believed knowledgeably in their sect and has room for tolerance and dialogue, because after all, we all have a common religion and common goal. Those who limit ruling to descendants of a certain family are wrong. And those who believe in their own sect and defame everything else are also wrong. We are with the majority of scholars and we do not approve of rebelling against rule and state authority. If authorities are wrong we advise them and point out their mistakes and pray so as they would act correctly. It would be of no use to change one's color according to the environment because faith becomes inapplicable here?

This is the reason why so much corruption is in the country and so many youths go astray. They do not have the adequate teaching or the right education. I have advised the presidency about this. I suggested to him to build schools and institutes and teach the youth, but I was not taken seriously. I think that is why we are where we are today. People are fanatic about their sect regardless of everything and the youth are lost. I do not deal except with those who open up with me and



Dr. Al-Muhawary

make me understand them. Any person who acts based on something that is contradicts his own sect is a danger to Islam whoever he is. I believe in honesty and respect transparency in this regard.

The difference observed between us in different sects are small things that should not make us hate or fight each other. Does the way you wash your face in Wodo' (body cleaning before prayer) make you a non-Muslim? Is that a worth cause for dispute?

Q: So what do you think about the so-called 'Jihad' in the form of assassinations and bombings? What about jihad in Afghanistan and Chechnya?

A: The years following the prophet's death displayed an endless struggle and continuous conflicts between Muslim leaders. During the Mua'wia rule when Muslims have split up into many extreme sects, wars that took place because of fanaticism. Since then and until date, Muslims have become very confused and chaos dominated the scene. Those Muslims who opt for Jihad in Afghanistan decades ago to fight the USSR occupation for example went through legal means and it was the state that authorized their departure and facilitated their visas, and now these very people are called terrorists and are put in jail. If you asking me about the legitimacy of fighting in Afghanistan, you should rather ask the authorities why the sent Arab Afghans to fight the Russians back then!

Jihad in Afghanistan is legitimate, but I don't agree with those who bomb ships and kill foreigners claiming that this is jihad. I believe that these actions are acts of terrorism. That is quite common sense. However, one needs to ask about the roots of the problem and the reasons behind those attacks. Don't ask me if it is right to attack a ship full of advanced weaponry while refueling in our land. But you should ask why it came here in the first place.

After all, it is Yemen who is badly affected by all of this mess. Those attacks led to severe hikes in prices

and devastated the economy and also damaged our reputation and image in the world.

The real problem is to define what terrorism actually is. Today the definition is that Mr. Ariel Sharon is a peace maker and the Palestinian child who defends his land with stones is a terrorist and the American lady who came from San Francisco to Palestine only to die under a tank's wheels remains a fool. Of course all this is according to the views of the strongest power in the world, the USA, which is also supposed to be the country of democracy and freedom. I don't intend by this to encourage acts of terrorism against the USA like the one that occurred on Sept 11. However, these terrorist acts are the fruits gained from the seeds the USA policy has planted long ago. Why weren't similar incidents that happened in the Soviet Union called terrorism? After all, every coming day American weapons are ruining some part of the world, while USSR weapons never came close. Why was the demolishing of the twin towers in New York City such a tragic incident that can never be forgiven?

Freedom fighters in Chechnya have all the right to defend themselves and to fight for their freedom, and if our sons could help liberate their land then they will be considered heroes. Why should Muslims, wherever they are, be always subjected to humiliation?

Q: Do you think that what Imams in Mosque do when praying to Allah to destroy America and Britain is useful? What about your views on the USA and UK policies?

A: You will never find in my cassettes, books or speeches anything of this nature. This is nonsense! What we always should do is pray that Allah makes it that truth would prevail over false and good over evil. I ask God to give victory to the rightful ones whoever and wherever they are. Rulers only think about themselves and the eastern and Middle Eastern powers are

just like the West. They are allies with who is on their side. That is just like how Saddam suddenly became enemy number 1 after being a friendly ally in the past. What irritates me the most is how one could be so stupid and let himself be abused so badly. History repeats itself and it is quite obvious the American policy is after self interests only. In a time plots and plans are being arranged against us, we are arguing and killing each other for reasons as silly as the way we wash our faces before prayer, etc.

What is happening now in Iran is only a repetition of what happened in Iraq. Now that it has welcomed al-Baradie's visit to investigate nuclear facilities in the country, it will only yield the same old story of the development of WMDs. Meanwhile, Israel, which has plenty of those weapons, is totally ignored. Why? Ask the USA.

Yemen did have problems with neighboring countries such as Eritrea. But we respected their views and through negotiation and dialogue we settled matters. On the other hand, the USA, which is supposed to be the freest and most democratic country in the world, uses brutal force. We here in Yemen, like others in the Arab world, are already occupied even if it is not declared. And all I can do is pray that peace and liberty would one day come back to all of us.

Q: What about dealing with Israel especially after being visited by some Arab leaders?

A: I can not tell you much about visits of Arab leaders to Israel. But as for normalization of relations with Israel, it is a true fact of life and happening every day. As a Muslim, I object and condemn dealing with that country. We do not object to Judaism as a religion nor do we object to Jews as people. What we are against is the occupation of the Palestinian land and the cruelty committed against our Palestinian brothers and sisters.

Q: Coming back to the local scene, what do you think of the new Yemeni parliament, and the government?

A: The new parliament's structure is a tribal one and a simulation of the political parties and nothing of the real essence of a parliament which is a representation of the people. Success of the parliament depends on the family and clan not on the personal achievements of the individuals. As for the government, what I wish is that President Ali Abdullah Saleh would follow-up the implementation of his decisions and promises to the very end. Success is impossible if there is no accountability and if there is no credibility in words.

Q: Any other comments you wish to convey?

A: I wish to invite your readers to visit the Bader Center to see for themselves the way things are working here. We are hoping to achieve our noble goals and God willing, we will.

- Zaidia preaching is not limited to this sect but it calls on all sects and studies in order to produce the best
- Some one must do something to preserve the religious teachings, else scholars will become an instinct feature in this country's culture
- The youth do not have the adequate teaching or the right education and that is why they have gone astray
- Rulers only think about themselves and the Eastern and Middle Eastern powers are just like the West
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Students' lodging

Moral deterioration continues

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Deterioration is a curse that our country is inflicted with. No one can deny this truth as we are still struggling for survival as long as our honorable, devoted officials are still there. On the other hand, the moral deterioration is poison blended with human blood. Moralities are nation's survival and vice versa. In our society some families started to be ruptured. Parents cannot closely watch their daughters at the teenager age. In the morning, they go about to provide livelihood for the fam-

ily and in the evening they chew qat to forget about their troubles. Aftermath, daughters slide into quagmire of vile companions. Parents have extremely loosened the rope to their daughters. I think we exaggerate giving women a liberty to leave their home. Freedom is something good, but excessive freedom spoils women especially in nowadays-polluted atmosphere. Some satellite TV channels contribute to show bad programmes openly. Moreover, poverty helps worsen the situation.

Streets and marketplaces crowded with girls wearing their black gowns and veils as if they were cattle of goats. These things are only an outwardly appearance while they are attracting

youth's attention using their eyes. They are even more attractive than those with unveiled faces. They catch spiritual illness. The most worthy to mention is that bad behavior mostly observed to be practiced by secondary school girls. So many female students deviated and became sexually abnormal. Unfortunately, some female teachers share to spoil girls by pushing them to have mixed picnics outside of their schools. They also invite students to present an entertaining dancing party. I have noticed that while I was teaching in a school for girls. Some students who have boyfriends used to go outside the city and come back at the time of school leaving. Teachers in girl's

schools must enjoy high moralities and ethics to be promoted to defend our daughters. Female teachers are responsible for safeguarding our girls especially during school hours. Educational office must bear a heavy responsibility and provide complete care for girl's school. Girls at this age pass through adulthood and teenage. That is considered as being an embarrassing period. Parents should watch their daughters constantly at this critical stage of age. They must not be controlled by chewing qat. There are many factors, which help spread adultery crime. One of these, telecommunication centers are scattered everywhere. They are only occupied by attractive beautiful girls. In

addition to that, some girls now are used to advertisement in some companies. They are tempted by giving huge salary. We live an actual calamity in which girls are pushed into prostitution. People coming from neighboring countries must have good impression. They see what we are unable to see and notice. They contract temporary marriages. They find an open cheap market in which they relish however they want. Some of them marry for one month only. Some others take it easy and use luxury cars in crowded streets to behave as usual. What's so regretting is that some local officials help them. This whets our spirit. Therefore I appeal to parents, brothers, uncles, etc to facili-

tate marriage. Please my fathers, brothers, uncles, decrease the dowry as possible as it would be. I invoke Allah to inspire you encouraging marriage by hook or crook. You knew the percentage of procreating is currently four girls to a boy. It is not shame that parents look for bridegrooms for their daughters. I also ask girls who want to marry, to be zealous for marriage. You don't ruin your hopes with mere fantasy, despair. Youth are waiting for you in case breaking the bad traditions. The shame is that parents neglect daughters, so as their arbiter is what we hear and see time and again such as ravishing and adultery crime. Marriage is better than sorry, isn't it?

U.S. forces say closing in on Saddam in fresh raid

BAGHDAD, July 29 (Reuters) - U.S. forces hunting Saddam Hussein in Iraq have captured three key figures loyal to the deposed dictator, including a top bodyguard, and are closing in on Saddam himself, the U.S. military said on Tuesday.

"Members of the 4th Infantry Division detained four individuals in Tikrit. Three of those individuals are believed to be former regime loyalists," a U.S. spokesman said.

"They are being questioned as we speak."

U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage said U.S. forces nearly captured Saddam in raids on Monday.

"I think most people feel that the noose is tightening pretty regularly around the neck of Saddam Hussein, even today there were three raids and we believe we were just hours behind Saddam Hussein," he said on CNN.

Washington says that after Saddam's feared sons Uday and Qusay were killed last week — and the man who betrayed them claimed a \$30 million reward — many more Iraqis are coming forward with information on the fugitive former president.

"We're close to catching Saddam. A lot of people are stepping forward with information. He's running out of places to hide," army spokeswoman Sergeant Amy Abbot said.

The United States is offering \$25 million for information leading to the arrest or proof of death of Saddam.

The military said a former bodyguard of Saddam was among those detained on Tuesday, the latest of several raids around Saddam's hometown of Tikrit.

Television pictures filmed through a night vision lens showed a man being escorted from a building by American soldiers, blood seeping through a blindfold.

Baghdad raid

On Sunday, soldiers from Task Force 20, the secretive special team set up to hunt Saddam, staged a bloody raid on a villa in an upscale neighbourhood of Baghdad. They found no trace of Saddam or his top lieutenants, but five Iraqis were killed when troops opened fire on cars driving near the house.

Furious locals accused soldiers of firing indiscriminately on innocent civilians. Army spokesmen declined

comment, saying they were not authorised to discuss Task Force 20 operations.

Washington hopes that finding Saddam would help end a guerrilla campaign that has killed 50 U.S. troops since President George W. Bush declared major combat over on May 1.

The U.S. military blames die-hard Saddam loyalists for the violence, and some officers had said they hoped the killing of Uday and Qusay in a fierce onslaught a week ago in the northern

city of Mosul would demoralise anti-American guerrillas.

But 11 U.S. soldiers have been killed in attacks since Saddam's sons died in a barrage of machinegun fire, grenades, rockets and anti-tank missiles as they mounted a last stand with AK-47 assault rifles in a villa in the city.

In the most recent fatal attack, a U.S. soldier was killed in broad daylight in Baghdad on Monday when a bomb or grenade was dropped from a bridge

onto his vehicle. Three others were wounded, one seriously.

Anxious to muster as much international support as possible for its forces in Iraq, costing about \$1 billion a week, Washington named 30 governments that have agreed to help by contributing to military or police operations.

Some of the countries did not have the means to pay for their own

contributions so they were talking to the United States about financial assistance, U.S. State Department spokesman Richard Boucher told reporters.

The list of governments willing to contribute included Britain, Spain and others which supported the U.S. invasion of Iraq in March and none of the major opponents of the war such as France, Germany and Russia.



A U.S. Army soldier of the Third Infantry Division keeps watch near a signboard of a fast food restaurant while awaiting Iraqi police to conduct a murder investigation in the capital Baghdad July 28. A grenade attack in downtown Baghdad Monday wounded and may have killed two U.S. soldiers in broad daylight, the latest in an increasingly bold and deadly guerrilla campaign. REUTERS

German desert hostage has died of heatstroke - TV

BERLIN, July 29 (Reuters) - A German woman among 15 tourists held hostage for almost five months in the Sahara desert has died, German television reported on Tuesday.

ARD television said the woman had died of a heatstroke in Algeria and that her body had probably been buried in the desert by the kidnappers. It said she was a mother of two.

ARD said the German Foreign Ministry had informed the woman's relatives on Tuesday morning. The ministry could not immediately be reached for comment.

Some 32 European tourists were

kidnapped in late February and early March by suspected Islamic rebels while travelling without guides in separate groups in the south of the North African country — famous for its ancient grave sites.

Seventeen were freed in May after being held for two months. Efforts are still underway to free the remaining 15, which comprised 10 Germans, four Swiss and one Dutchman.

Algerian and European media have reported in recent days that the hostages had been moved to Mali. ARD said the efforts to have them released had become more active since the move to Mali.

