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Government refuses US Guantanamo trials of Yemeni nationals:

Military trial rejected

Yemen Times Staff & Reuters

Sana'a, August 9 - The Yemeni government renewed its rejection of subjecting Yemeni nationals held in the US base of Guantanamo Bay in Cuba to a military trial. In an exclusive interview to Yemen Times, Dr. Abubakar Al-Qirbi stressed on Yemen's position in refusing the trial of Yemeni nationals in any military court under any conditions.

"Yemen is demanding that all Yemeni prisoners in Guantanamo be treated in accordance with the Geneva Convention. None of them should be tried in any military court," Dr. Al-Qirbi said. "Our demand, which is the same of many other countries, whose nationals are held in Guantanamo, is to have those prisoners return to their countries to receive a fair trial there. This is also the demand of all human rights organizations worldwide."

When asked whether the US has taken this demand seriously, Dr. Al-Qirbi replied, "The US government said that it would try 6 of those suspects in a military commission and appoint them lawyers. We don't think that those prisoners would be tried fairly, and we continue to insist that they should not be subject to any military trial...Yemen and other countries are putting pressure on the United States and asking it to hand over nationals accused of terrorism."

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Military Police at camp X-Ray on the Naval Base at Guantanamo, Cuba, bring a detainee to an interrogation room. Yemen fears that the USA would go ahead with its plans in trying Yemeni prisoners in a military court. Yemen believes that this could potentially result in an unjust trial leading to the death penalty. It is thought that there are around eighty detainees in Guantanamo Bay. REUTERS

Yemenis no longer "most heavily armed"... Americans own more

Yemen 2nd to USA in arms

Sanaa, August 9 - The Small Arms Survey in Geneva released last week a recent report indicating that Yemen is no longer the most heavily armed country in the world. Now the USA has taken over this rank.

"The commonly repeated figure of 50 million small arms and light weapons in Yemen is a significant overestimate", according to recent research released at the United Nations. "Our survey of guns in Yemen puts the real figure at between six and nine million small arms, or approximately 40 weapons per 100 people", says Peter Batchelor, project director at the Small Arms Survey in Geneva, Switzerland. "Yemen should still be considered heavily armed, but it is no longer at the top of the country rankings. The United States, for example, has roughly 83-96 guns per 100 people".

Other results from the recent Small Arms Survey report on Yemen show that despite the high number of guns in Yemen, levels of armed crime seem to be low. Most small arms appear to be legally imported into Yemen from mainly Western suppliers.

In Yemen life, tribal rules rather than law are the main determinants of weapon use.

"In Yemen, the demand for small arms is grounded in local belief systems that are part and parcel of the political social order," says Dr. Batchelor. "To understand the relationship of men of their weapons is to explore the foundations of Yemeni society".

Meanwhile, the small arms survey 2003 confirmed this development in the third annual global analysis of small arms issues (Oxford University Press), which includes a chapter on small arms in Yemen.

The survey was recently released at the United Nations in New York, during its Biennial Meeting of States on small arms.

The survey said that an independent research project funded by 12 governments, the Small Arms Survey is the principal international source of public information and analysis on small arms issues, based at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva, Switzerland.

Zindani defends his "easy marriage" fatwa

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Sana'a, August 9 - Sheikh Abdulmajeed al-Zindani, head of Islah's Consultative Council and rector of al-Eman University, defended Thursday his fatwa or religious edict concerning what he has been calling "easy marriage" for Muslims living in non-Muslim countries.



Al-Zindani defending his fatwa in a press conference on Thursday. Photo by M. Al-Qadhi

This new initiative made by Zindani has created ripples in the minds of some Muslim clerics who refused this idea and described it as groundless and does not come up with Islamic religion teachings. In a press conference held last Thursday to figure out the misunderstanding, Zindani said that he presented this idea to the Religious Muslims House in Europe as an attempt to sort out the problems Muslim youngsters face in non-Muslim countries.

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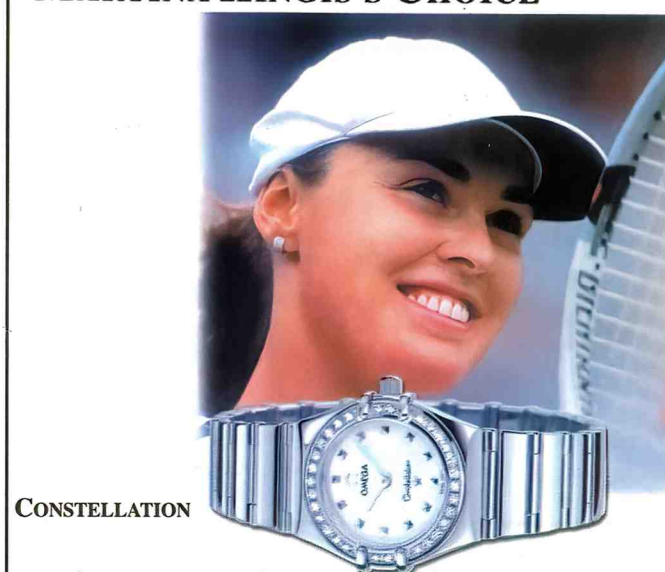


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Editor of "Wahaj Al-Haqiqa" dies in tragic accident

Sanaa, August 9 - A traffic accident that took place last Tuesday night resulted in the killing of prominent editor and journalist Abdulkareem Ajan near Dhamar City. The accident took place a few hours after he left Sanaa in his car heading with a number of guests to Taiz to attend his brother's.

Along with the deceased was prominent businessman Saleh Ba Thawwab, who was severely injured by the accident. He was taken to a hospital in Sanaa, where he was told that he had to

operate a severe injury in his leg abroad. Yemen Times learnt that he left to London, where he will receive treatment. His conditions are relatively stable.

The late was known for his joyful spirit, humbleness and energy. He had extensive relations with all newspapers in the country, and enjoyed a decent reputation.

As Yemen Times, we pray to God to have late Ajan rest in peace in heaven and have mercy on his soul.



Abdulkareem Ajan

Yemen International Health Consultants: International Malaysian Education Fair

Under the patronage of his Excellency Dr. Abdul Wahab Raweh the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, eight leading Malaysian University and Colleges will be participating in a two-day long International Malaysian Education Fair which will be held on the 15th and 16th of August at Taj Sheba Hotel in Sana'a. This is the first time over that a Malaysian delegation comes in a big group to formally introduce the Malaysian education programs and courses to The Yemeni students who intend to do their studies abroad at pre and post graduate levels. Many interna-

tional students now find difficulties to get their academic entry into USA, Canada, Australia and UK due to visa limitations. Besides, costs of studies are very expensive in the above mentioned countries. As such, Malaysia is offering an easier visa entry for international students to come and proceed with their further studies in the country. Malaysia is now one of the most developed countries amongst ASEAN nations with excellent living standard, good infrastructure and economic growth, and international education standard. In fact, become an important and most modern education hub in the

region. The cost of living and educational expenses in Malaysia are less than half of that in USA, Canada, UK, and Australia. Over 30,000 international students from various countries such as the Arab Nations, African Countries, China, Indonesia, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and many more are studying in Malaysia. Virtually all types of course namely engineering, science, medicine, IT, business, law, accounting, English, and other wide range of modern subjects are taught in all leading universities and colleges in Malaysia. The exhibition will be held at Abu Nawas Ballroom, Taj Sheba Hotel Sana'a from 15th TO 16th August 2003 and is opened from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. during the exhibition, each institution will also make their individual presentation at the Seminar room to brief the visitors further on their courses details, accommodation and course fees.



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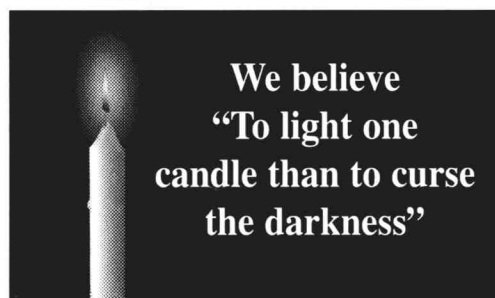
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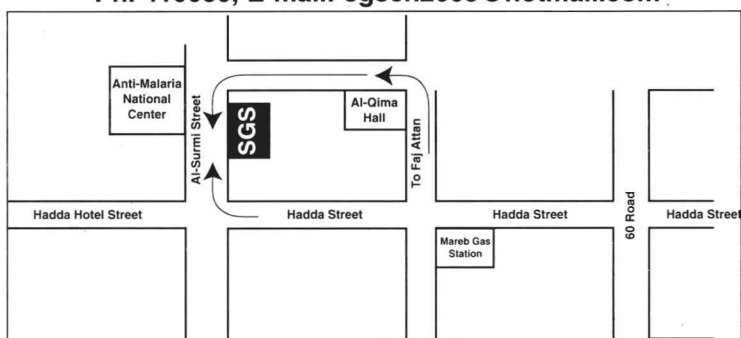
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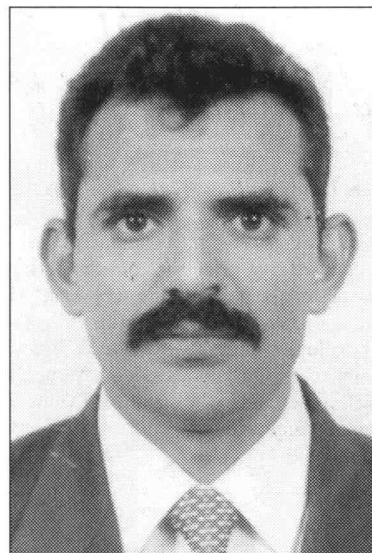
Hassan Al-Zaidi under siege

YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Sanaa, August 9 - Yemen Times journalist Hassan Al-Zaidi remains under siege at his house in Sanaa as security forces continued to surround his home for the second week. In a phone conversation with the Yemen Times, Al-Zaidi said he was under threat of being arrested by security forces for his articles in the Yemen Times. "They have surrounded the house and I am kept prisoner in my own home for more than 7 days now. I plead to international organizations and human rights activists to act swiftly to end this siege."

Furthermore, Al-Zaidi said that two of his brothers have been arrested by the security and are now in detention. "They have taken my two innocent brothers as hostages and now they are eager to arrest me as well. These arrests are illegal and are a major human rights violation," he added.

It is worth noting that an arrest campaign had started more than a week ago against Al-Zaidi tribesmen following a confrontation near the presidential complex in Sanaa. However, Hassan Al-Zaidi claims that this arrest cam-



Hassan Al-Zaidi, and his brother

paign did not target all Al-Zaidi members. "This siege and arrest attempt is only due to my reports and not because I am member of the Al-Zaidi tribe. This whole issue of my tribe is a mere justification," he stressed.

Even though Al-Zaidi had been arrested several times in the past for his writings, he was never subject to a trial or legal prosecution.

Sana'a University participates in Geneva Youth Forum

It is scheduled that Sana'a University participates in the upcoming Youth Forum 2003 in Geneva during 12-18 October. The event is to be organized by the Geneva-based International Union for Communications.

Two students are to represent the university from the Science, Computer, and Physics departments.

According to the forum's rules, two students, whose ages range from 18 to 25 years old, are chosen from each country. Students should have ended two years of university study.

Immigrants & international changes seminar

Ministry of Immigrants Affairs carries out preparatory arrangements to organize an important political seminar under the title: "Immigrants schools in the current international developments" in Sana'a next December.

A number of immigrant schools' administrators will be participating in the seminar, as well as a number of interested researchers and intellectuals.

The seminar aims at educating about the important roles of immigrant's schools abroad in protecting and retaining native culture and identity of the immigrants living abroad, and the importance of teaching Arabic as a native language for those immigrants as well as Islamic beliefs and rituals.

It is worth mentioning that in the seminar it is planned that a number of important working papers to be discussed on the current developments and changes in foreign countries especially post-Sept. 11 event in the United States and its consequences.

France participating in Sana'a Cultural Capital arrangements

France is participating in the preparatory arrangements of making Sana'a cultural capital in year 2004 through a program that the French embassy presented last week.

The program includes a number of joint workshops taking place in the capital secretariat for a cultural exchange about information, thoughts and ideas about civilization and Yemeni heritage.

Sports activities for a wide number of sports as well as restoring of a number of buildings and houses in Al-Saila region in the old city of Sana'a are included in the program. The same program also works on restoring a number of parks and renovating them to make them more attractive for visiting. Meanwhile, Mayor of Paris is planned to pay a visit to Sana'a this November as part of the twinning agreement signed by Sana'a and Paris.

Readers' Voice

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

How do you think would the US respond to Yemen's request in having Yemeni prisoners in Guantanamo return home for trial?

- They would not consider or give a damn about it.
- They would consider it but little about it.
- Taking into account Yemen's help in the war on 'terror' they may respond positively.
- Something else would happen.

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

What do you think is the priority to get rid of tribalism in Yemen?

- Enforcing the law in tribal areas at any cost. 41%
- Tribesmen should be disarmed using force or any other short-term method. 30%
- Something else (you can send email to editor@yementimes.com with your answer). 15%
- Limiting their influence in state affairs. 14%

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GEC trainees, lectured

The Global Educational Center in Sana'a held a workshop on 6 August where different topics on electronics were lectured by engineer Mustafa Abdulla al-Musama from Abu Dhabi. The four hours session was attended by trainees and staff from:

- Telecommunication Training Institute
 - TeleYemen, and from other private sectors.
- The session discussed the following topics:
- Information Technology to support

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Second Childhood Forum in full swing

By SALAH SALEH AHMED
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

TAIZ_ Under the motto of "Yemen's Future Originating From Childhood", the Second one-month long Childhood Forum was held by the Childhood Forum Society at Taiz-based Arwa School starting from July 17.

Around 120 children are taking part in the forum where a special attention to those children has been paid.

The focal point has been mainly concentrated on those children who enjoy high talents, skills and have a sense of leadership.

The forum has included several schools within three districts.

As for the nature and main objectives of the forum, Mr. Abdulbaset Assabri said:

"The forum aims at informing children with their rights, practicing them, and how to gain skills and experiences necessary for preparing their capabilities as children for a future leadership," Mr. Assabri said.

Other multi-purpose activities have been still performed in the field of Qura'an teachings, English and French language, competition, music, libraries,

sport activities, calligraphy, painting, engravings and handicraft works.

Other open weekly amusing activities have been also performed by the forum organizers.

On the sidelines of the forum, a seminar was held on August 9 in the context of child human rights from religious and international perspectives.

A seminar was delivered by Mr. Showki al-Qadhi, a member of the parliament.

In order to make a success of the forum, around 15 trainees had taken part and that efforts have been exerted, Mrs. Amat Arrahman Ibraheem Jehhaf, the Arwa School Principal and the Chairwomen of the Childhood Forum Society noted.

She further addressed the concerned bodies to pay an attention for childhood issues whether in that forum or other forums.

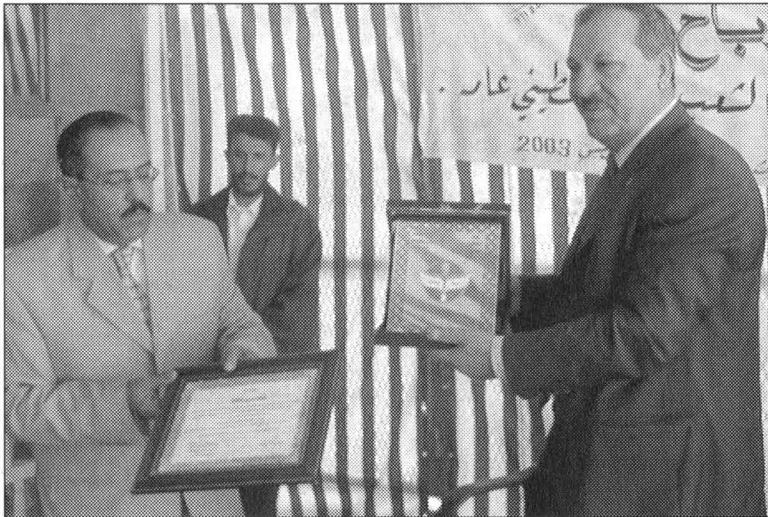
The forum's main objective aims basically to include the marginalized children classes with the aim of bridging the gap and eradicate disintegration among them.

On his part, Mr. Ayyoub al-Qasemi, the media representative for Dia, a foreign investment organization in Yemen,

said that 10 children representing the marginalized classes had been included to attend the forum.

"This has been done with the view of giving them much opportunity to make easy contacts and social integration among them," Mr. al-Qasemi remarked.

YJS honors Palestinian Ambassador



YJS chairman hands Mr. Rabah coat of arms

Sanaa, August 9 - The Yemeni Journalists Syndicate (YJS) held on Saturday August 9 an honoring ceremony for the Palestinian Ambassador, Yahya Rabah, who will be leaving Yemen this month after the expiry of his term in office.

In a ceremony hosted by Mr. Mahboob Ali, the Chairman of the YYS along with Mr. Ahmed Al-Humati Deputy minister of Interior, Mr. Rabah expressed his appreciation in his statement for the warm farewell ceremony held for him by YYS and thanked Yemeni journalists for their efforts in supporting Palestine. "Throughout my 14 years in Yemen, I have noticed the role played by the Yemeni press in enhancing Yemeni Palestinian relations and defending the Palestinian issue. I will never forget their good deeds in this regard," he said.

On his turn, Mr. Mahboob Ali also gave a speech in which he indicated the important role of the former jour-

nalist and current diplomat Yahya Rabah in representing the Palestinian state and issue in the best way possible.

Mr. Al-Humati also praised efforts of Mr. Rabah in bringing Yemenis and Palestinians together and in working hard to connect the Palestinian and Yemeni press together in an unprecedented manner.

Mr. Rabah was then awarded YYS's coat of arms, and also awarded a symbolic award of appreciation to the syndicate.

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Twelve high school students and five educators from Yemen have been selected to participate in the Partnership for Learning Program sponsored by the U. S. Government.

In recognition of those selected for participation in the program, the U.S. Embassy held a reception on Thursday, August 7, prior to the students' departure to the U.S.

The Partnership for Learning Youth Exchange and Study Program was created to conduct youth exchanges with predominantly Islamic countries

and the United States. The program provides full one-year scholarships for students from various countries, including Yemen. This program was developed to encourage the exchange of ideas, values and experiences among young people. The Twelve high school students chosen from Yemen will travel this August to study in various U.S. high schools.

A supportive component of the Youth Exchange Study Program is the Partnership for Learning International Visitor Program. This program is

intended to widen the perspective of local educators by working with university and secondary school educators, guidance counselors, ministry of education officials and student leaders. Five educators from Yemen will be traveling to the U.S. for three week training programs in the fields of Teaching English as a Second Language, Promoting Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, Teaching the Teachers, University Administration and Secondary School Education.

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Military trial rejected

Activists ask for more

Human rights activists in Yemen welcomed the government's rejection of military trial of its nationals, but are not confident that those efforts are enough to stop the trial. Opinion makers, lawyers, human rights activist, and other intellectuals contacted by the Yemen Times have praised the move by the Yemeni government and hoped it would be a step in a series of other steps to stop the trial of Yemeni suspects in a military court in Guantanamo and have them return to their country.

The Yemeni detainees are suspected Taliban and Al-Qaeda prisoners captured following the collapse of the regime in Afghanistan.

"This is a perfect step that we value and agree with. This is in conformity with Yemen's constitution that stipulates forbidding handing over of

Yemeni suspects to other countries for trial."

"However, even though this step is greatly appreciated and serves the protection of nationals' rights, it is not enough. The government should demand the return of Yemeni prisoners for trial in their country, and if the demand is refused, it should adopt a firm political stance with regard to this issue."

Mr. Al-Anisi added that persistence regarding the Yemeni demand is very important until it is fulfilled by the US side.

Yemen still hopeful

Yemen hopes that any of the 83 Yemeni prisoners held in Guantanamo would return home after learning about the release of 37 prisoners including most of them thought to be Pakistanis.

This comes after Pakistan has proven to be among the most cooperative countries with the USA in its war against 'terror'. In the meantime, Yemen is also seen as a key partner in the war against terror and was praised on many occasions by US officials for its cooperation so far.

The United States says it suspects most of the prisoners, who consist of 680 people from 40 countries, are members of the al Qaeda network, which was blamed for the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on American cities.

After pressure from Britain and Australia, last month the Pentagon said it would not seek the death penalty in any military trials held for two British subjects or an Australian national at Guantanamo Bay. But it also left the option open for nationals of other countries.

Zindani defends his "easy marriage" fatwa

He said this was needed because of the conception of "boyfriend" and "girlfriend" which Islam does not accept.