Saudi militants trained in al Qaeda camps - minister

RIYADH, July 29 (Reuters) - Six Muslim militants killed on Monday in the latest Saudi security sweep were trained in al Qaeda camps, Saudi Arabia's interior minister said in comments published on Tuesday. The raid on a farm in northeastern Saudi Arabia was the latest move in a crackdown on Islamist militants as the strict Islamic state tries to overcome U.S. suspicions that it has been soft on terrorism before and since the September 11 attacks. Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal was due to meet President George W. Bush later on Tuesday in a surprise visit to discuss a Congress report that repeated suspicions about a possible Saudi link to the September 11 attacks. In Monday's raid, two policemen and six suspected militants were killed in a shoot-out at a farm in Qassim province, an Islamist heartland in the northeast of the vast desert country.

"Most of them received their military training in al Qaeda camps in Afghanistan and a small number perhaps were trained on farms and the like inside the country," Prince Nayef was quoted as saying in the London-based Saudi-owned daily Asharq al-Awsat. "Most of the evidence points to them being connected to the terrorists who were arrested in Mecca," he said, referring to clashes in the Muslim holy city of Mecca last month. It was the biggest militant death toll in a series of clashes since suicide bombs in Riyadh on May 12 killed 35 people, including nine Americans. Saudi Arabia and the

United States blamed the attacks on Saudi-born Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda. Since the September 11 attacks, Saudi Arabia has taken steps to control groups which may have been channelling money to militants and police have arrested some 240 suspects in a hunt for al Qaeda militants since early May.

Prince Nayef said some of the detainees were al Qaeda members: "We have confirmed that they definitely belong to al Qaeda and bin Laden and they will be tried on this basis when investigations are over," he said. Riyadh said last week it had arrested 16 militants planning more attacks and seized a huge cache of arms and explosives. Prince Nayef said the men were all Saudi nationals.

Monday's shoot-out followed a U.S. congressional report released last week which implied a Saudi role in the September 11 attacks. Fifteen of the 19 suicide hijackers were Saudis.

The report, made public on Thursday, raised suspicions but reached no definite conclusion about whether Omar al-Bayoumi, a Saudi who knew two of the September 11 hijackers while living in San Diego, was connected to the Saudi government. In comments published elsewhere, Prince Nayef said Saudi Arabia would not consider extraditing Bayoumi, presumed to be inside the kingdom, if asked by Washington.

"We have never handed over any Saudi to any country or foreign party and we will not hand over any Saudi," he was quoted as saying in London-based daily al-Hayat.

Israel fears attacks, Palestinians appeal to Bush

JERUSALEM, July 29 (Reuters) - Israel's army chief said on Tuesday he feared a truce announced by Palestinian militants would not last much longer and the Palestinians urged the United States to increase pressure on Israel to implement a peace plan.

The comments underlined the lingering mistrust between the two sides and the fragility of peace efforts hours before scheduled talks in Washington between U.S. President George W. Bush and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

"I am counting the days until the next wave of violence erupts," Lieutenant-General Moshe Yaalon, chief of staff of the Israeli armed forces, said in remarks broadcast by Army Radio.

Some Israeli officials, encouraged by a sharp fall in violence, have expressed hope that the three-month ceasefire announced by Islamic militant groups such as Hamas and Islamic Jihad one month ago will develop into a permanent peace.

But Israeli military officials have said repeatedly the militants are using the truce to regroup and prepare attacks.

The militant groups deny this. They accuse Israel of endangering the ceasefire by continuing to arrest militants in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and refusing to release all Palestinian prisoners held in Israeli jails.

Palestinians press Bush

The Palestinians hope Bush will force Sharon to swiftly implement a U.S.-backed "road map" to peace which outlines reciprocal steps to end



Palestinian man walks by an electrified security fence that is under construction by the Israeli army to separate Bethlehem from Jerusalem July 29, 2003. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon will try in talks with U.S. President George W. Bush on Tuesday to ease his concerns about a planned West Bank security fence that Palestinians condemn as a land grab. REUTERS

34 months of violence and establish a Palestinian state alongside Israel by 2005.

"This visit (by Sharon) will show which way Bush will go in peacemaking. Will he take the comprehensive approach to peace or take Sharon's step-by-step approach and fragmentation of peace?" said Saeb Erekat, a former Palestinian cabinet minister.

"The road map is an opportunity that should be seized to make peace. It's time Mr Bush introduced a package with monitors and a time frame," he said.

Bush was due to hold talks with Sharon later on Tuesday, four days after meeting Palestinian Minister Mahmoud Abbas at the White House to back the reformist premier's peace efforts.

After meeting Abbas, Bush criticised a West Bank security fence which Israel is building and which is condemned by the Palestinians as a land grab.

Sharon says the fence, which cuts deep into the West Bank in some places, is needed to stop attacks on Israelis and will try to ease Bush's concerns.

He enters the talks with a pledge to release 540 Palestinian prisoners, including 210 members of militant groups, although the road map does not stipulate that militants should be freed.

The Palestinians seek freedom for all 6,000 Palestinians held in Israeli jails and militants have said they will consider it a violation of the truce if the demand is not met.

Israel says Abbas should crack down on the militants. Abbas says doing so would risk civil war and that the truce he coaxed out of the militants on June 29 has reduced the violence.

U.S. official arrives in Seoul for N.Korea talks

SEOUL, July 29 (Reuters) - U.S. Undersecretary of State John Bolton arrived in South Korea on Tuesday on the second leg of a three-city tour to seek ways to resolve the festering crisis over North Korea's nuclear weapons ambitions.

The U.S. embassy in Seoul said Bolton would meet on Wednesday with presidential Blue House officials and South Korean Foreign Minister Yoon Young-kwan, who has said negotiations between Pyongyang and Beijing on restarting talks have bogged down.

Bolton — the top U.S. arms negotiator and widely seen as a "hawk" on North Korea — arrived at Incheon international airport from Beijing, where he had met Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing. There was no immediate word on the outcome.

On a trip to Seoul last August, Bolton delivered a hard-line speech which presaged the nuclear crisis that unfolded two months later. In the speech, he described North Korea as the world's foremost peddler of ballistic missile technology.

After discussions with Li's deputies on Monday, Bolton told reporters he was no more optimistic than before about North Korea's willingness to dismantle its nuclear weapons programmes and he had little progress to report.

"Am I any more optimistic? No. I'm

not any more pessimistic either. I don't know if I've learned anything that affects my optimism scale one way or the other," he said.

He declined comment on arrival in South Korea.

China brokered initial talks between the United States and North Korea on the crisis in April, but they amounted to little. Beijing has made a strong diplomatic push in recent weeks to bring the two together for a second round.

There had been speculation over the past two weeks that the talks could reconvene in August or September.

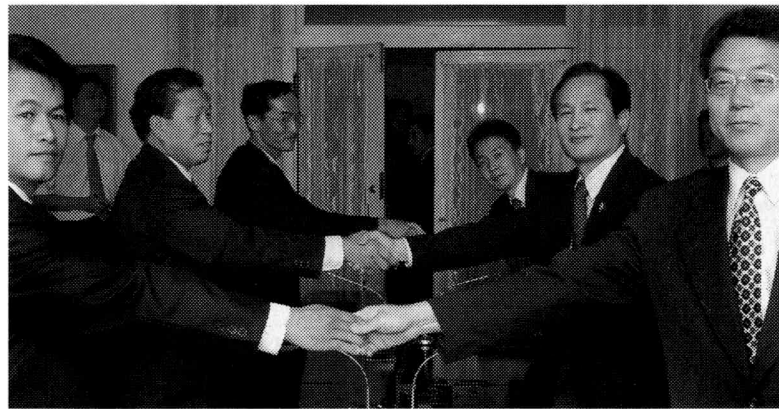
The crisis erupted last October when U.S. officials said Pyongyang had said it was pursuing a secret nuclear weapons programme.

On Monday, Bolton said China appeared to have run out of diplomatic options to get North Korea back to the negotiating table, but noted it had "substantial" leverage as the main supplier of fuel and aid to its isolated communist neighbour.

He is to give a speech in Seoul and hold a news conference on Thursday before leaving for Tokyo.

As last year, Bolton's visit to Seoul coincides with North-South talks on economic cooperation.

South Korea's delegation travelled to the North Korean city of Kaesong on Tuesday on a temporary road being built



South Korean chief delegate Kim Sung-jin (2nd-R) shakes hands with his North Korean counterpart Kim Choon-keun before a working-level economic talks at Janamsan Inn in North Korea's Kaesong July 29. South Korea's delegation travelled to Kaesong on Tuesday on a temporary road being built through the demilitarised zone for the talks. The South Korean delegation will commute back and forth to Seoul each day until the end of talks on Thursday. South Korea is funding an industrial complex in Kaesong. REUTERS

through the heavily fortified Demilitarised Zone, a west-coast route never taken by the delegation before.

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South Korea is funding an industrial complex in Kaesong, one of a number of projects that also include relinking railways and roads severed for half a century.

Three South Korean delegates will

work to build trust between companies investing in North Korea and the North's delegation. They will also discuss a double-taxation deal.

"Economic cooperation between the two Koreas is the way to become the centre of Northeast Asia," Cho Kun-shik, vice minister at the South's Unification Ministry, told reporters.

"If the nuclear crisis is resolved, there are many good things that will happen between North and South Korea and a long list of things to accomplish," he said.

Storms slow search for hundreds missing in Bangladesh

DHAKA, July 29 (Reuters) - Bad weather has hampered rescue efforts for more than 300 people missing after scores of fishing boats sank in storms in the Bay of Bengal over the past four days, a navy officer said on Tuesday.

"The search is slow due to stormy weather," the navy officer said, adding that some bodies could have been swept beyond Bangladesh's territorial waters.

Officials said the number of boats in the Bay had more than doubled over the past few weeks as this is the prime season for catching hilsha, an expensive fish that can make the fishermen a fortune.

"Nearly 350 fishermen are yet to return to their families or harbours they left from," Golam Mostafa Chowdhury, a leader of the Bangladesh Fishing Trawler Owners' Association, said on Tuesday.

Seven bodies were found soon after the first storm on Friday night sank dozens of boats with more than 200 crew on board, officials have said. The rest are missing, feared drowned. More boats with at least 150 people

aboard also remained unaccounted for since a series of storms struck the coastal waters in the following three days, fishing community leaders said on Tuesday.

They said 10 more bodies had been found since Saturday, taking the confirmed death toll to 17.

Fishermen went to sea from villages along a 350 km (219 miles) coastline stretching from Barguna to Cox's Bazar and an administration official in Barisal, 280 km (175 miles) from Dhaka, said it was difficult to confirm how many were missing.

Residents in Patuakhali fishing district near Barisal said about 200 fishermen had reached the shore or were picked up alive from the choppy seas in the past three days.

"The exact number of people lost in the sea often remains unknown," the official in Barisal said.

Storms kill hundreds of Bangladeshi fishermen every year.

Officials say fishermen often ignore storm warnings and go far out to sea hoping for a big catch and are unable to make it to shore when a storm strikes.

China fireworks plant blast kills 29 - state TV

BEIJING, July 29 (Reuters) - A powerful explosion destroyed a firecracker factory in northern China, killing 29 people and injuring more than 100, state television said on Tuesday.

Photographs broadcast on the midday news showed rescue workers in hard hats, complete with mechanical shovel, combing through the charred rubble of the plant in Xinji, in the northern province of Hebei.

Monday's blast collapsed half of a two-storey office building 100 metres (yards) away and set fire to cars and motorcycles nearby, the official Xinhua news agency said.

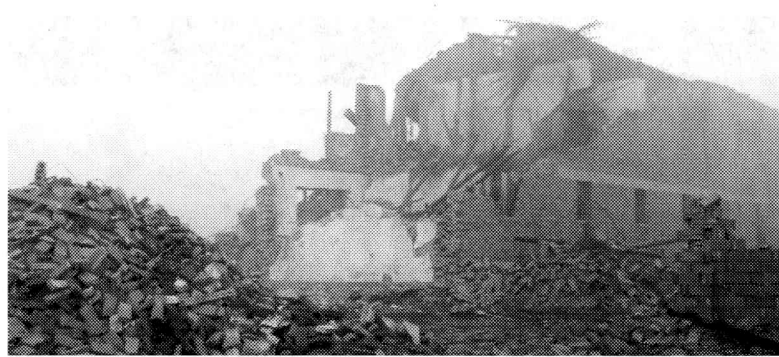
State television said 91 people were still in hospital and another 50 had gone home.

Police in Hebei, which surrounds the capital Beijing, confirmed the blast but declined to give details.

The cause of the explosion was not immediately known.

Explosives or fireworks manufactured and stored illegally or unsafely kill hundreds each year in China's rural areas.

In one of the worst recent cases, 80 people were killed in April 2002 in the northern province of Shaanxi when a villager set off explosives stored in the house of a business rival.



The destroyed office building at the blast site of a fireworks factory is seen in Xinji City, north China's Hebei Province, July 29. A powerful explosion destroyed a firecracker factory on July 28, killing 29 people and injuring more than 100, state television said on Tuesday. NO ARCHIVES, NO SALES. REUTERS

Police say Bombay blast bears militant group stamp

BOMBAY, July 29 (Reuters) - Indian police said a bomb which ripped through a Bombay bus on Monday, killing two people and injuring 42, resembled a December bus blast blamed on an outlawed Pakistan-based militant group.

"The Lashkar-e-Taiba was behind the earlier bus blast" on December 2, police commissioner R.S. Sharma said as roadblocks were set up on Tuesday throughout India's financial hub to check vehicles. "The same modus operandi was used in this blast also."