He refused to call it fatwa or a new sort of marriage or temporary marriage but it is just an idea subject to debate by Muslim clerics. He even demanded those who have better solutions for this problem to present them for discussions. He pointed out that he based his idea on the facts that all legal conditions of marriage contracts and others should be made available. The other thing is that the woman has the right not to ask her husband for the dowry or residence. Zindani denied that he demanded the omission of the availability of a residence as an important prerequisite for marriage, pointing out that it can be postponed till the husband and wife get

a residence to settle down; they can live separately in their parents' houses during this time. "The unavailability of the residence does not legalize marriage," Zindani said. The next point on which this conception of marriage has been based is that the absence of the husband from his wife for over 6 months stated by Muslim clerics does not entail the breaking of marriage or make illegal provided that the wife should be content with this situation. He said all these make marriage easy which means protecting Muslim youngsters against adultery and that Islamic teachings urge that marriage should be made easy with less expenses.

Zindani denied that he meant to initiate new conceptions for marriage. He

said some people were complaining to him that the conception of "boyfriend" and "girl friend" has started affecting their children and he sardonically told them "why do not we have an easy marriage" instead. He clearly preferred that it should be named as "easy marriage" rather than "friend marriage".

He also denied that he has come up with this idea to show that he is a moderate cleric far away from being radical or fundamentalist, pointing out that he presented this idea 24 years ago in Germany.

Zindani called on President Ali Abdullah Saleh to issue verdicts that make marriage easy for young people just like the former Imams of Yemen Ahamd and Yahia who made marriage very easy and less expensive.

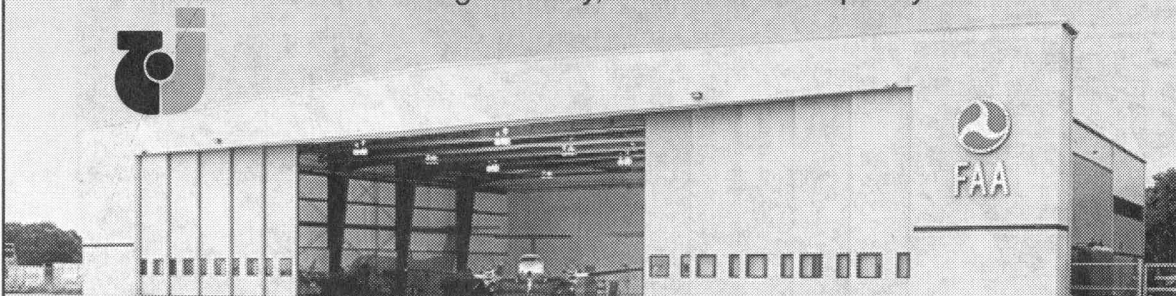
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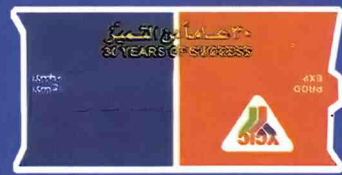


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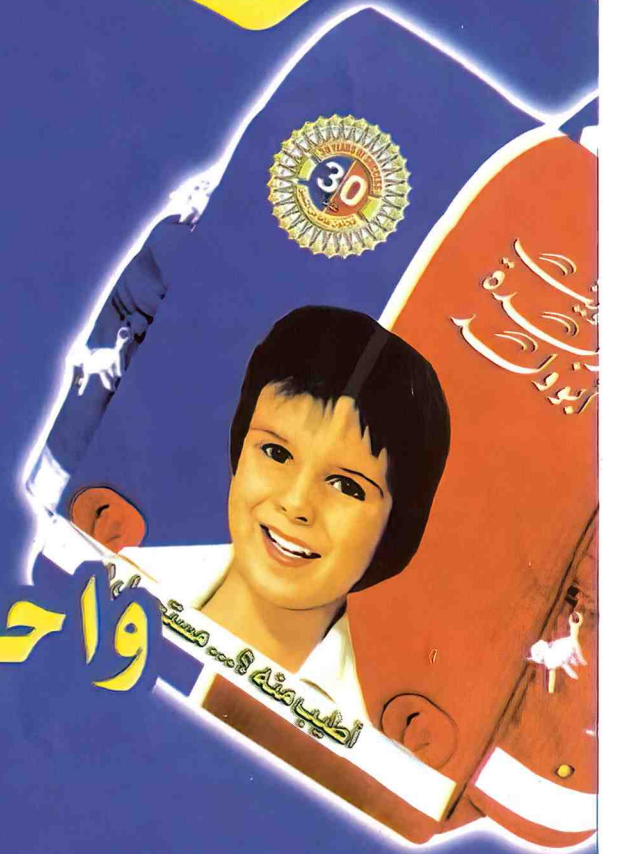
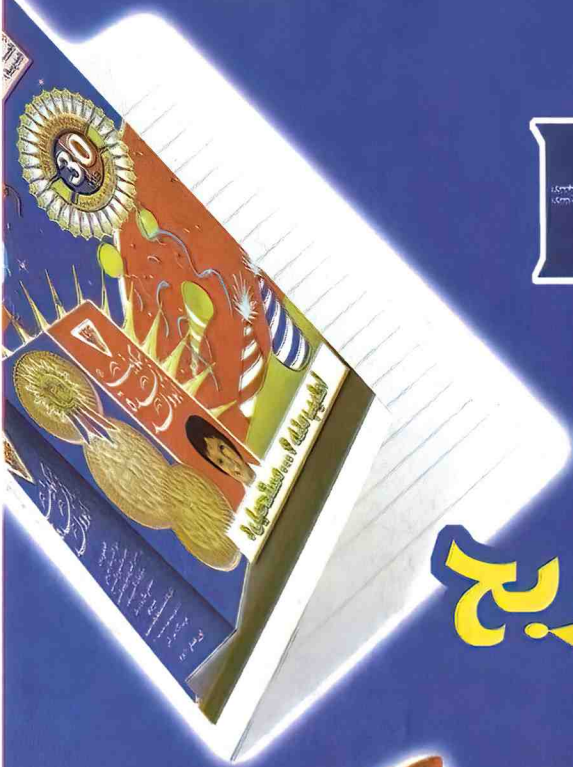
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Al-Tahreer Square in Taiz, a time bomb

FAROOQ MUQBIL
FOR THE YEMEN TIMES, TAIZ

Something is going on, Taxi drivers in Tahreer Square in Taiz are sensing a disaster in the air. They said they are sensing slow death coming up upon them. For more than 140 families, this square symbolizes financial security and the only income source.

In the nineties, this very square was offered for sale and then Taiz just went upside down and things did not come back to normal until instructions from the president were to stop the sale.

But now a threat of a new type came up, Taxi drivers are going to be jobless in no time as a cheaper transport method turned up to compete with them and this is the mini buses called "dabab". In essence, this could be termed as progress as the traffic authorities allocated transport lines passing through the city taking different directions and lanes in order to facilitate public transport. But the issue is that one's

gain is the other's loss and this is exactly what is happening in the Tahreer square in Taiz.

The real problem

Taxi drivers for years have been working in this square earning a living through transporting people. Those drivers could not find any jobs elsewhere although they are degree holders with specialties like arts, history, geography, law and all are working as taxi drivers because no other place had space for them. And now this place too, for the past two years, has been too small for both taxi drivers and the mini buses, forcing 14 taxi drivers to sell their cars and look for earning their living else where.

What do they have to say?

"We do not object to the changes taking place, we just want the traffic authorities to ensure our living. The bus drivers take passengers right from the "albab alkabeer" and "bab musa" stations and we stay here waiting for the



Taiz-based Attahreer car park has been used for transporting people,

non-existing passengers." This is what Saif Mansour Al-Muikhlafi said.

Abdu Fari Al-Qirshi says: "I have been working here for the past 40 years and everything was fine until this problem emerged. Now only 35 cars from 140 are left."

Abdu Mohammed Salih who studied law at Sana'a University says: "I could not find another job, so here I am and now tens of families are affected by the new changes and this causes many to turn into the streets for begging. They scream we are hungry and ill who can help us?"

Driver Saif Mansour said that the solution was suggested but was not executed where he said: "when the problem started we were assured by the syndicate that we will be supported to change our cars for busses and work on the same line and we did agree to that but still until day nothing progressed and we are still waiting for the last 7 months!"

Yaseen Salih Al-Jamma' commented that what is happening might be in the interest of someone especially that a

few years ago the whole place would have been sold if it had not been for the president's inference. "Maybe this is an introduction to kicking us all out of the square." He exclaimed.

What do authorities have to say?

Head of the traffic authority in Taiz General Yahya Zahir when asked about the issue said: "these cars have become totally outdated and they are no longer usable. Car owners should do something about this and it is their responsibility to develop themselves. We personally have no responsibility towards them and survival is for the fittest."

If the Tahreer Square no longer can accommodate those people where would they be heading? It is quite a sad situation and how come organizing has to start from here, when all around the city there are more urgent issues in traffic that need to be tackled such as diesel cars which spread pollution in the air whereas those taxis run on petrol. Sometimes it's just not fair, and we hope that this case is not an introduction to something much worse.



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Violence flares in West Bank, south Lebanon

NABLUS, West Bank, Aug 8 (Reuters) - Two Hamas militants and an Israeli soldier were killed in an Israeli raid on a West Bank refugee camp on Friday that rocked a fragile month-old ceasefire and drew vows of revenge from Hamas leaders.

Violence also flared along Israel's northern border when Lebanese Hizbollah guerrillas attacked Israeli army posts in the disputed Shebaa Farms area for the first time in seven months.

In the West Bank, medics said two other Palestinians died in protests following the raid — a man of 20 shot dead after throwing stones at troops and a 41-year-old bystander who inhaled teargas sprayed by soldiers dispersing rioters.

The military wing of Hamas identified their dead as Fayez Assader, 26, commander in the Nablus area, and Khamis Abu Salem, 22.

Senior Hamas political leader Abdel Aziz al-Rantissi told Reuters that Hamas would react to the Nablus incursion but said it stood by a three-month truce declared on June 29 in keeping with a U.S.-backed Middle East peace plan.

"We are still committed to the hudna (ceasefire) but the violation by the Israelis will not pass without a reaction. There will be a reaction to each Israeli violation," he said.

Another prominent Hamas figure, Ismail Abu Shanab, had told Reuters earlier it would reassess the truce deal, seriously strained by Friday's violence.

An Israeli field commander, who could be identified under army regula-

tions only as Colonel Harel, said the raid was aimed at arresting two senior Hamas men the army said were planning attacks on Israelis.

Colonel Harel said troops came under fire after calling on occupants in a building to come out. Residents heeded the call; the militants did not.

During the exchange of fire, an explosive charge or an explosives-making workshop blew up, the officer said. Witnesses said the blast caused the top floor of the three-storey building to collapse. The army then blew up the rest of the structure.

Local residents said eight families were made homeless. Harel said the army had no choice but to destroy the building because it was "filled with explosives".

Israeli-Palestinian violence has subsided dramatically since the truce began 33 months into a Palestinian uprising against Israel in pursuit of statehood in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Hizbollah barrage

On Israel's northern frontier, Hizbollah used anti-tank missiles and mortar bombs to attack Israeli army posts in the disputed Shebaa Farms area for the first time in seven months.

The Israeli army warned Syria and Lebanon that they will face consequences unless they restrain Hizbollah from further attacks. Hizbollah said more attacks could be on the way.

"I believe that the Syrian and Lebanese governments must understand that this instrument named Hizbollah is very, very dangerous, especially for them," Major General



Smoke rises from a Palestinian building after an explosion during a gun battle between Israeli troops and Hamas gunmen in the Askar refugee camp in the West Bank city of Nablus, August 8. Two Hamas militants and an Israeli soldier were killed in an Israeli raid on the West Bank refugee camp on Friday that rocked a ceasefire, and violence erupted along the Lebanon frontier, shattering months of calm.

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Beni Gantz, head of Israel's northern command, told Reuters.

Issuing a veiled threat of military action, he said in a telephone interview: "I don't think I have to chase the organisation. I have to chase the master." He said Israel held Syria and Lebanon responsible for reining in the guerrillas.

Hizbollah regards Shebaa Farms as Lebanese territory. The United Nations

says it is Israeli-occupied Syrian land.

Israeli military sources said there were no Israeli casualties in the attack, launched six days after a boobytrapped car killed a Hizbollah official in Beirut in a blast that Hizbollah blamed on Israel.

Witnesses in south Lebanon said Israeli aircraft responded with heavy strikes on the edges of the Lebanese border village of Kfar Shouba.

Military sources said Israel fired artillery and Apache helicopter gunships took to the air to try to locate the source of Hizbollah fire.

Hizbollah, which is backed by Syria and Iran, last attacked the Shebaa Farms area in January. Israeli troops withdrew from south Lebanon in 2000, ending a 22-year occupation under daily assault by Hizbollah fighters.

Kuwait snubs Abbas over Arafat's past Iraq ties

KUWAIT, Aug 9 (Reuters) - Kuwait said on Saturday it had put off a key visit by Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas because he would not apologise for Yasser Arafat's support of Iraq after it invaded in 1990. "There was supposed to be a joint declaration at the conclusion of Abbas' visit which would include a clear and frank condemnation by the Palestinian Authority of the occupation crime but they were reluctant to agree," Kuwaiti Prime Minister Sabah al-Ahmad al-Sabah told Saturday's al-Seyassah daily. "The Kuwaiti people cannot accept a visit by a senior Palestinian Authority official unless there is a statement that includes an apology for the Authority's position over Iraq's aggression on Kuwait in 1990." A Palestinian official said: "Abu Mazen (Abbas) considered this a humiliation and refused to comply."

Abbas, in Saudi Arabia at the start of a regional tour, planned to visit the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait to brief them about his talks in Washington last month with President George Bush on the U.S.-sponsored "road map" for Middle East peace.

Kuwaiti newspapers, quoting Palestinian officials, said Abbas would now visit Tunisia instead of becoming the first top Palestinian official to come to Kuwait since the 1990 invasion.

Kuwait was angered then by what it said was Palestinian leader Arafat's siding with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Basra boils over; British troops battle fuel riots

BASRA, Iraq, Aug 9 (Reuters) - British troops clashed with stone-throwing Iraqi rioters on Saturday as anger over fuel and power shortages erupted onto the streets of Basra in a blaze of burning Kuwaiti vehicles and smoking barricades of tyres.

In some of the most widespread violence seen in the Shi'ite Muslim south since Saddam Hussein fell four months ago, local people directed their anger at Kuwaitis they accuse of conniving at smuggling out cheap Iraqi oil and at the British who they say have failed to restore services to prewar standards.

Witnesses saw troops fire in the air and loose off baton rounds at a gas station where queues formed a flashpoint for the trouble. As temperatures soar above 50 degrees (120 Fahrenheit), fridges and air conditioners have stuttered to a halt in Basra. Household generators are running low on diesel.

It was a reminder U.S.-led forces face problems not only among the Sunni Muslim minority in Saddam's heartlands north and west of Baghdad, where American troops are taking a daily toll of casualties they blame on diehard Saddam loyalists.

In Baghdad, FBI investigators visited the damaged Jordanian embassy, where a truck bomb killed 17 people on Thursday.

Iraq's U.S. administrator Paul Bremer said he was keeping an open mind on the culprits, describing the al Qaeda-linked group Ansar al Islam as only one of a number potential suspects.

"I frankly have not reached a conclusion yet," he said.

Another hitherto unknown group called for guerrilla attacks on the occupiers, saying in a videotape shown on a pan-Arab television channel that this was the only way to free Iraq.

Five masked men on the tape, aired on Dubai-based Al Arabiya television, said they were Iraqis from the White Flags, Muslim Youth and Army of Mohammad organisations.

"We warn countries of the world, and for the last time, not to send troops into Iraq," their speaker added.

U.S. President George W. Bush, in a domestic radio address 100 days after he declared major combat operations over in Iraq, promised a "long-term undertaking" to bring democracy and economic pros-



An Iraqi man throws stones at British troops in riot gear in Basra August 9, 2003 during disturbances sparked by shortages of petrol and power in Iraq's second city. Witnesses said angry Iraqis threw stones, attacked cars registered in nearby Kuwait and burned tyres. Several streets and main roads leading into the city were cut as black smoke rose from the fires.

REUTERS

perity to Iraq and across the Middle East.

"One hundred days is not enough time to undo the terrible legacy of Saddam Hussein," he said. "There is difficult and dangerous work ahead that requires time and patience."

Shi'ite leaders

British military spokesmen in Basra said troops rescued the drivers of a Kuwaiti tanker set ablaze at the petrol station. Several soldiers were hurt by stones, they said. Witnesses said at least two Iraqis were hurt by rubber bullets.

Violence spread to other fuel outlets and crowds threw stones at soldiers guarding the main British headquarters.

Majority Shi'ites, glad to be rid of the dictator who oppressed them, have been less restive than Saddam's Sunni religious kin. But their leaders, some of whom want an Iranian-style Shi'ite republic, are keen for power themselves.

One of the most outspoken of them called for calm, however. "We have always called for the occupiers to be removed from the country by peaceful means," Moqtada al-Sadr told Reuters.

The British army's softly-softly policing, honed in Northern Ireland and held up as a contrast to the heavy approach taken by Americans further north, were put to their biggest test since six British military policemen were killed in the Shi'ite village of Majjar in June.

Troops donned riot gear and officials met community leaders to try to calm heat-frazzled tempers.

"All the disasters that have come upon us are because of Kuwait and Kuwaitis," said one man, Abu Hassan, as a mob attacked Kuwaiti-registered cars in the streets.

"The British have been here four months and things have not improved. Now we have shortages in everything."

Clerics took to the streets to reason with the rioters.

Smugglers blamed

The mainly British local authority issued a statement blaming shortages on smugglers, looters and saboteurs and stressing its efforts to combat them and ease the problems.

It said British marines seized a tanker overnight that was smuggling Iraqi diesel oil down into the Gulf by sea overnight.

"There has been widespread unrest in Basra today in response to the current critical fuel and power shortage," the Coalition Provisional Authority in Basra said.

"Many districts have had minimal power for four days now."

It said lack of electricity, partly as a result of sabotage or looting of copper cable from power lines and partly due to breakdowns in ageing generators, had forced the local refinery to cut back on

gasoline production for transport.

British-led forces were trying to seal off to oil smugglers the desert truck routes to Kuwait and sealanes down the Shatt al Arab waterway from Basra to the Gulf, the Authority said.

There has been ill feeling between Iraqis in the south and their wealthy Kuwaiti neighbours, particularly since Saddam's invasion of the oil-rich Gulf state in 1990.

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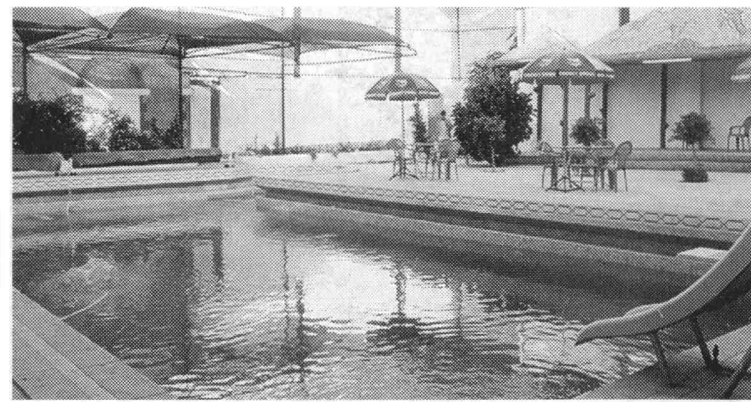
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Afghan ex-king back in Kabul after death rumours

KABUL, Aug 9 (Reuters) - Afghanistan's 88-year-old ex-king Zahir Shah — twice-rumoured to have died in July — arrived back in Kabul on Saturday from France, where he had been recovering from a broken leg.

Zahir Shah was greeted with an embrace by U.S.-backed President Hamid Karzai then walked slowly down the stairs from an Ariana Afghan Airlines, supported by aides, to review an honour guard. Aides followed with a wheelchair and crutches.

The reclusive former monarch returned to Afghanistan last year after nearly three decades in exile but had been recuperating at a private clinic outside Paris after breaking his leg in June.

"He's fine. He's not going to be climbing mountains, but he's doing well," his daughter Homaira Wali told Reuters before he left France for Kabul.

Seen as a symbol of unity for the highly fractious country, Zahir Shah was given the title "Father of the Nation" after his return from exile, and some Afghan publications have urged him to take a leadership role after general elections due next year.