India blamed Lashkar last week for a fresh wave of attacks in the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir where Indian forces are fighting a 14-year revolt against New Delhi's rule, but said it would not be diverted from its new push for peace with Pakistan.

On Tuesday, police raised the injury toll from the latest bus blast to 42 but said the death toll remained unchanged at two.

They said they had tightened

security across Maharashtra state.

Starting on Wednesday, an estimated 10 million pilgrims are expected to attend one of India's biggest Hindu festivals in the state's twin temple towns of Nasik and Trimbakeshwar, around 200 km (125 miles) from Bombay.

Monday's blast was in the same neighbourhood, in Bombay's northwestern suburbs, as the one in December which blew off the rear of the bus killing three and injuring 26. The latest device was also planted in the back of the bus.

Bombay has been hit by a series of deadly bomb attacks in recent months. In March, a bomb blew apart a packed rush-hour train killing 12 people and wounding 75.

Two Maharashtra state opposition parties, the right-wing Hindu Shiv Sena and Bharatiya Janata Party that heads the ruling national coalition, said they had called a one-day general strike for Wednesday to demand better security in the city.



An Indian policeman looks at a bus that was ripped apart by a bomb blast last night, in Bombay July 29. Two people were killed and 42 injured in the blast, and Indian police said the bomb resembled a December bus blast blamed on an outlawed Pakistan-based militant group. REUTERS

The attacks have revived grim memories among Bombay residents of a wave of blasts in the city in March 1993 that killed 250. They were blamed on groups avenging Muslim deaths in Hindu-Muslim riots following razing of a mosque at Ayodhya in northern India.

Kenya says army happy with pay rises, no unrest

NAIROBI, July 29 (Reuters) - Kenya's army denied on Tuesday reports it had arrested several soldiers for circulating leaflets in barracks complaining that pay rises for lower ranks were inadequate.

The Daily Nation newspaper said low ranking soldiers were unhappy with a new army pay package favouring senior officers and had threatened a mutiny if salaries were not increased.

Kenya's armed forces have kept a low profile since a 1982 coup attempt when air force personnel tried to topple then president Daniel arap Moi. The revolt was quickly crushed.

The paper said eight soldiers had been detained in connection with the leaflets but the spokesman for the Department of Defence, Bogita Onger, dismissed the report.

"From our intelligence report we know that the soldiers are happy about the salary increase," Onger told Reuters. "Nobody has been arrested."

Onger said the leaflets were found in only one barrack and added that a soldier had been "questioned".

Details of the pay increase cannot be disclosed because they are considered "classified", Onger said. The Daily Nation said salaries for senior officers were increased by 400 percent while those for junior officers went up by only 21 percent.

President Mwai Kibaki, elected to office in December, announced the pay increase would take effect in July.

His government has also announced a pay rise for the police force starting January next year to boost their morale.

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Commonwealth war graves vandalised in France

LILLE, France, July 29 (Reuters) - Intruders have vandalised dozens of graves at Saint Aubert cemetery in the north of France where the bodies of Commonwealth troops who fought in World War One lie buried.

French War Veterans Minister Hamlaoui Mekachera condemned what he described as "an inadmissible offence to the memory of British, Canadian and New Zealand soldiers who fought in France in World War One and should be let rest in peace on our soil".

A line of tombstones lay broken, as if they had been kicked over.

"This is the work of idiots, born idiots," Jacques Parent, mayor of Saint Aubert village, said. "This is smashing things up for the sake of smashing them up, without necessarily knowing the scale of the act," he told France 2 television.

The Foreign Ministry said it hoped an inquiry started by police after the vandalism was spotted by a local farmer on Monday would rapidly track down the culprits.

"As the war veterans minister said, this desecration is an insult to the memory of all the Commonwealth soldiers who died for the freedom of our country," the ministry's statement said.

President Jacques Chirac sent a letter of apology to Britain in April after vandals defaced the graves of British soldiers at Etaples cemetery in northern France with swastikas and slogans such as "Dig up your rubbish, it is contaminating our soil".



A Commonwealth war graves commission worker repairs one of 45 grave markers, July 29, after they were desecrated during the night of July 28, 2003 at a World War 1 cemetery in Saint Aubert, northern France. Intruders have vandalised dozens of graves at Saint Aubert cemetery in the north of France where the bodies of British Commonwealth troops who fought in World War One lie buried. REUTERS

Two die of Legionnaires' disease in Germany

BERLIN, July 29 (Reuters) - Two patients in a hospital in eastern Germany have died of Legionnaires' disease, the state of Brandenburg's social ministry said on Tuesday.

The two patients died in a hospital in Frankfurt-on-Oder, near the Polish border, the ministry said, adding officials were investigating how the virus could have reached the hospital.

Legionnaires' disease, named in

1976 when an outbreak killed 29 people at an American Legion Convention in Philadelphia, is a form of pneumonia caused by bacteria in water droplets.

Last summer an outbreak of the disease traced to an ice factory in Spain killed two people and infected around 100, while in Britain an outbreak attributed to a 30-year-old air conditioning unit at an entertainment complex killed five people.

FBI finds documents buried by spy-Post

WASHINGTON, July 29 (Reuters) - Federal investigators have dug up thousands of pages of classified documents at more than 10 locations in the Washington area buried by convicted spy Brian Regan, the Washington Post reported on Tuesday.

"It's pretty explicit information" that could be "very damaging", one source was quoted as saying to the newspaper.

The FBI found the items were buried in parks and other secluded areas throughout Virginia and Maryland just outside the nation's capital. Among the

documents are a CD-ROM with a manual on U.S. spy satellites and their orbits, the paper said.

The newspaper said that Regan, currently serving a life sentence, had a series of coded documents in his jail cell that included a map of a park indicating where some of the items were buried.

The former U.S. Air Force intelligence analyst was sentenced in March after being convicted of attempting spying for Iraq and China, and illegally gathering defense information.

U.S. soldier killed, two hurt in Bosnia car crash

SARAJEVO, July 29 (Reuters) - A U.S. soldier serving with the NATO-led peacekeeping force in Bosnia was killed and two others were injured on Tuesday in a car crash near a U.S. military base in the north, the force said in a statement. The accident occurred at about 1000 local time (0800 GMT), when a military vehicle with four NATO soldiers collided with a civilian truck near Tuzla, some 130 km (80 miles) north of the capital Sarajevo, the Stabilisation Force, known as SFOR, said.

The circumstances of the collision are under investigation and the names of the deceased and of the injured soldiers will be withheld pending notification of next of kin, SFOR said.

Some 1,500 U.S. soldiers help safeguard peace in Bosnia following the 1992-5 war in the Balkan country as part of a 12,000-strong multinational peacekeeping force.

Moscow police probe \$3 mln theft at Iraqi embassy

MOSCOW, July 29 (Reuters) - Moscow police are investigating a report by Iraqi embassy staff that at least \$3 million has been stolen from a safe in the mission, a police spokesman and an Iraqi official said on Tuesday.

Russian media said an embassy employee went to a police station around dawn on Tuesday to report that several armed men had entered the embassy overnight and stolen the money.

However, they quoted a police officer on guard outside the mission saying he had seen nothing.

A Moscow police spokesman told Reuters police were at the embassy to investigate.

"We cannot say for sure that the robbery happened. We do not know the sum of money which has been stolen," he said.

An Iraqi embassy official, who declined to be identified, said he was not authorised to give details but said the Russian media reports were mostly accurate.

"There is no smoke without fire," he said. Asked if the sum taken was \$3 million, he said: "Something like that, maybe a little more."

The Iraqi ambassador to Russia was recently recalled to Baghdad, along with other envoys of Saddam Hussein's deposed government, and has yet to be replaced, he said.



A Russian policeman stands in front of the Iraqi embassy in Moscow, July 29. Russia said an embassy employee went to a police station around dawn on Tuesday to report that several armed men had entered the embassy overnight and stolen at least \$3 million from a safe in the mission. REUTERS

Berlusconi's coalition to make peace after law row

ROME, July 29 (Reuters) - Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's unruly coalition prepared to patch up its latest internal row on Tuesday after fierce arguments over a new immunity law pushed the government to the brink of breakdown.

The dispute broke out after Justice Minister Roberto Castelli last week invoked the new law to block an investigation into Berlusconi's business dealings, enraging centrist allies.

Berlusconi, a billionaire businessman-turned politician, stepped in to try

to put a lid on the row, calling Castelli to persuade him to back down, newspapers reported on Tuesday.

After his intervention, Deputy Prime Minister Gianfranco Fini was expected to tell parliament later that the government was giving the go-ahead to the investigation after all. Berlusconi was on an official visit to Moscow.

The prime minister had initially sought to distance himself from the row, declining to comment because "the atmosphere is too polluted".

He denies any wrongdoing in any of the several cases launched against him and accuses magistrates of persecuting him for political reasons, but had given no public sign that Castelli's proposal had anything to do with him.

Its withdrawal should pacify the centrist UDC party and stave off a motion of no-confidence in Castelli mooted by the centre-left opposition — but the row has exposed divisions in the centre-right alliance that will not be quickly patched.

"Wounds like these leave increas-

ingly deep and visible scars in the tissue of the coalition," Sandro Bondi, spokesman for Berlusconi's Forza Italia party, told daily La Repubblica.

It is the second time in less than a month that parliament has been rocked by coalition rancour. The constant feuding risks overshadowing Italy's presidency of the European Union, which runs until December. The latest controversy flared last week when magistrates investigating suspected tax fraud at Berlusconi's media company complained that Castelli had

used the new immunity law to stop them obtaining U.S. documents needed for the probe.

When the law was approved in June, legal experts said it could only be used to halt trials involving Italy's top five officials and did not apply to investigations.

Castelli, a member of the populist Northern League party, said the law was open to interpretation and asked parliament to debate the issue on Tuesday — an idea that was firmly rejected by the speaker of the lower

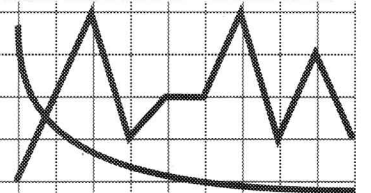
house of parliament, a UDC member.

Despite Castelli's apparent climb-down, the Northern League appeared in no mood to keep a low profile.

"This coalition cannot exist without us. The Northern League is untouchable," Alessandro Ce', head of the party's parliamentary group in the lower house, told daily Corriere della Sera.

He went on to criticise the workings of the coalition, which he said "no longer manages to unite around the decisions of its own ministers."

YT Business



Fish wealth supports Yemeni and Arab exports

By MAHYOUB AL-KAMALI
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The consultative meeting held by the Arab Organisation for Agricultural Development in Sana'a has recommended the work for exploiting the fish wealth and developing mechanisms for production and marketing in addition to drawing up rule encouraging attraction of local and foreign capitals for investment in Yemeni fish wealth sector and establishment of Arab joint projects.

The Arab meeting on fish wealth held in Sana'a on 27-29 July 2003 has confirmed that Arab fish wealth constitutes one of food and economic sources and a pillar of exports. The meeting has also affirmed the necessity of developing the Arab fish sector and the protection, monitoring and exploiting the Arab fish reserve according to the latest technological means with the aim of protection the coasts and developing their resources.

The meeting has also urged to maintain supporting fishermen through the Arab Cooperative Federation for Fish and providing necessary requites needed by them. Working papers discussed in the meeting have clarified that Arab homeland shores amount to 22,700

thousand km long and have a continental ref with an area of 607 thousand square km. the total Arab fish production had in 2000 amounted to 3 million and 11 thousand tons, among which 2 million tons of sea fishing and the remainder is the production obtained in local waters and fish culture projects.

Yemen among four main countries Studies have explained that Yemen is among four Arab countries possessing a share of 78 per cent of the total Arab production of fish out of an Arab fish reserve of approximately 78 million tons a year. Arab self-sufficiency proportion of fish amounts to 102 per cent but a number of hindrances such as traditional methods of fishing, weakness of statistical information and variance in legislative impede the process of increasing fish production and marketing.

Arab organisation contributions The Arab Organisation for Agricultural Development contributes to developing the sector of Arab fish wealth as it has prepared studies on tracks for developing the experiments and orientations of the Arab countries towards development of spheres of cooperation and coordination among Arab countries. The Arab meeting of senior officials in this field has also reviewed dangers of fish production



Fishing boats anchored at the Yemeni coasts

and exposure of marine life to dangerous violations such as sea pollution resulting from chemical and petroleum materials thrown into the sea by hundreds of ships offshore Yemen and other Arab countries.

Yemen, pioneering in fish industry: According to survey studies Yemen possesses a pioneering position in fish

industry. There are government and private sector factories, among them the Mukalla factory that could manage to meet the local consumer needs and created a qualitative leap in caned products exports. In Yemen, crustacean are frozen and exported abroad. There are also two factories for producing fish powder the exporting

capacity of which amounted to 103 tons in 2000.

The Arab meeting concluded in confirming the importance of developing fish trade among the Arab countries with the aim of realizing food security as the volume of fish industry amounts to \$ one billion along with the availability of big opportunities for inter-

trade.

The meeting considered the fish foreign trade in the Arab homeland as one of the distinguished sectors as statements on Arab exports for the period 1997-2000 point out to a noticeable improvement. The exported quantity rose from 824.74 thousand tons in 1997 to 925.10 thousand tons in 2000.

In a pictorial lecture, 900 rare tree species & plants in Socotra

By YEMEN TIMES STAFF

The Council for Tourist Promotion has recently displayed a pictorial lecture on the biodiversity the island of Socotra is characterized by. The island contains more than 900 species of rare trees and plants among which 300 species never found in other parts of the world.