Zahir Shah ruled Afghanistan for 40 years before being deposed by his cousin in a 1973 coup that ushered in three decades of insurrection, Soviet occupation, civil war and Islamic fundamentalist rule.



Afghanistan's former monarch, Zahir Shah, 88, is helped by aides after arriving in Kabul, August 9. Shah, twice rumoured to have died in July, returned from France where he had been recovering from a broken leg. Seen as a symbol of unity in his highly fractious country, Shah was given the title "Father of the Nation" after his return from nearly three decades of exile in 2002 and supporters have urged him to take a leadership role after polls next year. REUTERS

U.S. fires back after rockets land by Afghan base

BAGRAM, Afghanistan, Aug 9 (Reuters) - U.S. forces returned fire after six rockets landed near their base in southeastern Afghanistan early on Saturday, a U.S. military spokesman said.

Colonel Rodney Davis said the rockets landed near the U.S. base at Shkin in Paktika province but caused no casualties.

"Coalition forces responded with counter-fire to suppress hostilities," he told a news briefing at U.S. military headquarters at Bagram air base north of Kabul.

Davis said there were no injuries to

U.S. soldiers or damage reported and the suspected launch sites were being investigated.

He did not say who might have carried out the attack, but the U.S. military has blamed similar incidents in the past on remnants of the Taliban regime, ousted in late 2001, and their al Qaeda allies.

About 20 months since a U.S.-led coalition overthrew the Taliban, U.S. bases still come under almost daily rocket attack, but the missiles rarely hit their targets or cause damage.

About 12,500 U.S.-led foreign troops are in Afghanistan hunting Taliban and al Qaeda remnants.

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Liberian rebels pushed to open port for hungry

MONROVIA, Aug 9 (Reuters) - U.S. and West African officials were to renew pressure on Liberian rebels on Saturday to open Monrovia's vital port and allow food supplies to flow to famished refugees and residents in the capital.

Still uncertain of President Charles Taylor's promise to step down on Monday and leave his ruined country, rebels are reluctant to leave ground they won in weeks of vicious street battles that left at least 2,000 people dead.

Outside Monrovia, fighting raged unabated for the second city of Buchanan and in the north of a country that has known little but war for nearly 14 years.

Guns have fallen silent in Monrovia since some 800 regional peacekeepers flew in, but that has made the daily struggle for survival only a little easier for hundreds of thousands of people scabbling for whatever food they can find.

The U.S. ambassador and the Nigerian peace force commander were to meet rebels based in the port again on Saturday to persuade them to relinquish their grip, as they had earlier promised to do as soon as peacekeepers arrived.

Rebels of Liberians United for Reconciliation and Democracy (LURD) now say Taylor's forces must withdraw from the rest of Monrovia first before they will quit the port.

They have also threatened to continue their fight if Taylor hands over on Monday, as planned, to Vice President Moses Blah — an ally from days of guerrilla training in Libya.

West African officials say that Blah's stay would only be short, possibly just days, before a new interim

president is chosen at peace talks in Ghana among Taylor's officials, rebels and squabbling politicians.

Fighting rages elsewhere

Away from the capital, none of the warring factions has relented in the struggle to grab as much ground as possible.

Scores of people have been killed in fighting for the second city of Buchanan, which Taylor's forces have been trying to recapture from a faction known as Model.

"This is not looting, this is serious fighting," said Sister Barbara of the Franciscan Mission in Monrovia, in touch with the Catholic mission in Buchanan, where up to 9,000 people have taken refuge.

Taylor has been under intense U.S. pressure to quit a country founded by freed American slaves in the 19th century and has accepted an offer of asylum from Nigeria, but has yet to say when he will take it up.

He also wants Sierra Leone's U.N.-backed war crimes court to drop charges against him of conniving with brutal rebels there.

Rebels, who mockingly dub Taylor "the president of the republic of central Monrovia", suspect he is

dragging his feet to win time, and maybe another escape.

"Tell Charles Taylor to go," yelled a rebel fighter, perched on the tailboard of a pickup near the port. "He don't go, we go fight," he said with a grin, tapping his gun with a ready hand.

The arrival of the peacekeepers, who were welcomed as heroes when they first rumbled through Monrovia's streets, has brought a measure of hope to the blighted capital. Eventually, West African leaders hope to deploy around 3,250 troops.

A small team of U.S. Marines is also on the ground and warships carrying around 2,300 Marines are anchored offshore.

Government-held areas desperately need food from the warehouses at the port, while medicines are running out across the frontline in rebel-controlled territory.

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Portugal fires result of "powder keg" forests

LISBON, Aug 9 (Reuters) - Raging fires in Portugal that have killed 15 people and devastated huge areas of woodland are the result of policies and neglect that turned forests into a powder keg, experts say.

Chaotic record-keeping, lack of investment in the countryside and poor forestry management are blamed for contributing to the fires that have caused nearly a billion euros (dollars) in damage and prompted the government to declare a national disaster.

"It's not surprising that a situation like this occurred," said Luciano Fernandes Lourenco, an expert in forest fires at the University of Coimbra.

He said neglected forests were choked with tinder dry dead wood, contributing to the exceptional fires that have raged since late July — far bigger than any since at least 1980.

But experts said the fires were a climax to Portugal's poor forest fire history. Portugal was alone among five

southern European Union countries by having a fire record that had worsened in the previous two decades, a 2001 EU report said.

Lack of oversight "left forests a powder keg, and it has increased from year to year", said Domingos Patacho, a forest engineer with the Quercus environmental group.

Thousands of firefighters were battling to control four blazes on Saturday. They included one of the first in the southern resort area of the Algarve, far south of central mountain regions that have been worst hit.

Five percent of forests ashes

The Forestry Commission estimates that about 162,000 hectares (400,000 acres), or five percent, of woodlands have burned this year. The area is about the size of Greater London.

Portugal is seeking EU financial help to deal with the aftermath of the

fires, and warned on Friday that the estimated damage costs of 925 million euros were bound to rise.

Tiny holdings underlie much of the disaster, Patacho said.

Portugal's 3.3 million hectares (8.25 million acres) of forests are split up among 600,000 property owners, many of them with plots of only a few hectares (acres).

"With most landholdings the size of a football pitch, it's hard to maintain a system that is economically viable," he said.

Jose Miguel Cardoso Pereira, a forestry professor at the Technical University of Lisbon, said property registers were decades out of date. The makes it hard for better capitalised landholders to buy up plots and to coordinate efforts to prevent fires, such as clearing dead trees and litter.

"There is a substantial lack of information about who owns what and how it is used, and what information there

is is not effectively used," he said.

Young people for decades have fled the forested interior, one of the EU's poorest regions, to seek jobs elsewhere. Older people left behind often cannot take care of woods.

Another source of criticism was the country's policy of "green petroleum", which has focussed on planting highly combustible pine trees and eucalyptus for the timber industry since the 1970s. Eucalyptus plantings have almost tripled in the last three decades, according to Forestry Commission numbers.

The danger was compounded in Portugal since pines and eucalyptus are generally not mixed with more fire-resistant trees, such as oak or chestnut, Fernandes Lourenco said.

And he said the devastating blazes had been compounded by the fact that almost all firefighters are volunteers and lack equipment to deal with bigger fires.

France asks for "blond angel of death" extradition

PARIS, Aug 9 (Reuters) - France said on Saturday it has requested Argentina to extradite former naval captain Alfredo Astiz, known as the "blond angel of death", for the murder of two nuns.

Astiz, a symbol of the horrors of Argentina's former military dictatorship, was sentenced in absentia by a French court in 1990 to life imprisonment for the murders of nuns Alice Domon and Leonie Duquet.

He was arrested last month in Argentina in a round-up of military officials accused of murdering Spanish citizens during Argentina's dictatorship.

A government spy with boyish good looks and a fearsome reputation, Astiz infiltrated rights groups during the dictatorship and reportedly identified some victims to be kidnapped and

murdered by kissing them during a church service.

French ambassador to Argentina Francois Lott presented the official request for extradition to Argentinian Undersecretary for External Relations Juan Jose Uranga on Friday, the French Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

France announced its intention to seek extradition in July, after Argentina scrapped a decree banning the extradition of Argentines suspected of torture or murder in its 1976-83 "Dirty War" in a landmark move that could lead to dozens of officers and former junta leaders being tried abroad.

But courts must rule on a case-by-case basis whether to extradite officials and the Supreme Court is expected to take up the issue, meaning the process could take some time, legal and rights experts have said.

Florence, Venice begin fining irreverent tourists

FLORENCE, Aug 9 (Reuters) - Tired tourists, beware. If you visit the cathedrals of Florence or Venice and afterwards want a minute's rest on their steps or pavements, you may be slapped with a fine.

Jarred by criticism that city councils around Italy were not keeping backpacking day trippers in line, both cities on Saturday started fining those who do

not behave with decorum around churches.

The 50-euro (\$56.50) fines apply to the areas around Florence's cathedral, the Duomo, and the Basilica of St Mark in St Mark's Square in Venice.

Signs went up on Saturday morning in front of the red, white and green marble walls of the Florence cathedral reading: "Sitting or lying down prohibited."

In the lagoon city of Venice, the ban includes all of St Mark's Square, one of Italy's largest pedestrian islands.

Millions of tourists visit both cities each year.

A row broke out earlier this month when Monsignor Timothy Verdon, an official of the Florence cathedral, said the area outside the famous church had become "an open toilet" at night.

He accused city officials of neglecting the religious sites, saying those who wanted to enter the church to pray had to run an obstacle course of squatting tourists and souvenir sellers.

Verdon's denunciation made national headlines in Italy and prompted many calls that tourists should be made to behave properly around the country's many famous churches.

NH ex police officer charged with bank heist

BOSTON, Aug 8 (Reuters) - A former New Hampshire police officer was arrested on Friday in connection with a bank heist in which the getaway vehicle turned out to be none other than one of the town's squad cars.

Gary Sahlin, 26, was arrested in Florida, where he now lives, and charged with robbing a Fleet Bank branch in Manchester, New Hampshire, on Wednesday. Sahlin had been a police dispatcher in Manchester until he resigned early last month.

Police said the getaway vehicle was one of their own cars.

"We noticed one of our police cruisers was missing just before we got the call about the bank robbery, where witnesses said they saw one of our cars speeding away with the lights flashing," said Sgt. Mark Fowke, a spokesman for the Manchester police department.

Manchester is a city of 100,000 north of Boston. Its police force owns more than two dozen cars, Fowke said.

Germany welcomes Bush olive branch in rift

BERLIN, Aug 9 (Reuters) - The German government said praise by U.S. President George W. Bush for German peacekeeping efforts in Afghanistan showed attempts to bridge a transatlantic rift over the war in Iraq were bearing fruit.

Officials in Washington and Berlin have been working hard behind the scenes to mend fences between the two traditional allies in recent months, and Bush's comments were one of the most public signs yet that relations could be improving.

Government spokesman Thomas Steg said Bush's comments praising Germany's role in post-war Afghanistan showed how both countries were committed to cooperation on certain issues.

"This shows quite clearly the interest in continuing to develop the good and friendly relations which have grown over the decades, and strengthening them in the future," Steg said late on Friday.

Bush has long been annoyed at Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder for having criticised U.S. policy on Iraq in his re-election campaign and has limited contacts with him to brief meetings at international summits.

Speaking at his Texas ranch on Friday, Bush welcomed Germany's role in Afghanistan, where U.S.-led forces are still fighting elements of the Taliban regime ousted in late 2001.

"The reason I bring that up is, is that's a change from six months ago. And not only is Germany's participation important, it's robust — more robust than we would have anticipated. I look forward to thanking Chancellor Schroeder for that," Bush said.


German Defence Minister Peter Struck will leave for a visit to

Afghanistan on Sunday and has called for the international peacekeeping operation to be expanded beyond the capital Kabul after his country hands over command of the force to NATO.

Schroeder plans to address the United Nations on the changing role of Germany in world affairs, the news magazine Der Spiegel reported on Saturday.

It said Schroeder would call for a U.N. Charter to include rules on when the United Nations should use armed intervention in a country's domestic affairs to stop civil wars and genocide.

The government declined to confirm the report but said there was "a good chance" he would travel to the United Nations.



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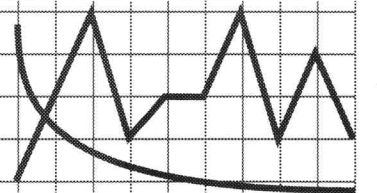


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YT Business



To combat corruption,

Material incentives for distinguished employees

By MAHYOUB AL-KAMALI
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

The Yemeni government has admitted the necessity of upgrading the level of public services by setting up material incentives for three categories. The categories include the ministries headquarters, government institutions and their branches at the capital secretariat and governorates. The plan of incentives also includes universities, schools, health centres and hospitals.

The said targeted institutions have to enter into competition and offer services and development programs in order to gain those incentives. The development programs have to upgrade means of work and double production volume, provided that funding the project should not exceed \$100 thousand and the time of its implementation must not exceed six months.

The ministry of civil service has drawn up certain criteria for assessment through three stages. These stages are; assessment of funded projects after meeting all required conditions, evaluation of implemented projects with regard to their cost and proceed to the administrative unit and the extent of benefiting from them and the third judging the finished projects and their assortment according to their grades.

An award has been established for modernization and development of public service. The prize has been called that of the distinguished performance, in addition to motivate personnel to innovation, distinction and job commitment, per-

fection in doing the job and dedication in serving the beneficiaries. The prize is divided into three branches. The first is for the distinguished administrative unit granted to the unit that has implemented the best project. It is a certificate of merit, a coat-of-arms along with YR500 thousand. The second part of the prize is allocated to the director of the project who is distinguished by modernisation and development and it contains, in addition to the certificate and coat-of-arms, a sum of YR300 thousand. The employee's prize contains the coat-of-arms, certificate of merit and a sum of YR350 thousand.

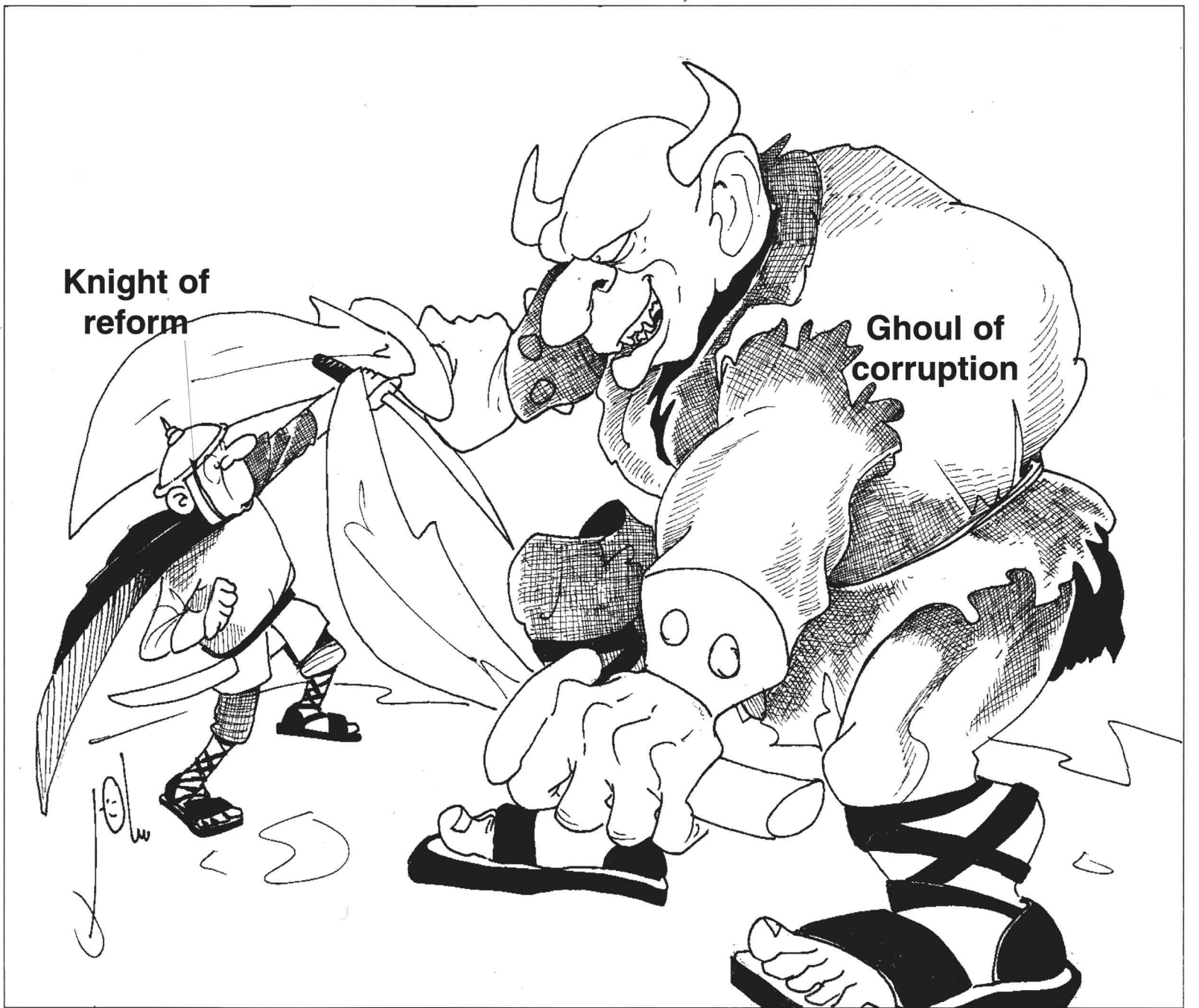
The incentives are aimed at fighting financial and administrative corruption in government institutions, civil and military at controlling outputs of the administrative bodies as part of the financial and administrative reform program in the country.

A higher council for the prize has been established as well as a higher council for civil service chaired by the minister of finance and membership of members of the executive committee of the higher council, director general of the Arab Organisation for Administrative Development, director of the project of modernisation of civil service and coordinator of the program of renewal in developing the public service.

The question here is would these incentives be enough for fighting corruption and creating competition between administrative units and individuals to develop and upgrade the general performance of government establishments?

Knight of reform

Ghoul of corruption



Donors follow up implementation of poverty strategy

By YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Representatives of donor countries and organisations in Yemen follow up what has been implemented by the technical committee entrusted with implementation of the strategy of alleviation of poverty.

The two sides have held a series of meetings and they would maintain them in September and November and beginning of the next year. These meetings are carried out in context of an integrated mechanism to follow up the strategy. At the conclusion of meetings a report would be prepared to be presented to the Yemeni ministerial council.

The council of ministers had last year approved implementation of the strategy after the government had received guarantees of granting it \$2.6 billion during Paris meetings that decided to

support the Yemeni economic reforms.

The council had limited a time span for implementing development policies and programs at phases, including the national strategy for alleviation of poverty during 2003-2005 as it is an overall introduction to the millennium development.

The strategy has set up indicators achieving purposes of human development; many sides take part in implementing it. The most significant of those indicators are the mitigation of poverty by about 13.1 percent and increasing the individual income of the gross domestic product by percentage of 1.2-1.7 per cent per year, in addition to increasing the income from agriculture, fish and the contribution of industry and tourism in increasing the domestic product.

Those sides would also carry out measures leading to cover 65 percent with health services and reducing population growth rate to 3 percent. The

measures also aim at increasing girls' enrollment to elementary education to 55 percent, raising the portion of water supply coverage to 69 percent in urban areas and 65 percent in urban areas, as for electricity to 40 percent in cities and 22 in countryside and addition of 3300 km of paved roads, 2950km gravel-paved roads and maintenance of 3194 km.

According to the strategy there would be increase in number of cases benefiting from Social Welfares Fund to 600600 and expansion of the organisation of securities to cover 529000 employees and workers, 70000 workers in the private sector.

In order to solve the problem of job creation the ministry of civil service would activate the pension law and work for ending cases of employees having more than one job and control outputs of employment according to scientific criteria. All this to enhance regulations of social protection for alle-

vation of poverty. The concerned sides hope that the strategy of mitigating poverty would contribute to increase the volume of social spending to 13.2 percent of the gross domestic product, including the social care fund to 1.4 percent. To develop administration, rule and enhance participation and cooperation the strategy prepared for the executive sides a number of measures aimed at application of laws and regulations and modernize the state's administrative apparatus by adopting systems of fair wages and incentives and enhancing role of the local authority and institutions supporting the poor.

Specialists view that Yemen's success in implementing the poverty alleviation strategy is linked to stable economic development and regular inflow of assistance and gift from donor countries and organisations in order to bridge the financial gap the country is suffering from along with continued budget of the state.