The lecture has made it clear that the people of Socotra have their own social traditions and habits associated with the mode of their life and bio-environment, reflecting the prevalent economic activities in the island.

The Yemeni government has built many projects in Socotra having relationship with serving the people there and the tourists. Such services as communications, hotels and restaurants in addition to services directed related to tourists. Among the facilities the government has built in the Indian Ocean-located Island are the Socotra International Airport and a headland for receiving tourist and mercantile ships.

The lecture has reviewed the distinguished services offered to tourists such as offering tents, organizing diving programs and tourist trips in the islands composing the Socotra archipelago, including the viewing of dolphins and the special marine life there. The pictorial show accompanying the lecture also included selected landscapes from Socotra and aspects of the population life and the extent of their adhering to their customs of hospitality offered to the guest and providing security and comfort of for tourists visiting the island.

The UNESCO had already adopted it official considering of Socotra among the rare world wildlife sanctuaries due to its biodiversity.



Rare trees in Socotra

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Highly ornate language

Latest expression of the U.S. administration political failure



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After its apparently prompt failure in deceiving the Iraqi people about its real intentions and goals for invading and occupying their country, and in response to escalating and growing waves of rejection of the tragic situation in Iraq among Arab peoples, the U.S. administration is presently trying to apply some cosmetics to its face. It seems the American administration has given its instructions to its diplomatic missions abroad, particularly in the Arab and Islamic countries to start a counter-campaign in an attempt to dissipate Arabs' and Muslims' skepticism about the American administration neo-colonialist policy it has began in Iraq to gradually advance on other parts of the Arab region. Hence, came the activity of some American ambassadors in those countries by publishing articles or open letters explaining their policy in Iraq after the occupation. They are articles overflowing with the most beautiful phrases depicting the good and humane intentions of the United States, as it pretends to be the "messenger of peace, democracy and freedom" to the world of the 21st century.

In this context came the latest letter by the American ambassador to Yemen Mr Edmund Hull that has been published recently in almost in all Yemeni newspapers.

In the whole article of Mr. Hull he does not admit that his country's administration and that of Mr. Blair of Britain have sent their armies with sophisticated weapons to invade and occupy a country despite the refusal of the world community represented by the United Nations, all peoples of the world including the American and British peoples. The whole affair was an illegitimate act and a decision taken by two world big powers for goals and intentions quite contrary to what had been declared by the two administrations, while campaigning for their military campaign. The U.S. and Britain have launched an aggression on an independent sovereign state, member in the United Nations Organisation and not in a state of war with either of them. All justifications they had given were false and fabricated and time has proved that months after the occupation. The United States of America, which has become very proud and arrogant because of its military and economic might, has in its plans certain goals to achieve in certain parts of the world and therefore it is working for implementing them in an organized phased manner. For this reason it creates and fabricates causes and circumstances paving the way for that end. Instead of using its power as a sole world superpower for establishing peace and stability in the world, America is using it for aggressive neo-colonialist purposes by giving to its evil intentions such bright and attractive terms as freedom and democracy, thinking that peoples they are addressing are so naïve to believe it.

American and British allies attacked Iraq in one of the most sav-

age way using the most sophisticated lethal weapons against a country ravaged by more than a war and thirteen years of harshest sanctions ever implemented against any country in modern history of the world. For 21 days running the allied forces bombed Iraq from sea, air and land with all types of bombs, missiles weighing hundreds of tons of destructive explosions, not differentiating between military and civilian targets and even residential quarters. The war caused thousands of civilian casualties to the Iraqi people whom they came to "liberate" from its despotic regime. The regime was so weak that even the allies were shocked by the speed of its fall to their forces; nevertheless the allies boasted their victory as if defeating a formidable power. The speedy collapse of the regime in Iraq is a clear evidence of not possessing any sophisticated weapons, either defensive or offensive because otherwise it would have used them in defense of itself. The only plan in the minds of the American-British allies was those of the war and how to win it against Iraq. What to do immediately after that, they have not put in their minds. All previous indications suggested that the two invading governments had planned the war on Iraq for some years before beginning it.

The Anglo-American forces falsely claimed that they would hit only military targets and palaces of the regime and whatever targets falling under the military effort. But in practice they did not spare hospitals, schools, shopping places, civilian communications and civilian residential houses. In their military campaign they destroyed everything and all civilian and economic and services infrastructure.

After the allies had full control of the country and removed the regime they turned to the people of Iraq whom they came to liberate.

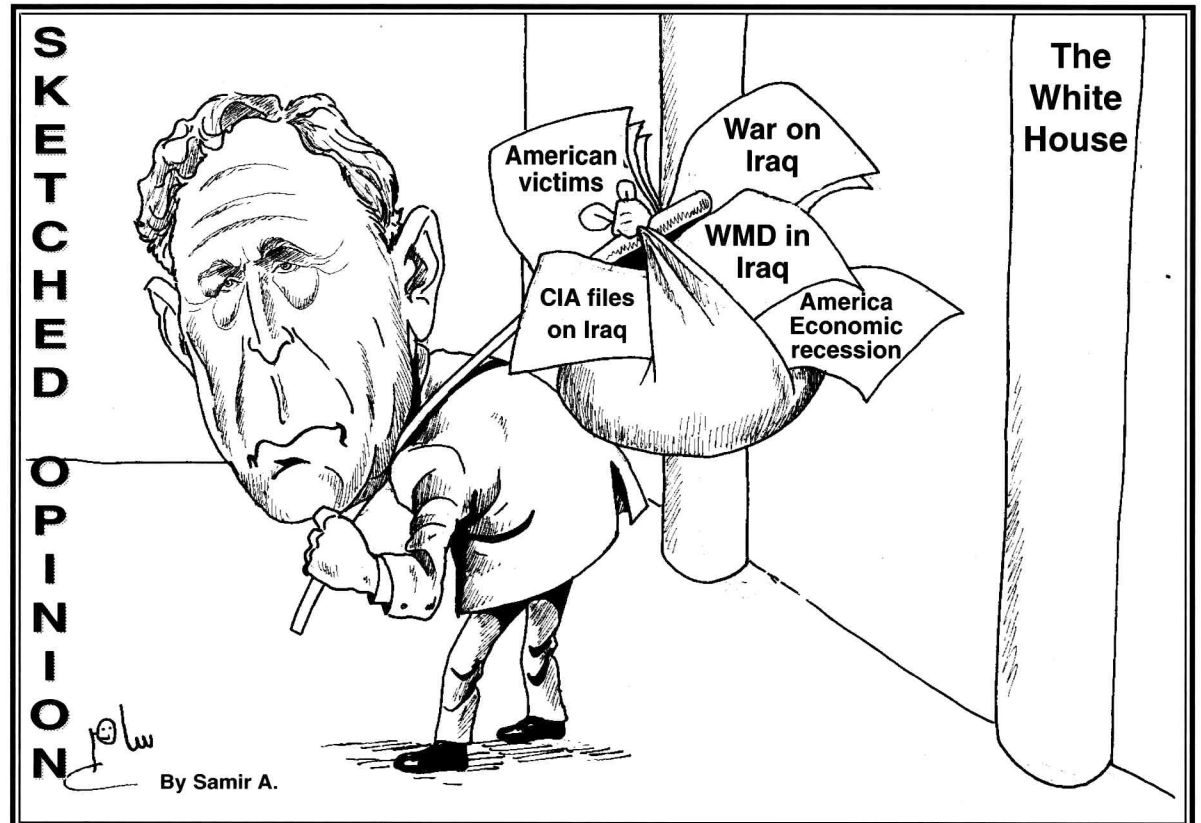
Now what is happening in Iraq since April 9, the day the Saddam regime in Iraq has fallen? Since that first day large numbers of criminals and looters took to the streets from nowhere looting and burning and destroying government buildings and places and whatever came in their way, even museums and libraries, all of which the occupying armies left unguarded. All those crimes were being committed while the American and British soldiers stood watching them without uttering a single word for preventing those crimes. All that concerned them was their safety against any possible attack by anybody. International conventions stipulate that the occupying forces bear the responsibility of providing safety and security for the people of the occupied country and protection for its institutions and infrastructure. All that was violated by the Anglo-American occupying forces. Throughout all the months following the fall of the regime in Iraq, there are still no security, no stability, no basic services and no organized life in Iraq. The funny thing is that Mr. Hull thinks that Iraqis using their cars or leaving their homes for certain times as signs of feeling secure. Chaos would not have occurred had the coalition forces imposed their control on the streets and prevented criminals and looters from playing havoc

throughout the country.

By dissolving most of the civilian institutions and leaving millions of employees in the streets, the coalition has created millions of enemies and angry people for their presence. The people and the employees in Iraq expected new and quick developments in their favour after the fall a regime under which they have suffered all kinds of tyranny and misery. The millions of civilian employees have suddenly found themselves unemployed and for more than two months without salaries and wages to spend on their families' living. ++++And by dissolving the Iraqi army and security forces without salaries and wages for some months the American and British occupying administration has created or rather forced most of those people to organize themselves and resist the occupation that did not fulfill its promises of liberation and salvage from the tyrannical former regime.

In the civilian and the military institutions only some senior officials and high-ranking military and security commanders could have been loyal to the former regime because they were the most beneficiary of its presence. As for the rest of employees and soldiers and officers they were in fact suffering from the regime's policies but had no power to resist it or change it. All the machinery in the civilian institutions were victims of the regime's suppression and were forced to keep silent and dared not oppose its policies for fear of physical liquidation or imprisonment. When the regime was removed by the Anglo-American forces they felt happy despite the killings and destruction of their country in the hope that those forces would quickly start restoring peace and normality to their life and could quickly and freely return to their institutions and reconstruct what had been destroyed. But what the occupation administration has so far done has killed their immediate inward joy of freedom despite at the hands of an occupation force. Dissolving the Iraqi army and police force in such a hasty action was a grave mistake committed by the coalition administration and was one of the major causes of these resistance acts and attacks on the Anglo-American troops in Iraq. The U.S. interim administration in Iraq should have and must in future have sought the advice of the Iraqis inside and not to depend on the Iraqis who have for many years abroad and do not fully know the real situation and happenings inside Iraq during the reign of the former leadership. The majority of them are even not known to the Iraqis inside who think they are part of the occupying force that attacked and destroyed their country in a most destructive bloody war. That is why most of the Iraqis are opposed to the nature of the formation of the council of rule recently set up by the American administration in Iraq. They do not see them as their actual representatives and have not suffered from the former regime's policies as much as they did. This is a very important point the coalition should put in mind while drawing their policies and plans for Iraq after the Saddam regime.

The other mistake the Americans and the British have committed in



Iraq is related to the Baath party. The real Baathists have been out of the regime and the party for many years and some of them from the early years after the 1968 coup. When the Americans and the British launched the war on Iraq and toppled the regime there was not a Baath party in the full sense of the word. There was a Saddam Hussein version Baath party quite alien to the actual party, but working under the banner of the Baath. Since the seventies the regime began liquidating the founding Baath leaders and institute instead of them political opportunists and puppets to be doggedly loyal to him for narrow personal interests. Millions of Iraqis were forced to join the party organization and pretend to be so because as a student you could enter the college or university you want if you are not part of the party organization and showing loyalty to it, you cannot be promoted to higher civilian positions or higher military ranks without having the passport or being part of the ruling party organization. As is the case with the armed forces only some senior party officials, especially close relatives of head of the regime, were actually loyal to the regime, the remainder majority is not. To judge all of them as loyal to the former regime is really a serious mistake and would drive them to start an under-

ground organisation detrimental to the political life in the country and could cause harmful conflicts. The Americans and the west in general are not well aware of the political culture whether in Iraq or the Arab region as a whole. When a tyrant regime rules a Mideast country under the banner of a certain political party, and when that political party is the only permitted political power there, the people's affairs and dealings are governed by showing loyalty to that party by that people even though the people do not believe in it or are really loyal to it. That has been the case for millions of Iraqis, civilians and military, who have been compelled to pretend to be supporting or joining the Bath party (or rather more accurately the Saddam Hussein version Baath party) in Iraq, especially since the seventies of last century.

The convening of a constitutional conference in Iraq as Mr Hull mentioned in his article was a move the American administration in Iraq has failed to form in the manner satisfactory to the Iraqi people. The combination of the council recently formed was meant by the Americans to be based on sectarian an ethnical basis to for a nucleus for future conflicts inside the Iraqi political spectrum. Furthermore, most of the inside political movements, if not all, have been

rather excluded from that formation. This has led the inside political movements to oppose that formation and to hold a separate conference grouping around forty political parties and organisations to adopt a clear stand and to have their say about all that is happening in Iraq since the fall of Saddam's government on 9 April 2003. The beautifully and optimistically chosen words of the American ambassador to Yemen in his article is a typical example of the void American administration promises it makes just to cover up its failure in managing the affairs in Iraq after their success in its occupation. Nothing of the promises to the Iraqi people the U.S. administration has made before and after the war on Iraq has been so far fulfilled, except the military victory over the former regime and even this is still incomplete. The image in Iraq now can be depicted as has changed from organized tyranny to a chaotic foreign military occupation where all walks of life are abnormal.

The coalition forces, under directives by their administrations, should step up all measures for restoring normal life in Iraq in an organized program, because the longer this situation continues the worse the matters would develop against their soldiers and the longer the suffering of the Iraqi people continues.

Might is the right

By GALAL AL-MOHAMMEDI

Amidst the sequent calamities, which take place in Islamic and Arab nation, one wonders, why? And who is the responsible? We go to bed full of hope that the morning may bring a new light that will dispel the murky darkness of the current situation. But every day brings much more despair, pain and agony than the previous one. Since childhood, boyhood, and youth we used to be fed by fake instruction concerning our abilities, our power, and historical heritage which will be the strong-hold against any foreign interference, which are in fact mere a propaganda for leaders. Emotion, enthusiasm, brilliant slogans, and evocative speeches are just a wily dress with an eye to local consumption. Nowadays, we, the new generation, are shocked to find such enormous pyramid collapsed with a slight wind. We were defeated in Afghanistan, Iraq, and who knows what is next. The fact may annoy some fanatic people, but it is the bitter truth, that we can't escape, and the admission of it is the first step for reform. The USA declared the war on Iraq without any reasonable reasons, or without any authorization from UN, Cynically, and UN, which we had thought to be the last hope to solve our problems, and regain our lands. This larger-than-life hope is destroyed as soon as the UN gives the USA an authorization for occupation after the war, in an unprecedented behavior. This simply because it is the supper power. Many of so-called experts intellectualize, and analysts who

appear in TVs, give us false analysis country to the real present, and future. All followed the war on Iraq at a time hundreds of analysis come to analyze for the sake of Allah. Does one of them get close to the truth, could foresee rightly, or at least knew the strategy of war? Absolutely no one. Unfortunately, many of them say things that are in complete disharmony with what is written on the face of days. Furthermore, they change their speeches many times in a ridiculous way. The same thing happens in Palestinian issue, when the UK issued many inapplicable resolutions. Actually being the weaker part in this game, whereas Israel has forceful weapons, hence it is respectable and it has the right to accept or refuse any resolution. Hence we get the conclusion that the more strength you have, the more respect you will get. Amidst all these humiliations, lots of thinkers come to convince us in the justice of UN, and the international public opinion. Where is the UN and the international public opinion when the innocent people are killed in Palestine, Iraq, and Afghanistan...? Do they prevent us once? All these disasters give us the reality of ourselves; who are we? What is our price? The earth has become a jungle; the stronger feeds upon the weakest. In order to live in honor, dignity and peace, you have to have power, and nuclear weapons. It is not an invitation for killing, but to live with beats you have to sharpen you teeth. The USA, which has the upper hand, keeps on killing, destroying, and occupying the Islamic countries in the name of "war against terrorism". Unfortunately most of our rulers try to

say the contrary and still believe in its good intentions. One look to the American media is enough to notice to what extent they hate Islam and Islamic civilization, and they don't shame to abuse the Prophet Mohammed, and talking about occupying, destroying and divide Arabic and Islamic countries. The Arab and Islamic masses realize this fact from the very beginning, while the rulers still seeking the USA's complacency and repeating blindly the same American political dress. Take it from me, the most catastrophes or plague to be removed, therefore, our leaders who are supposed to be responsible for us. Such rulers have failed to achieve the Arabic Unity, this poor slogan, has lost its meaning, and to talk of it becomes a work in fertile with the presence of these rulers in power. The history records that Arabs have not agreed, but to strike Iraq. Those leaders behave as a kidnapper, who kidnapped our homes and consider them as their own properties. Instead of building countries, they build enormous palaces for themselves and their relatives. With every passing day, they become a bigger frog in our throats. They are supposed to help their peoples and stand beside them when in need. Conversely, poverty, sickness, illiteracy, no human rights, no democracy are the outcome of their unwise policies. The real in unpromising at all, unless we come back to the real essence of Islam and its instruction, learn, and try to create posterity armed by knowledge and Islamic values. And work band, and wait patiently the promising future, which will be more closer than we expect.

Why marriages fail

BY NAWAL ZAID FOR THE YEMEN TIMES

Many husbands opt for divorce for the silliest reasons, and many lack the true understanding of marriage life and its responsibilities.

Families in countries like ours take the leading role in arranging marriages, sometimes even without consent of the to-be-wed man and woman, claiming that love and understanding comes after marriage.

Harmony between the husband and wife is very important, whether social, educational and even emotional.

and more enjoyable to live when there are common interests and likings.

The scene that youths face before marriage in these times is that they either have someone whom they wish to marry and face rejection from the family, either by refusing completely or putting many obstacles against the marriage such as a high dowry or preventing conditions.

Some people say that marriages that result from love fails because the couple is not realistic or practical and does not see the actual characteristics of each other.

For happy marriages a family must understand that there should be compatibility between spouses. They should see and know and even like, if not love, each other before marriage and find out common background for them so as to be able to live a happy joyful married life.

What if Germans won WWII?

By: Sameer Annozaili S4u2008@yahoo.com Faculty of Arts, Ibb University

What if we turn back time and have Germans win World War II (WWII)?

Really, what would have happened? What history says is that the allies won the World War II and defeated Germany and Japan in 1945.

Now we are in the beginning of 1945. Adolph Hitler fighting Russia with his armies going ahead until reaching to and occupying Moscow.

Then, when he crosses and takes over one third of Asia, Hitler turns back to the West to face the old British lion and

allowing America to be defeated by Japan.

Hitler, then, starts fighting the British. F1 and F2 German missiles pour on London for a long period of time, eventually leading to the fall of the capital.

During this same time, the shared German and Japan experiences come to make the atomic bomb.

Then the world wakes up, one day, on the boom of an atomic bomb explosion in Washington. Another bomb of greater impact hits New York a few days later.

Then the USA declares its surrender. Now, there are only two mighty forces in the whole world, Germany and Japan.

There is no communism or capitalism and of course, Israel would never have been founded. Moreover, it could potentially result in the extinction of the whole Jewish race in prisons of Nazi Germans and Japanese.

Then, a temporary peaceful period would prevail around the world.

Hitler will not keep quiet for a long time, as his habit is to gain more and more. He does not love partnership too.

So in secrecy and silence, the Germans begin producing and duplicating the atomic, Hydrogen and nuclear bombs.

Japan, on the other side of the planet, does the same.

After that, the conflict starts between Germany and Japan after each one ensured it has enough weapons in stock.

Germans declare that a Japanese boat polluted German waters and on the other side, Japan declares that it was the Germans who stroke the boat. Then each country sends its warning to the other....

Hitler then, as expected, declares war ...

And the tragedy starts again.

The atomic, Hydrogen bombs and nuclear missiles pour down from side to side everywhere on the planet.

Fire is everywhere, blood and human remains can be observed wherever one goes.

In this third world war, it will be the end of the planet

The end of all peoples... End of the human race... End of every living being..... End of everything...

But Wait a minute!

All this is only fiction. Let's come back to reality and have a look at wars of today.

Compare the present world with the one visualized.

Perhaps this one is better. Or perhaps not?

Which one could be the better any way?

And why?

Yemen Times soars up

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The entire news you never hear. I love it and I swear, I never read the other hay Believe me sir,...without it, I can not bear. It is so stronger, we are aware That no longer any nightmare.

"Couplets" to my Mistress

By: Waleed Aziz Abu-Shukair My princess's grace is in born Her charms transcend all beauties known The sun is so proud of his beams Soon by clouds or set disappears My lady shines throughout the day And when sleeping nicer than may Poor moon is so pleased with her light It is just stolen through the night

World

By NABEEL SALEH Nabeels88@hotmail.com FACULTY OF ARTS SANA'A UNIVERSITY

World I'm not alone And I'll not be again Now I'm not afraid of the dark The dark of my life turns into light And there are no nightmares anymore Just dreams with colors of roses World I'm not alone I'm not afraid I got the treasure of life No one had it as I did I'm the happiest man in this world Thanks to her I finally start to know myself She is always here for me World I'm not alone World I got a friend So I say goodbye to my loneliness I have a friend I'm not alone anymore

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Yemeni-French health cooperation promoted

BY TAWFIQ AL-ABSI
FOR THE YEMEN TIMES

SANA'A_ A meeting was held last week between H.E. Pierre Boillot, the French Ambassador and Dr. Mohammed Yahya Annoami, the Minister of Public Health & Population, discussing promotion and assessment of French and Yemeni health bilateral relations.

The meeting tackled with widening horizons of health cooperation between the two countries. The topics covered training of Yemeni medical cadres at the Kuwait Hospital in Yemen and the Marseilles Hospital in France. The two sides discussed the possibility of sending French medical doctors and specialists to Yemen especially surgery and extensive care.

The two officials also discussed the similar goals of the Republican Hospital in Taiz and the Marseilles

Hospital in France.

On its part, the French side showed its interest with regard to offering supplies to the heart diseases center at the Republic Hospital in Taiz.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Mohammed Ashehari, the General Manager of the Technical Cooperation & International Relations, the technical consultant at the French Embassy in Sana'a and a number of officials. On the other hand, in a first successful visit abroad, the Minister of the Public Health expressed his happiness for the meeting's results held recently in Paris by the World Fund for Fighting AIDS, TB and malaria.

The meeting reviewed results and achievements of the fund since its establishment and its role as an international institution.

An official invitation was extended by the health minister to the Area

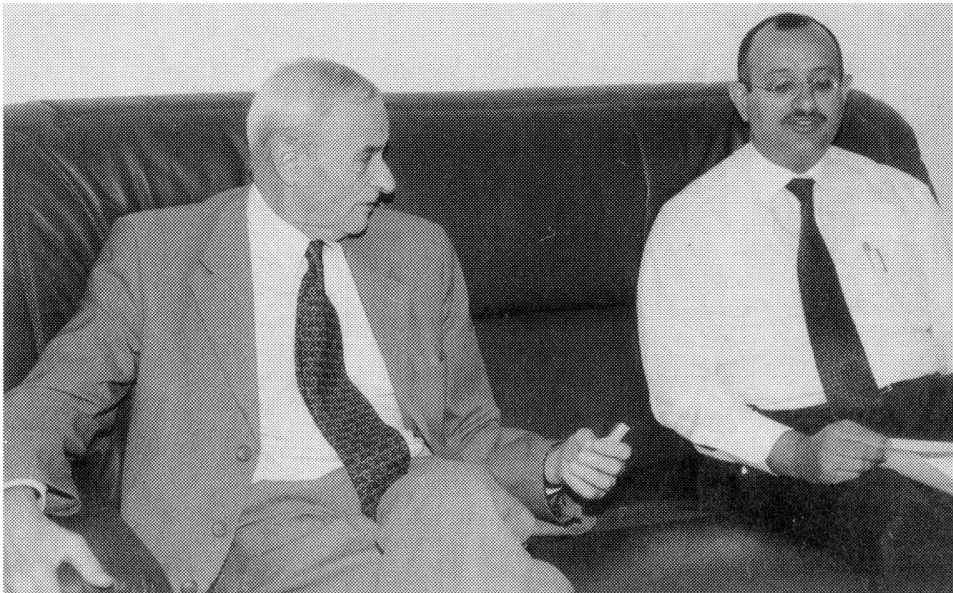
Manager of the Middle East office to take part in the national symposium to be held in Sana'a in October 2003.

Several issues were also discussed including the establishment of a training center for heart emergencies along with providing medical apparatus for eye diseases and supporting a special study on the dangers of the infectious diseases in Yemen.

During his visit, the Minister of Public Health & Population also conducted a friendly discussion with his Egyptian counterpart, Dr. Mohammed Ewash Taj aimed at activating health cooperation protocols signed between the two countries.

The two ministers also paid to treatment of the incurable cases regarding the Yemeni patients in order to be treated at the Egyptian hospitals.

They also emphasized on sending Egyptian medical teams to perform surgical operations.



From left to right, H.E. Pierre Boillot, French Ambassador and Dr. Al-Nomi, Minister of Public Health and population during their meeting. Dr. Al-Nomi has expressed commitment to work with France to enhance health service in the country. YT photo

Last China SARS cases declared free of virus:

No more SARS in China

BEIJING (Reuters, July 29) - Beijing's last 12 SARS patients have recovered from the disease, marking an apparent end to the scourge in China, where the virus emerged eight months ago before spreading across the world, official media said on Tuesday.

The 12 patients were still in hospital getting treatment for other illnesses but no longer showed symptoms of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome and were not infectious, the Communist Party newspaper People's Daily quoted Beijing's deputy health chief Liang Wannian as saying.

"Beijing has no more SARS patients," he said.

As of Monday, the Ministry of Health said on its Web site China had 12 remaining SARS patients in hospital, all in Beijing.

Health Ministry officials and representatives of the World Health Organization in Beijing could not be reached for comment on the revised classification of the patients.

Liang's declaration that Beijing was SARS-free was printed a day after a national anti-SARS conference, at which President Hu Jintao attributed China's successful SARS battle to Communist Party leadership.

SARS first surfaced in south China last November and was spread around the world by travelers, infecting more than 8,000 people and killing more than 800. Air travel was badly hit by the scare, as were the leisure and tourism industries.

The virus killed more than 340 people in China — 190 in Beijing, more than anywhere else in the world — and infected more than 5,300 people

nationwide.

After failing to divulge the scale of contagion for months, the government sacked the health minister and Beijing's mayor and mobilized the masses to fight the deadly flu-like illness.

But some medical experts say SARS may only be dormant and could return in the winter. Others say it is possible there are milder, mutated versions of the disease that are virtually impossible to detect and may be circulating among the wider population.



Chinese women visit a photo exhibition featuring the fight against SARS in Beijing July 29. Beijing's last 12 SARS patients have recovered from the disease, official media said, marking an apparent end to the scourge in China where the virus emerged eight months ago before spreading across the world. Reuters



JOB VACANCIES

Oxfam GB in Yemen is looking for dynamic people to support the programme on "Promoting Pro-poor and Gendered Poverty Reduction Strategy (PRS) Implementation and Monitoring in Yemen". Staff appointed will be based at the office located in the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, and the Women National Committee, Sana'a.