Water crisis concern Yemen, 900 million cubic meter, volume of deficit in 2005

By YEMEN TIMES STAFF

The Shoura Council in Yemen again had discussed the crisis of water by devoting several meetings to study an issue that has been worrying Yemen.

Titled "Waters challenges and solutions" the Shoura council reviewed the nature of the crisis and its dangerous consequences resulting from irregular consumption of water resources and that would lead to exhaustion of the subterranean reservoir.

Discussions had clarified that Yemen is considered among the countries situated below the line of water poverty because it depends on rainfall waters that range in rates between 50-155 mm a year.

The volume of renewable water resources in Yemen amounts to 2.5 billion cubic meters a year, 1.5 cubic meters surface waters and one billion cubic meters underground waters. The total consumption of water amounts to

around 3.2 cubic meters a year. The volume of water deficit is estimated at 700 million cubic meters every year and in 2005 it would rise to 900 million cubic meters annually. Discussions of the council also reviewed the water situation in Sana'a capital secretariat, water surface and subterranean sources in it, causes and problems of the water crisis in the capital that is affected by the rise in the rate of population growth and the non-scientific uses of water in agriculture.

The discussions recommended the necessity of continuing the construction of dams, erecting water barriers, developing irrigation canals and building water reservoir to retain waters. The discussions called on relevant parties to pay attention to water resources and providing modern information systems in order to interpret field information.

There are 4 water basins in Yemen needing modern methods of technology, evaluation of water resources and ways of preserving rainfalls waters for feeding subterranean waters.

Words of Wisdom



One of the most important tools in achieving accountability is to have a transparent system. If a system is open to the public eye, then the possibilities of wrong-doing, inefficiency, and other shortcomings will decrease. If a system fights hard to keep information from the media and the public, then it must have something to hide. Often, such excuses as 'to protect the national interest,' 'state secret,' and 'preliminary stage of decision-making' are concepts used to hide the shortcomings. Transparency also helps cut down waste in society. This is crucial, especially for poor nations like Yemen.

Increasing the level of transparency of any system will definitely make it morally superior, legally upright, and economically sound.

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

OUR
OPINIONGovernment unable to
enforce traffic regulations:Until when
will this last?

A few days ago, Yemen lost another Editor-in-Chief, namely, Abdulkarim Ajlan Editor-in-Chief of Wahaj Al-Haqiqah weekly, in a tragic and severe traffic accident while he was on his way from Taiz to Sanaa. The accident led to his instant death and was one of tens of others that happened on the same day.

This reminded me of the traffic incident that took away our beloved founder Prof. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf, who died in a traffic incident in Sanaa in 1999.

Looking at the different articles published in Yemen Times in the past, one can easily notice that traffic accidents are on the rise, and their victims are everywhere. The paper's last edition no (657) had an article about shortage of morgues in the country due to the high and unexpected number of dead bodies of Yemenis killed on the roads.

Statistics clearly indicate that the main and first reason behind all of this is the weak enforcement of traffic regulations by the authorities, which in turn encourages drivers to drive at high speed. Traffic victims in Yemen in one year are astonishingly more than the number of those killed in the whole Iraqi war.

In a city like Sana'a, which is supposed to be the model for the rest of Yemeni cities, traffic laws are not enforced properly, leading to congestions at some points, and accidents at others.

One of the very common traffic violations is diagonal or double parking. This causes streets with four lanes to barely be enough for one or two. Sometimes, one faces great difficulty in driving through wide streets because most of the cars you see are parked along the street and sometimes close to the street center.

Unfortunately, traffic officers do very little to enforce traffic regulations because of widespread corruption. One can easily notice traffic policemen riding in a car after it crosses the red light. I remember once specific example that happened when one of my friends and I were on our way to work when my friend, who was driving the car, crossed the orange light, which turned red just as he started crossing.

We were then requested to stop by the traffic policeman at the crossroads. We were surprised to have two policemen opening the doors and jumping into the car.

"Take us to the traffic headquarters. You need to have your car put on hold!" one of them told the driver.

"I haven't crossed the red light at all. Even if you unjustly insist on that, you should just give me a ticket and let me go," the driver responded.

"No way, you are coming with us to the traffic headquarters, please don't make me call our people to have your car pulled to the traffic headquarters," the policemen said.

After a dispute which we felt we were losing, we just drove to one of the branch roads and were surprised to hear the policeman say, "Never mind. Just give us our 'Qat' money and we will let it go this time." My friend thought it was far better to give two corrupt policemen a few hundred rials rather than going to the traffic headquarters, where we will be forced to give bribes to far too many others to let the car go, if it is released at all. So he gave them one thousand rials each and they happily left.

This goes on all the way wherever and whenever you drive in the city. Traffic police are ineffective because they are mostly dishonest and look for bribes, usually from the poor drivers, as they don't even dare ask the driver of a fancy car why he broke the rules, or why his car has no numbered plate.

Apart from that, traffic accidents happen due to an enormous number of things. This is a paragraph that I copied and pasted from a US consular information sheet about traffic in Yemen:

"Yemen has no traffic laws governing turns on red lights, maintaining lanes, merging or right-of-way. Drivers commonly drive on the wrong side of the road. A large number of underage drivers are present on the roads. Many vehicles are in poor repair and frequently lack functional turn signals, headlights, taillights, and brake lights. Pedestrians, especially children, and animals on the roads constitute hazards in both rural and urban areas."

If the Yemeni government cannot enforce traffic regulations, how on earth will it enforce other laws concerning disarmament, security, investments, corruption, etc.

I believe that enforcing the law in the country is our main problem, and traffic laws are no exception.

If things don't improve, let us brace for any news item about yet another journalist or prominent personality killed in another sad traffic incident.

The Editor

The corrupt delay the
nation's progress

By ALI SHARRIF
FOR THE YEMEN TIMES

Well, are not the primary objectives and long awaited aspirations of the people and the government of this country are the taking responsibility for attaining a fairly healthy economy? I am certain, under democratic system, which we all enjoy; there are many ways by which the government could deliver its program for the betterment in areas where there are shortcomings and failure.

To be realistic, the government should adopt a mechanism depending on priorities. For instance, institutions like judi-

ciary, health and other public services sectors which serve people's life directly. It is imperative to identify all corruptive elements in the government system and have them replaced by the professional who are dedicated and whose integrity is unquestionable. These qualified people are the right tools to bring in speedy and constructive progress and development in all fields for real change in people's quality of life.

Indeed under no circumstances a substantial progress can be attained in these mentioned fields or others, when the corrupt are engaged in the system officially. It is ironical to pretend to be a dedicated government official for instance while running a private business. These elements have been

observed abusing their government's position for personal gains and interests as though it were a normal business deal.

Unfortunately, progress of the country in other important sectors is not doing enough due to basically the "bad guys". Yet, the expectations of the entire nation are holding on for a change in their lives. As a result the government should never turn a blind eye on these firmly-established corrupt who without any feeling of shame do abuse the position they are entrusted with. Truly, ramifications of permitting ill practices are counter-productive in our development march. They also do not serve democratization process in any aspect.

A word about Yemeni
students in England

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I read an article about 'Grammar Translation' in the Yemeni Times. I work in England, as a Student Support and Outreach Worker for Yemeni students in College. The reason I am in this job is because a high percentage of Yemeni, Pakistani, Somali and students from the African Caribbean communities are not achieving. The reasons are many, i.e. language barrier, isolation, cultural and lack of self-esteem due to not grasping the English Language but these are just a few. The way we've tackled this is by developing support mechanism which outline below and they've worked.

To celebrate the diversity of achievement and that means, when a student achieves even a point never mind a diploma, the College, the School celebrates it. It sets an example to other students and others then want to also achieve but what about students who still having trouble, who are struggling, and who can't grasp the English language?

The School and College need Student Support Workers. These support workers support not only the students but also the tutors. They liaise with the tutors and find out the issues the students are facing. The Support worker builds a strong relationship with the students by creating activities, trips, and they get to know the Support worker to be able. Females have female support workers and males have male support workers. This does something remarkable for the School and College. The student slowly respects the School/College because they've gone one step further. They find someone to talk to so any issue arises it's dealt with fast and lastly, the support worker creates an action plan for student showing what can be achieved and how, and they work together to make it happen. The results. Alhamdulillah, I am so proud of the Yemeni students. They are achiev-

ing!

The trust is built and now the liaising begins and the Student Support Workers sees who is struggling in the class by liaising with the tutor. Sometimes it's not about the language. Sometimes it's about what the student having difficulty at home, or inside of them selves. The job for the student worker is to find out before it's too late. Too late meanings before the exams come. Way before. This kind of work must start from 9 years old, because trust doesn't take months. It takes years.

I have encountered female student sometimes have no time to do their homework, put more time in her studies at home due to responsibilities. So, we give her support by having a female support worker working together with the student, the parents, personal tutor, the College and build a support mechanism. We are doing this now and you should see the positive change in the female students. It's about getting the community involved and it's amazing what you could see now in the Yemeni community in Sheffield.

It could be the male student hasn't got enough self-esteem and this plays a great role in lack of achievement. It is at this time to inspire students by Cultural Content, using names of Muslim achievers, Yemeni Achievers, show these students that these are your own people and look what they have achieved. You are no different. We bring in top Yemeni businessmen and women, Journalists and Yemeni's from different fields to do talks to students and the students to interact with them. The positive change it has made it just outstanding. I am now working towards build the first Yemeni Student Association in College and work is so successful it is going to be adopted. For the first time ever we had a launch for Parents Education Awareness Day where we for parents to discuss with the College, Tutors, and for Tutors, students to share their experiences giving parents an insight of College life and issues students face.

Also using Bilingual Yemeni support workers to translate words, mathematics formulas using Creative culture, our Yemeni cultural background works wonders!

Students are human beings and we must look at the challenges through eyes of not statistics, methods but as human beings. They walk into Schools and Colleges bringing with them issues and these issues must be dealt when they are young and onwards, swiftly. They are the future generation, the next doctors, scientists, computer experts, nurses, designers, engineers and for them to lead in these fields blame should not raise but we must work together, as a community, as a nation.