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- Demonstrated analytical, conceptual and strategy planning skills.
- Demonstrated sensitivity to gender and equity issues
- Proven track record in project management.
- Excellent computer skills, knowledge of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint) and an ability to learn new software.
- Fluency in English and Arabic, with excellent writing, communication skills including presentation skills.
- Demonstrated capacity for social skills and ability to work in a team, facilitate interaction between different stakeholders from the government and CSOs.
- Leadership qualities with experience in people and budget management.

Job Title: Project Coordinator (Gender) - PRSP Program

Key Competencies

- Education to a degree level in gender studies, social sciences or related discipline.
- Minimum of 3 years experience in gender related issues. Working experience with international organization is an advantage.
- An understanding of and experience of working in the development sector, and sensitivity to gender and equity issues.
- Ability to analyze and undertake documentation related to gender and poverty issues.
- Demonstrated capacity of social and communication skills and ability to work with others and as part of the team.
- Fluency in Arabic and English and writing skills.
- Knowledge and skills in computer usage.
- Willingness and fitness to travel for sustained periods of time.
- Willingness and eagerness to learn about organizational and financial procedures.

Job Title: Project Coordinator: (Civil Society Organizations) – PRSP Program

Key Competencies

- Education to a degree level in social sciences or related discipline.
- Minimum of 3 years experience in work with development organization at local levels. Working experience with an international organization is an added advantage.
- An understanding of and experience of working in the development sector, and sensitivity to poverty and gender equity issues
- Ability to analyze and document related CSOs and poverty issues
- Demonstrated capacity of social and communication skills and ability to work with others and as part of the team
- Fluency in Arabic and English and good writing skills
- Knowledge and skills in computer usage
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- Willingness and eagerness to learn about organizational and financial procedures

Job Title: Accountant - PRSP Program

Key Competencies

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An introduction to the Internet Basics of HTML (3)

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Referring to previous lessons, we said that websites are actually HTML files. HTML stands for HyperText Markup Language, the most widely used programming language in formatting Internet websites.

Using links Hypertext links (or just links) are essential for building effective websites. Links can be based on text or graphics.

There are several different ways of creating a link using the anchor tag. To create a link to another HTML file in the same site or in another file in the Internet we use the anchor tag as follows:

URL here means the uniform resource locator such as http://www.yementimes.com. So to amend our website and add a link that takes the visitor to yementimes website, we add the code as it shows in fig1 line 11.

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1 <HTML>
2 <HEAD>
3 <TITLE> Yemen Kids On-line
</TITLE>
4 </HEAD>
5 <body bgcolor="#CCCCCC"
text="#000080">
6 Welcome <BR>to Yemen Kids On-
line Website
7 <P> Please enjoy the site and if
you have
8 any comments please send them
to:
9 ayatharazi@hotmail.com </P>
<P> The
10 site was designed by
11 <A
HREF="HTTP://WWW.YEMEN-
TIMES.COM">
12 YemenTimes </A> readers </P>
13 </BODY>
14 </HTML>
```

Fig1. NOTE: DON'T INCLUDE THE LINE NUMBERS

underlined as a standard hypertext. If the visitor clicked over this word it will take the visitor to another address which is defined between quotations, HTTP://WWW.YEMENTIMES.COM. Notice the closing tag for the anchor "" terminates the formatting at that point so only the word YEMENTIMES will act as a hyperlink.

What if you need to create a hyperlink that takes you to another webpage in the same website? Same anchor tag will be used for this except that you have to put the HREF to that webpage's HTML file. For example to create a link that takes the user to the Photo Gallery webpage in our website assuming that the file is called "pgallery.htm", we use the anchor tag as follows:

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<A HREF="PGALLERY.HTM">
Photo Gallery </A>
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Notice, it doesn't matter if you use capital or small letters for to HTML tag, but some systems are case sensitive when it comes to the webpage's file name (e.g., UNIX), so you need to ensure then that the page on the server is exactly (PGALLERY.HTM) and not for example (Pgallery.htm).

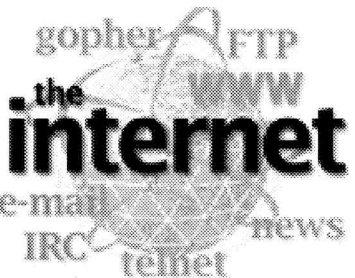
Sometimes web designers provide links to reference a position or positions in the same webpage. The most common use of this type of links is to move the visitor's browser from the bottom of the webpage to the top of the same webpage. It is also useful when you have a long webpage that covers several topics where you can create an index at the top of the webpage to make the navigation or the process of getting the information easier.

To practice this, let's create two links. One link at the top of the webpage to take the user to the bottom of the webpage, and the other at the bottom of the webpage to take the visitor back to the top of the webpage.

At the very beginning of the body tag of our example, we create the bookmark that will be used as a reference for the top of the webpage. I will add this bookmark to the code in line 6 in our example as follows:

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<a name="top"></a>
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So the bookmark is called "top" and we will need this name when we create



the link. At the end of the HTML code, exactly before the body's closing tag in line12, we create the link that should take us to the top as follows:

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<a href="#top">Back to the top of
the page</a>
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So until now we only have a link that takes us from the bottom of the webpage to the top of the same webpage. Please understand that you will not notice any difference if you try to apply that to our example because our webpage is still small. To try it, add many line break tags "
" to the code to make the webpage gets longer.

One more thing in hypertext links is that you can link a specific position in another webpage in the same website. For example if you want to create a link in our webpage that takes you to a specific position or photo in our Photo Gallery webpage, you should need to create the bookmark at the bottom of the Photo Gallery webpage and give a name such as 'bottom' or anything else as long as you remember it.

```
<a href="pgallery.htm#bottom">
```

Last point about using hypertext is to create a link that references an e-mail address. It is very common to use hyperlinks to link to email addresses. When this type of hyperlink is clicked it opens an email application such as MS-Outlook to enable the visitor to send an email to that reference. To create such a link, use the following code:

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<a href="mailto:ayatharazi@
hotmail.com"> contact me </a>
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With the tags we added today our example webpage will look as in fig 2. Notice the hyperlinks in YemenTimes word

If you have any questions about my lessons please send me an e-mail at ayatharazi@hotmail.com.

Next week: More on HTML

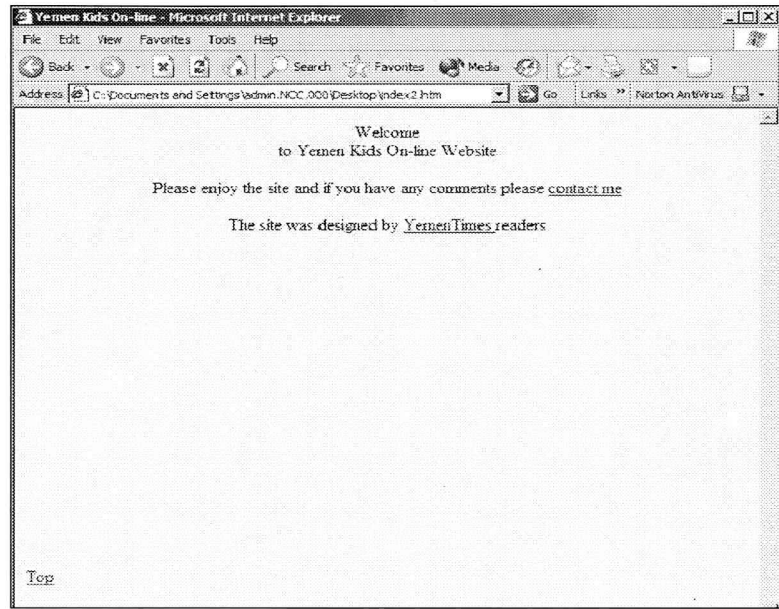


Fig2

Registration form with fields for Name, Age, Province, and Tel. Includes NCC education logo.

This week's question: Can you use the anchor tag to create a hyperlink to a media file like a song or a movie file?

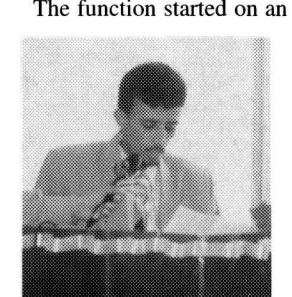
Your answer: _____

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Department of English, Faculty of Education, Al-Mahweet Annual Day Celebration

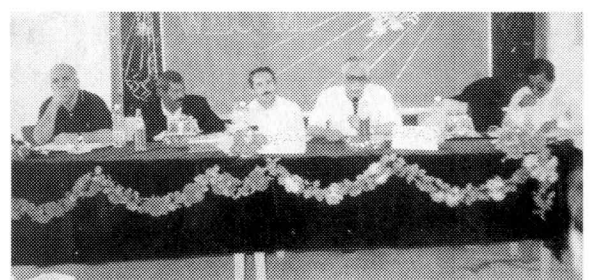
As the academic session was drawing to a close, the department of English, in keeping with the tradition celebrated the annual day. Dr. Mohammed Al-Kamali, Dean of the college graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Dr. Bushra M. Sadoon, Head of the Department presided, Dr. Ramakanta Sahu, Coordinator of Cultural Affairs conducted the proceedings.



Mr. Ahmed Maqrana, General Secretary, reading out his report



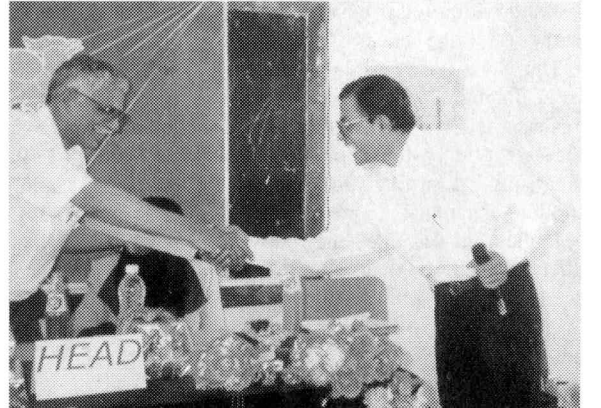
Capt of football team, level 1, with the trophy.



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Table titled 'Results of Literary Competitions' listing winners for English Debate, Poem, Essay, and Football competitions across various levels.

YOUTH FORUM section featuring a poem 'One' by Fadi Ahmed Al-Mohsen and a short story 'Peace: A dream' by Majeedah Saif Kassim.

S.Africa says Hussein exit gives them the edge

By Tony Lawrence

BIRMINGHAM (Reuters) - Captain Graeme Smith says South Africa will go into this week's second test with a clear psychological advantage over England.

He said Nasser Hussain's resignation from the England captaincy immediately after the drawn first test would probably hurt the hosts.

He also argued the home team would have to rethink their approach after being outplayed at Edgbaston.

"I definitely think they underestimated us, and wrongly so," he said.

"Probably we have the psychological advantage, though I don't like talking about that too much, it can come back and bite you. Yes, we had things to prove. We had them under pressure all the time and that's a great feeling.

"While they're trying to sort out where they went wrong, we are going forward with a lot of positives to take in the rest of the series."

The South Africans bounced back from losing a one-day tournament against their hosts to dominate from the start at Edgbaston, opting to bat and amassing 594 for five with Smith contributing a national record 277.

England just avoided the follow-on after Michael Vaughan, who has succeeded Hussain as captain, papering over the cracks with an excellent 156, before hanging on to draw. Their

bowlers managed just nine wickets in the match.

Smith said England appeared to have overlooked South Africa's record of nine wins in a row before the five-test series — "How many people have done that? I think we're only the third team to do it" — before agreeing that Hussain's demise could also be seen as a feather in his side's cap.

"Maybe you can say that," he said with a smile. "Maybe Nasser was feeling the pressure a bit and just wants to play a bit now. It definitely puts a bit of pressure on Vaughan again. Maybe it will weigh on his shoulders, who knows? But it could be a breakthrough for us.

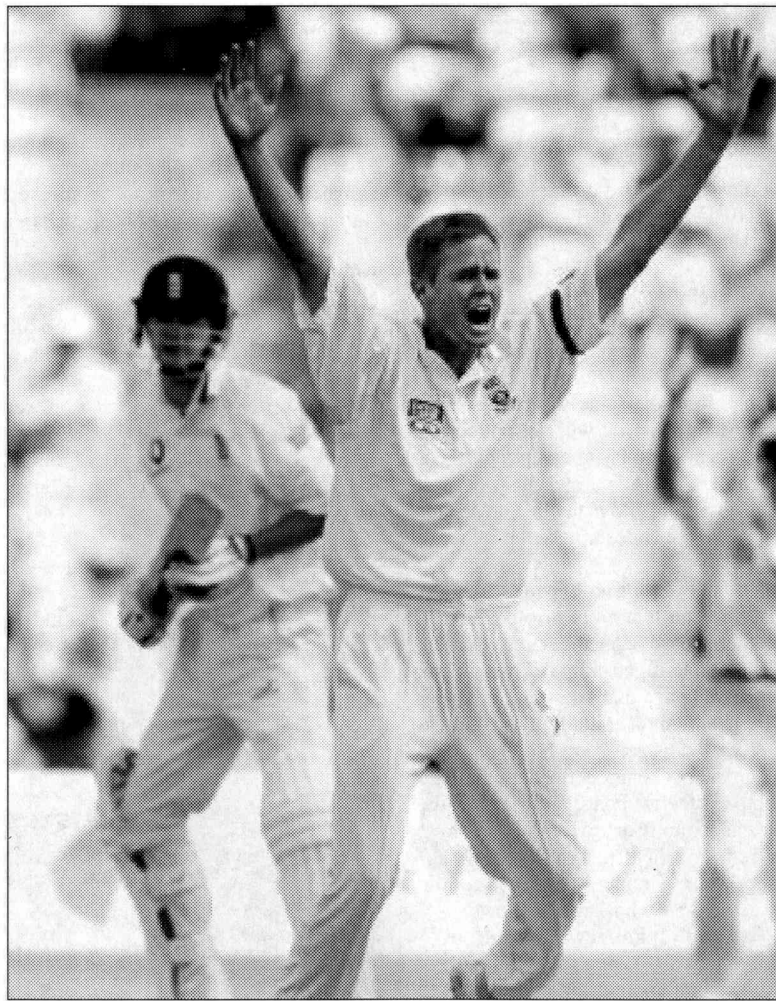
"I don't know Nasser that well and I had only just started to learn about him. Now I've got to start learning about Vaughnie again."

Smith suggested he had been surprised by England's lethargy in the field at Edgbaston.

"England were quieter than I expected, it's difficult to say what caused that. It could be that we batted well and they felt under pressure.

"Shaun Pollock also bowled superbly. People said he had lost pace and passion but I think he was the best bowler in the match. All he needs now is a bit of luck and a few edges.

"But England will regroup and come out fighting. The first day at Lord's will be a key to the next test match."



South Africa's Shaun Pollock appeals for the wicket of England's James Anderson during the final day of their Test match at Edgbaston on Monday. REUTERS/Darren Staples

Zidane to retire in 2005

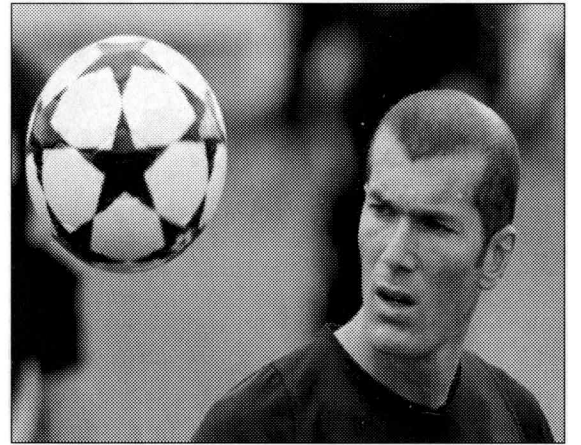
KUNMING, China (Reuters) - France midfielder Zinedine Zidane will retire when his Real Madrid contract expires in 2005, he says.

Zidane, who will be 33 in two years' time, told reporters on Tuesday: "I'm under contract with Real Madrid for two more years and, until then, I will play as well as possible, in any competition."

"After those two years, I will quietly retire."

Zidane, who joined Madrid from Juventus for a world-record fee of \$64.4 million (40 million pounds) in 2001, is currently on a three-week tour of China with the Real squad preparing for next season.

The playmaker, who was world player of the year in 1998 and 2000, has 82



France midfielder Zinedine Zidane will retire when his Real Madrid contract expires in 2005, he says. Zidane attends the morning training session at Hongta Sports Centre in Kunming, the capital of China's southwestern province of Yunnan in this file photo. REUTERS photo by GUANG NIU

caps for France and was in the team that won the 1998 World Cup and 2000 European championship.

Zidane's final matches for his country are likely to be during next year's European championship in Portugal.

Inter Milan part ways with Portugal's Conceicao

MILAN, July 29 (Reuters) - Italian club Inter Milan said on Tuesday they had parted company with Portugal winger Sergio Conceicao by mutual consent.

The 28-year-old, who has struggled with rib and muscle injuries since joining Inter from Parma in the summer of 2001, said last year he was willing to take a pay cut to prove his worth to the

Serie A club.

Conceicao was signed on the recommendation of Inter striker Christian Vieri after the two had enjoyed a fruitful partnership at Lazio, where Conceicao played before joining Parma.

Inter sent highly-rated French goalkeeper Sebastien Frey to Parma in exchange for Conceicao and 10 billion lire (\$4.34 million).

Armstrong to face strong challenge in 2004

By Francois Thomazeau

PARIS (Reuters) - If you found the 2003 Tour de France exciting, wait for the next one.

The first edition of a second century of the world's most prestigious cycling race will provide Lance Armstrong with a chance of an unprecedented sixth victory.

The 31-year-old American joined the sport's most select club with his fifth win on the Champs-Elysees on Sunday, joining Jacques Anquetil, Eddy Merckx, Bernard Hinault and Miguel Indurain as the only men to have achieved the feat.

The "big four", as they are dubbed in cycling circles, have all failed in their quest for a sixth success, mostly because they were beaten by an up and coming young rider.

Indurain lost to Dane Bjarne Riis in 1996, but the star of the Tour that year was young German Jan Ullrich.

Hinault was beaten in 1986 by young American Greg LeMond, while Merckx discovered his limits against Frenchman Bernard Thevenet.

Armstrong has pledged he will be better prepared next year than he was in this Tour, calling his condition

"unacceptable".

"I'll return next year and not to finish second," he warned.

But it is still not clear whether the Texan struggled more than ever before over the past three weeks because of his poor form or because his rivals were stronger.

Age barrier

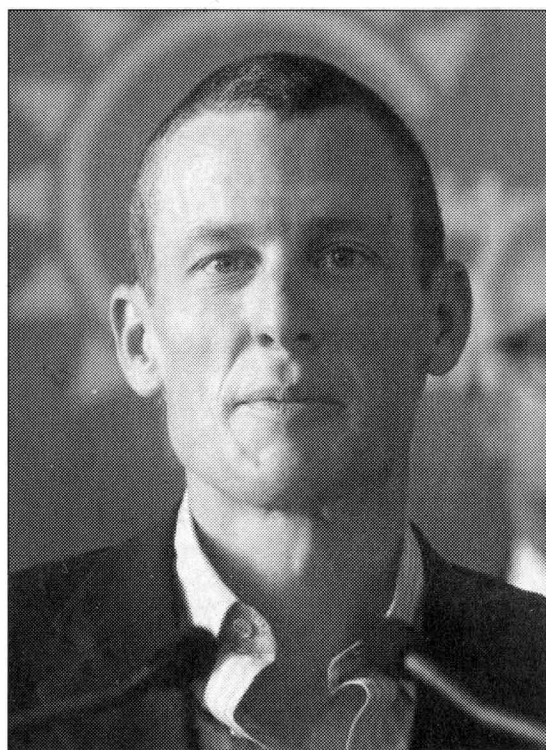
At 32, Armstrong will reach an age at which all the previous Tour superstars have started to falter. He is also bound to face even tougher opposition than he did in the 3,426 kms of the 2003 Tour in a race which will start from Belgium and probably go to Brittany and Barcelona before returning to Paris.

If the Texan was not at his very best, Ullrich, who finished second for the fifth time after winning in 1997, was not either.

The German had just been through a terrible year marred by a knee operation and a doping ban, and he only entered the Tour this year to prepare for the next.

"Challenging Lance was not in my plans," he said.

"I came to the Tour to win a stage and get ready for next year."



Five-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong of the USA takes part in a cancer awareness media conference in Paris on Monday. Armstrong beat his cancer and continued his professional cycling career to become one of the greatest cyclists in history. REUTERS/Vincent Kessler

His impressive time trial victory in Cap Decouverte confirmed the road Olympic champion still has enough left in the tank to win the Tour again.

Spaniard Joseba Beloki, third in 2000 and 2001 and runner-up last year, was more aggressive than ever in the past before crashing out of the Tour in dramatic fashion in Gap.

He will return next year, his motivation boosted by the accident.

American Tyler Hamilton finished fourth overall, a superb effort after he sustained a broken collarbone after a crash on the first stage. There is no knowing what he might have achieved had he been fully fit for the whole three weeks.

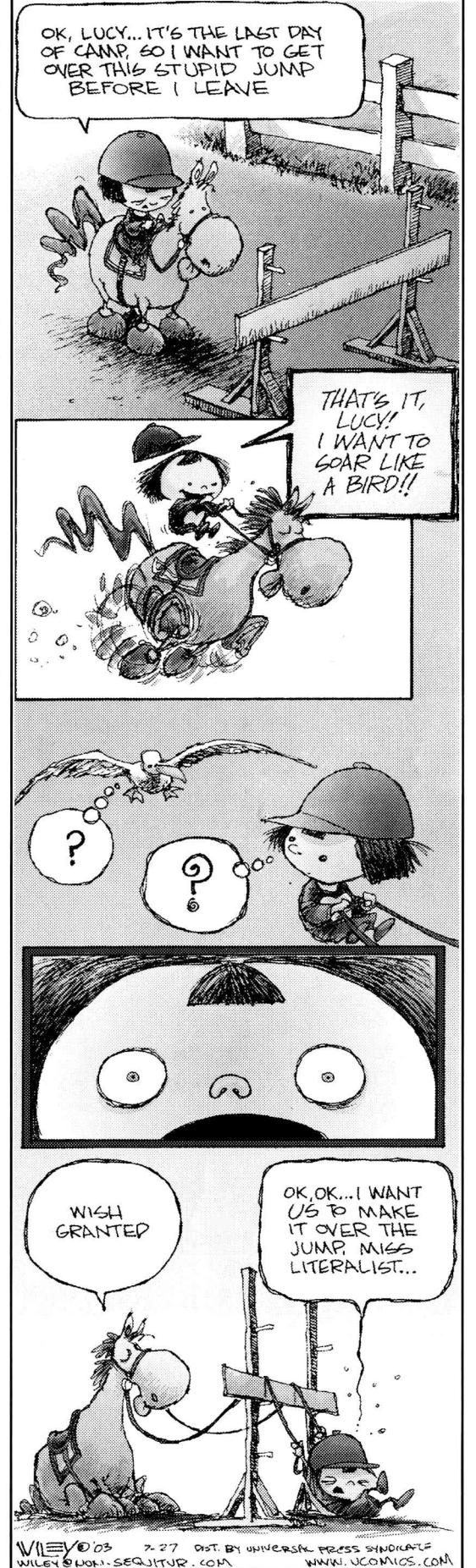
With Spaniard Iban Mayo always a threat in the mountains, and Kazakh Alexandre Vinokourov reaching new heights by finishing third, Armstrong could be attacked on all fronts next year.

If the sixth win jinx should strike once more, Briton David Millar looks the best choice for the role of the young rider out to spoil the old gun's show.

His sensational victory in the last time trial on Saturday confirmed his incredible potential.


But constant problems with his Cofidis team have wasted precious time and what Millar now needs is to find the team director who, like Johan Bruyneel did with Armstrong, will turn him into a Tour champion.

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THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY BY Eugenia



Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19)
An opportunity to make a career move is evident. This is a perfect day to start something new. You may connect with a potential partner if you attend industry events.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)
A discussion regarding an emotional issue will lead to an argument. Keep your thoughts to yourself for now, but be prepared to take action.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)
Join forces with someone you like and put your talents to the test. Approach people who can help you get ahead or who know people who will offer you the support you need.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 22)
You may find yourself in a very auspicious position with regard to financial deals. You will be in demand for your expertise.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)
Uncertainty regarding your personal life or your position should be a clear indication that you need a change. If you have been spinning your wheels, it's time to make your move.

Libra (Sept 23 - Oct 22)
Keep your opinions and ideas to yourself for now or you may find yourself facing some strong competition. Do research so you are fully prepared to reach your goals.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
You will be in a very passionate mood today. If you are single, you can meet the perfect partner. If you are already in a relationship, this is a great day to rekindle the flame.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
You may be overly emotional about circumstances involving a situation at work. Acceptance is the key.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
Talk to people who have experience in areas where you are lacking. The more you converse with people from different backgrounds, the better you will understand your own beliefs and traditions.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)
You can make money if you are quick to pick up on a trend. It's time you invested in yourself and your talents.

Pisces (Feb 19-Mar 20)
Don't hold back when dealing with emotional matters. Frustration and anxiety will result if you let someone you care about walk all over you. It may be time to move on.

Immersion Shares Triple on Microsoft Settlement

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Shares of Immersion Corp. nearly tripled in value on Tuesday after Microsoft Corp. settled a patent suit and said it would take an equity stake in the company, whose technology brings life-like touch sensations to computer mice and joysticks.

Immersion shares leaped 200 percent to an 18-month high of \$5.49 in early trade, before paring gains to trade at \$4.85 in late morning on Nasdaq. Volume was 3.9 million share, more than 150 times the daily average.

Late on Monday, Immersion said it settled a lawsuit with Microsoft, the world's biggest software company. Microsoft agreed to pay Immersion \$26 million in licensing fees, and said it would make an unspecified equity investment in Immersion.

Microsoft will also lend the company up to \$9 million in convertible debt.

Immersion sued Microsoft in February 2002 for patent infringement. San Jose, California-based Immersion, whose TouchSense technology is used in computer peripherals such as steering wheels to simulate vibrations of turbulence in flight, also has a lawsuit pending against Sony Corp.'s video game unit and its U.S. subsidiary.

Immersion charged that Sony's controllers for its PlayStation and PlayStation 2 console, and Microsoft's Xbox controllers, violate two of Immersion's patents.

BY JUDY LEE

Hello? Smile, you're on candid camera phone

SEOUL (Reuters) - The phrase "victim of your own success" springs to mind. Easily concealable camera-equipped mobile phones are no longer welcome in the offices of South Korea's high-tech companies because of worries about industrial spies.

Hyundai Motor, South Korea's largest automaker and one of the global top 10, is afraid its new model cars under development could be leaked to rivals.

"We are setting up X-ray detectors at the gates of Namyang R&D center to block the entry of camera phones and also establish a system to trace visitors," said Jake Jang, a Hyundai spokesman, referring to the company's research complex near Seoul.

"It is a critical matter for a company like us, because mobile phones can be used for spying, like one of those gizmos secret agent '007' uses," he said, referring to film spy James Bond.

In its headquarters building as well, meetings for major strategies, new design and color schemes bar the use and presence of multi-function mobiles, a Hyundai official said.

Samsung Electronics Co, the world's third-largest mobile phone maker and a pioneer of the very technology that stuck a tiny lens on a small handset, has also banned them inside its office corridors and factory floors.

"It is unavoidable for security reasons," said a Samsung official who asked not to be named. "Camera phones are handy and the quality is so good it can be easily used for industrial espionage."

Samsung — which has a 10-percent share in the global mobile phone market — is not the only phone maker to become camera-shy.

Rival LG Electronics Co faces the same dilemma in a gadget-crazy country where three quarters of its 48 million people carry at least one mobile phone.

Privacy issues
Over the past year, South Koreans



A promoter displays a camera-equipped mobile phone in Seoul, July 10. Big-name, high-tech South Korean companies have declared war against camera-equipped mobile phones, ironically including Samsung - the world's third-largest mobile phone maker and a pioneer of the very technology that stuck a tiny lens on a small handset. Reuters

also snapped up more than four million camera-equipped phones and it is a common sight to see people taking pictures of their friends, themselves and just about anything else in view.

And that has raised privacy issues, as well. One woman used her camera phone to take photos of naked women in one of South Korea's popular public sauna baths and then sold them to Web Site operators.

Concerned about a public uproar over such misuse, authorities are seeking to put wider limits on camera phones in some places. The country's parliament,

the National Assembly, may step in.

"Several committee members are trying to enact legislation on the use of camera phones," Lee Wook-hee, an official at the National Assembly's telecommunications committee, told Reuters.

"Mobile phones are indispensable in the modern age, but I guess everything has a flip side."

Camera phones cost between \$336 and \$509 won in South Korea, about a third of the country's average monthly household income. Still, their popularity is rapidly soaring, especially among young people.

Since their launch in August, 2001 in the local market, the use of camera phones has been spreading at an "explosive" pace, said Kwon Chul-keun, a spokesman of SK Telecom Co, the coun-

try's largest mobile carrier, without giving detailed data.

Gearing up for video

In South Korea, where people change their mobile phones every two years on average, already one-fifth of mobile phones in use are equipped with a camera, industry sources said.

SK, which has more than 50 percent of the country's mobile phone market, said the ratio of camera phones to regular mobiles among its clients has soared over the past 12 months.

Technology innovations have made many fictional "007" tasks of the past a reality these days. And now South Korea is gearing up for moving as well as still images.

The latest mobile phones offer not only communications but also video camera functions, MP3, access to the Internet and live television shows as well as settlements of transactions.

"A mobile phone can even show you how to get to your destination, for example, the closest gas station or whatever," said Lee Sang-chul, a 37-year-old businessman who pays an average \$200 in mobile phone charges a month. "There are so many cool functions. It's part of my life."

Moon Ae-ran, a 50-year-old homemaker living in an upmarket apartment complex in the southern Seoul, also enjoys the convenience of her high-tech device. She can turn on a washing machine and other home appliances with her mobile phone even when she is out shopping.

"How can I live without this thing?" Moon said

'Roman cosmetics' found at London temple dig

BY JEREMY LOVELL

LONDON (Reuters) - Archaeologists excavating the site of a major Roman temple in London have found a sealed box containing a white cream still bearing the finger marks of the person who last used it, nearly 2,000 years ago.

"This is of major significance," said Museum of London curator Francis Grew Monday.

The substance, which will now be chemically analyzed, could be face cream or even face paint, he told reporters.

"We are in completely uncharted territory here. Not only is the quality of workmanship of the box exceptional, but to find one in such good condition still sealed and with its original contents will raise huge interest around the world," he added.

Museum conservator Liz Barham who opened the fist-sized cylindrical tin box for the first time Monday, in front of the world's media, described the smell from the half-full container as "sulphurous" and "cheesy."

The box was found at the bottom of a ditch on the edge of the site of the temple next to the merging of two major roads into Roman London — Watling Street from the port of Dover and Stane Street from the garison town of Chichester.

The site — which last year revealed a stone tablet with the ear-

liest known inscription bearing the Roman name of London — dates from 50 AD and contained two small temples, a guest house for travelers, plinths for statues and a stone pillar.

"The site has been remarkable. It has revealed far more than we could possibly have expected," said Gary Brown, managing director of Pre-Construct Archaeology, which has been digging the soccer pitch-sized area for the past year.

Apart from the tin box and stone tablet, the site in modern day Southwark about two miles south of central London has also revealed pieces of statues, leather shoes and a wooden writing tablet among many other artifacts.

It will disappear under concrete this Summer when construction of a shopping and housing complex starts



A Museum of London conservator shows the contents of a Roman tin box after opening it for the first time since its discovery in London, July 28. Archaeologists excavating the site of a major Roman temple in London found the box containing a white cream still bearing the finger marks of the person who last used it, nearly 2,000 years ago, museum officials said. Reuters

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First attempt of its kind to produce a Hollywood movie promoting Islam:

Mohammed, The Last Prophet (PBUH)

The Movie

As the vestiges of heavenly stardust start permeating the country with the approach of Ramadan, all Arab radio stations and TV channels alter their entertainment plans to celebrate the holy occasion. This year amazingly, Hollywood seems to tune in.

ing on the 23 years the Prophet lived after receiving his divine mission, and shedding light on the preceding period. The action therefore lacks smoothness and develops so quickly that the audience feels it sometimes abrupt. A drawback of this is that the film has overlooked important historical facts. Though supposed to be the biography

ing their peace treaties with the Prophet, but it has strangely enough totally ignored the historical fact of their presence in Arabia at that time. Technically though, the film dealt cleverly with presenting the characters that cannot be shown on the screen according to Islam, such as the character of the Prophet (PBUH), his house-

ing, being an Arab knight, so that he is behind it as he points it forward. The music by William Kidd is the real treat in this film, and succeeds in being the creator of the spirituality such a film was meant to diffuse. Interestingly the music changes flavor according to the setting, so that when the film opens in pagan Mecca, it has this old pagan touch, and as the Muslims flee to Abyssinia it immediately turns to capture a sense from the traditional ancient African music, then when the Prophet (PBUH) arrives in Medina, it acquires the light touch of Islamic tunes.

On a funny note, the characters don't change clothes for almost 30 years, the time covered by the film. Abu-Sufian for example does not change his clothes except at the end of the film when he converts into Islam to wear a white cloak.

Although it is nice to see a foreign movie production depicting part of the life of Prophet Mohammed (PBUH), and the emergence of Islam, this is by no means the complete story, and should not be taken as an animated biography of the Prophet (PBUH). It just shows bits and pieces of his life.

The movie is recommended by many for kids under the age of 10.
Source: Egyptian Reporter

Dean of Diplomatic Corps in Yemen says goodbye: Bidding Farewell to the dean of diplomats Yahya Rabah

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Yemen is bidding farewell this week to Mr. Yahya Rabah, the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps and Ambassador of Palestine to Yemen. Mr. Rabah has been working in the country for 12 consecutive years, during which he made extensive contributions to the Palestinian issue and Yemen-Palestine relations.

"He is a man of noble acts and deeds. He lived with us as a Yemeni as well as a Palestinian. We feel great sorrow and pain for saying goodbye to him on the expiry of his term of office as Ambassador of Palestine to Yemen," said Editor-in-Chief of Yemen Times.

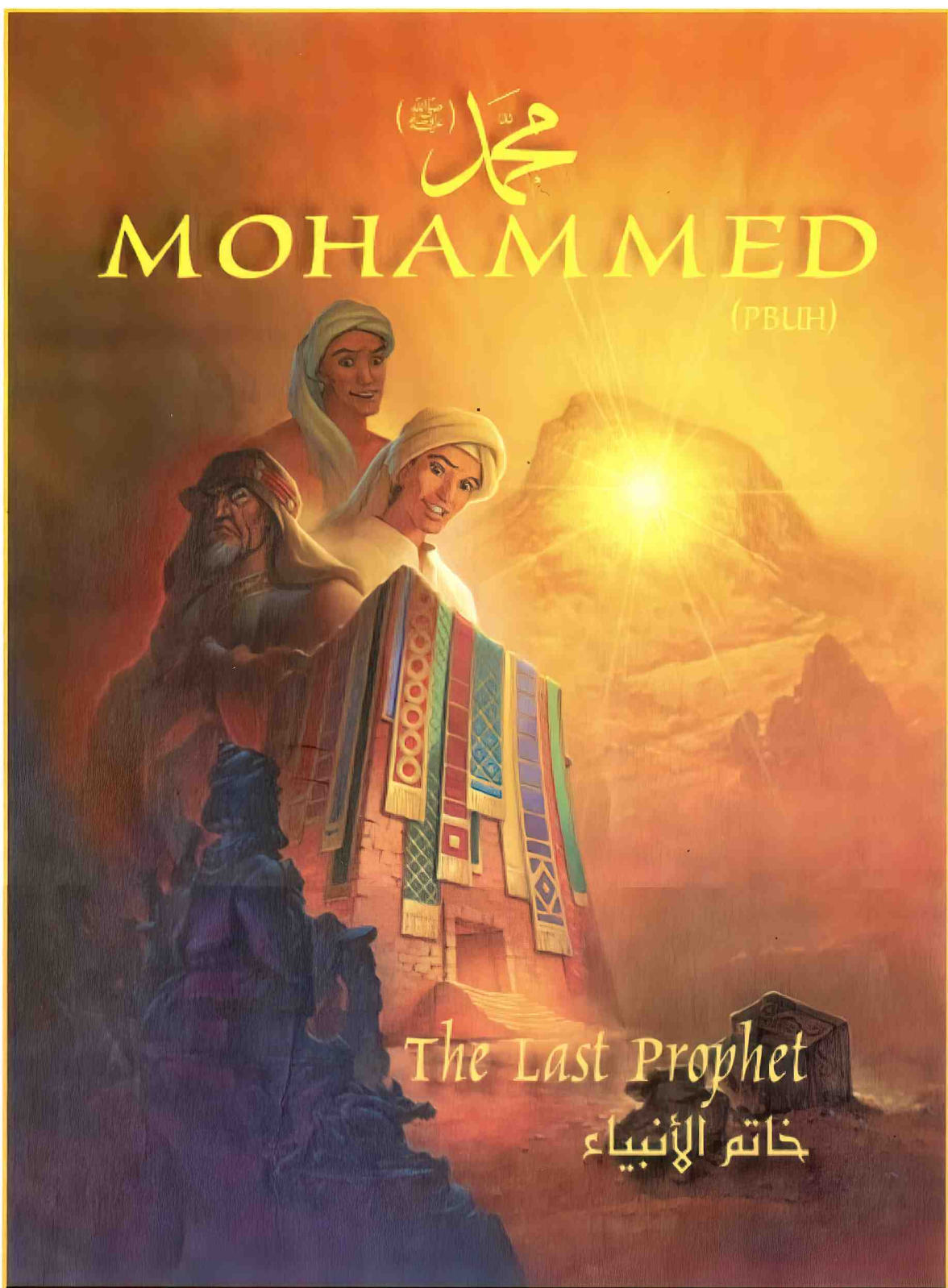
Mr. Rabah has been known for his energetic and social character. He rarely missed an activity or reception he was invited to, and always was there when needed. He is the longest serving diplo-



Mr. Yahya Rabah

mat in Yemen and was proudly honored as the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in the Country. He made extensive contributions to the Palestinian issue by inaugurating and co-organizing various activities to promote this issue.

A number of farewell activities were organized for Mr. Rabah, whom we, as Yemen Times, wish all the very best for in his future.



Richard Rich's Muhammad, The Last Prophet - Peace Be Upon Him (PBUH), the first animated film ever produced about the life of Prophet Mohammed has just been released in movie theatres. The film is a production of Badr International Corporation, a new British company in the entertainment business who specializes in Islamic productions, perhaps attempting to counteract the stereotyped image of Muslims in the Western media as backward, barbarians, etc. It is noteworthy that the only Arab behind the film is the executive producer and his assistant, otherwise the whole film is made in California by a crew of American artists, and the names of the animators are definitely Eastern Asian, probably Japanese or Chinese.

The film is originally in English but the version in Egyptian and Arab cinemas is actually dubbed into Arabic by familiar voices to children's ears like Bassam Kosa, and Mahmoud Yassin as Abu-Talib the Prophet's protective uncle. The 90-minute long movie covers the span of around 30 years focus-

of Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) and supposed to cover basically the main lines of his life, this film ignores a very important part, namely his relation with the Jewish community in pagan Arabia. Not only does it overlook the manipulation of the economy and the incitement of conflicts between pagan tribes by the Jews not to mention them break-

hold members and the 'Sahaba'. The Prophet (PBUH) for example, is present through the camera's angle of vision, placing him supposedly behind the camera like the audience, so that we feel his presence through his addressees being in focus of the camera. Also, the presence of his uncle Hamzah is symbolized by the bow he's always carry-

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