And to put the record to students in Yemen who are struggling with education. I too struggled greatly without parent's help or anyone else, and left without any qualification. Yet I do the marketing, lead people, known for speed of my work and large projects, and people asking me to join them in new jobs but I am going to say something now. Learn from my mistakes. Qualification is for life. Do not make the same mistake I made or you will regret it for the rest of your life. The world will not tolerate people without qualifications! Not in England they won't and I want to see my people working in top jobs not sweeping floors in England! If you think its hard now in a classroom then wait when you go out into the world. Be proud to ask for help, take pride in knowledge and to excel. It isn't cool to be standing proud in not respecting your teachers or knowledge. And no woman who is smart enough wants some student who didn't have the courage to fight for his life and future or ask for help now! Nothing comes without hard work and if it does, it doesn't last and it doesn't make you worthy of its achievement or gives you self respect. And my Yemeni sisters, did you know the computer was invented by a woman? Get studying! We need all of you to lead us the way to a bright future Insha-Allah!

Letters to the Editor

About "Destroying Yemeni Professors"

I would like to congratulate YET editor on his viewpoint on the subject which seems to be a core of the problem to Yemenis development. Our society has been ever since influenced by tribal leadership based on their superiority. Unfortunately, our political system has inherited, promoted and adhered to the same old ways. We have to discourage on gradual basis of course, the army influence on our political system until our army remains only to be a guardian to Yemenis and not rulers.

We should cut down our limited budget on spending unnecessarily on military. Let us take an example of some countries where the constitution was able to be changed in order to remove army influence on its political system. Let us change the system and pursue the right and honest democracy where our diversified Yemenis from all around

the world men and women will join with those inside the country to make Yemen a country as an example with real values of democracy.

If we do not protect, give incentive and promote our learning institutions now, then we will not only loose the current academicians but will lack the future ones, which means we will need rule of thumbs in future leadership decisions.

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A shamed of being an Arab
Haja Amina

It is generally known that corruption has spread over several governmental sections. So most Yemeni people stand against this situation. But the suggested solution is not to abandon the Arab nationality and passport, as she said in her letter. That is if we took her sentence (recently I have abandoned my nationality and passport) into account we will consider it bigger than she has

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faced. Besides, it carries, in its contents disbelief of the writer.

Firstly, we are from the nation that has been mentioned in the Holy Qur'an. Secondly, we are the nation who was described by Prophet Mohammed (peace is upon him). Above all, her abandonment is not a suitable solution or an opinion for wife. Through this letter, my advice to this woman and others is to adapt her mind and see the future through a bright perspective.

Mogeeb Al-Buraihi

Greetings from Germany!

Dear Mr. Editor,
I need friends in Yemen! I am a German male person who needs friends in Yemen: native Arab males and foreigners. I am 41 years old, a high school teacher by profession and work as a librarian now. My hobbies & interests are writing letters, reading newspapers, magazines and books, watching movies and TV, listening to

pop music, traveling, meeting friends, collecting stamps, view cards and photos, cycling and swimming. Thank you for your kindness to publish my address in your most esteemed newspaper. Shukren jazilan & ma salama.

Your sincerely

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What Bush should say
about the wall

I do agree with you fully concerning the article entitled "Sharon, tear down that wall" by Justin Raimondo". But I also believe that he should have said, "Tear that wall down thug" but how can he say that since we have paid for building that wall with our hard-earned money? I think he should have told him "I told you, people would find out about the wall pimp!"

Mohamed Assana
USA

COMMON
SENSE

By Hassan Al-Haifi

A policy of failure
leads to rising
tensions

Notwithstanding the American occupation of Iraq and the obvious failing attempts to get the Road Map to translate into tarmac, it appears that the present Administration's policy in the Middle East seems to be going haywire. The observer is inclined to believe that the region will be witnessing violence on a broader scale than the "War Office" of the current Bush Administration senses or is willing to admit. The obvious ramifications of a policy based on political arithmetic rather than a full comprehension of the realities prevailing on the ground in the region and which lacks clear transparent objectives are beginning to translate into an even more uncertain future for the region and for all stakeholders involved.

Having said that, it is safe to assume that the volatility of the region may evolve to further displays of spontaneous violence here and there that could eventually blow out of proportions and out of control.

On the Road Map, Ariel Sharon released some three hundred "prisoners" from Israeli jails, almost all of whom were to be released anyway, as their "sentence" has ended or they were in jail for no substantial reasons whatsoever, except to keep the sponge like prison system of the Zionist state operational. At the same time, by week's end over one hundred and five new Palestinians prisoners were already behind bars to replace some of them and plans were in place to arrest more over the next couple of weeks to ensure that the number of prisoners goes beyond the 8000 or so prisoners, most of whom are probably no threat to anyone and seek only to live free and without oppression in their farms and homes. It is worth mentioning that the prison system of the Zionist state is part and parcel of the systematic machinery to make life miserable for the Palestinians in their homeland so as to pave the way for Jewish settlers to take their place. Therefore, we should not be fooled by the "kind gesture" and the publicized release of people who were due to be released anyway, with or without the Road Map to Peace.

In the meantime, the Sharon intentions of peace for the area were manifested last week by continuous violent raids on Palestinians, on the grounds of doing the police work for the Palestinian Authority. Mr. Sharon went on killing and destroying any hopes for peace by unleashing the firepower of his forces against unarmed Palestinians on the road or in their homes, forgetting that even Hamas and Al-Aqsa brigade have complied with the cease fire called for by the Road Map. It is typical Israeli intransigence and in fact part and parcel of the kind of Zionist intimidation one has seen for over eighty years since the Zionists began setting their feet in the Holy Land. In fact, Israel does not want peace, for that would stand in the way of realizing the chauvinistic ambition of turning the territory extending from the Euphrates to the Nile, into the Homeland for the Jews-Eretz Israel. One only has to read the reports of the United Nations Observer Missions sent to police the peace in the region over the past half a century to see manifestations of the systematic efforts to continuously intimidate the population of the region into a hostile stand against the Jewish state, because of this intransigence that is inherent in the Zionist effort (See Major General Carl Von Horn - Soldiering for Peace to get some interesting highlights of this intransigence). It is not surprising that the White House has yet to display any reaction to this continuous intimidation, and continues to insist on the rights of Israel to defend herself. The question "Against Whom?" does not seem to bother the Americans, notwithstanding the full compliance of the Palestinians with the cease fire. But no one has any rights in the region except Israel and the only humans in the region are the illegal settlers of the Holy Land.

On another note, to make life more miserable in more than one area, Sharon went on to intimidate Hezbollah by killing a leading member of Hezbollah in Beirut last week. Obviously, Hezbollah was not about to stand with its hands folded. The well organized and capable Hezbollah responded with its own menacing strike against the Israelis, in an area of Lebanon illegally occupied by the Israelis. Now of course, Israel will continue to scream its "continued war against terror", which is no more than a cliché that masks a thousand and one terror tactics of the Zionist machinery the most dangerous and chauvinistic terror machine in modern history. All one has to do is keep track of events in the region on a daily basis and one will see Sharon's real face of terror embedded in every bullet that is unleashed in the Holy Land.

In Iraq, the tone of violence has intensified more than it was prior to Uday and Qusay's death. Thus, it is clear that the Iraqi people are not simply resisting for the sake of Saddam Hussein or anyone in the former Takriti regime. Moreover continuous "collateral" casualties, among Iraqi civilians does not make the American occupation look any better, with many children and civilians taking the toll for the hasty responsive behavior of heavily armed troops, who believe that by merely unleashing a high dose of their lethal firepower in any direction they will be able to quell opposition to their uncalculated presence in the region.

Mr. Al Gore, former Vice President and should-have-been President, finally let us know his views on the fumbles of his former antagonist. We view this as continuing proof that the American people are really getting fed up with an incoherent and sloppy Administration in managing the affairs of state in the United States.

To Mr. President Bush please read this letter too

It is advice though it's late

By Bakr Hamud Aljunaid
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I was very pleased Mr. President to receive your response through Congress about my letter which I sent it and published in Yemen Times newspaper dated 12 May, 2003 and I want to thank the Ambassador of the United States of America to Yemen Mr. Edmund Hull for his article which published in Yemen Times newspapers (We are On The Track) was dated 7 July, 2003 which he tried to gave us unconvinced justifications because The government on the wrong track not on the right track.

Well Mr. President Bush, here, I am writing you the second letter take it as advice because I am writing letter from Yemen. The wise and peaceful country. I have wise uncle his name is Faisal Thabit Who asked me What you want to do and what will you do? He foresees action before it happens. I asked him how he knows these actions he replied because their papers and politics became uncovered. In brief the truth became prevalent.

I don't know if you will read this letter too, not because it will not reach you, but because you are incapable of reading it. Your heart is so hardened by hatred and fear, that you have neither capacity nor courage to open your

mind and your spirit to compassion. In spite of all that, however, I cannot keep from sending it to you, because if you do not read it, I am sure it will be read by many men and women, those who ask you to stop the massacre of the people of Iraq. When you decided to invade Iraq, in spite of the opposition of the peoples of the world, you did not listen to their cries, "NO TO WAR, YES TO PEACE;" you closed your ears and your heart when the United Nations, churches, humanitarian and human rights organizations demanded that the rule of law and the consideration of the people had to prevail. You were not interested in hearing it.

I asked you in another letter do not defy God, do not build the important things out of pitilessness and hate; do not let yourself be ruled by your own ambitions of power to impose your political, economic and military interests. I asked you to think, because you reap what you sow. Sadly, you do not know how to honor life; you have profoundly damaged humanity as a whole and your own North American people.

We all absolutely know that You will win any wars with your imperial army and with that of your allies; you will be able to show the great power of your weapons and the high technology of death; but none of that justifies you. The greatest of your defeats is that you

have lost the respect of the peoples of the world, and, for all the crimes committed, you have earned the rejection of the conscience of humanity. In this flight from decency you are joined by your deadly allies: Tony Blair, José Maria Aznar and Australia and some Arab leaders who helped you more than any one.

You hide the true motives of the invasion of Iraq and seek to justify the massacres to take over that country's oil resources, and dominate the Middle East to impose your plans of world hegemony and of globalized dictatorship. You have turned the EU UU. into a terrorist State. Did you need to massacre the people of Iraq, to kill children and women to get rid of a dictator who used to be your ally?

You need to remember, not to remain in the past; but because it must illuminate your present. The long history of invasions confirms it: Vietnam, Cambodia, Yugoslavia, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Haiti, Santo Domingo, Cuba, and the military dictatorships the EE.UU. imposed; the present militarization and military bases all over Latin America and in other parts of the world. You can dominate militarily; but you will never be able to convince anyone.

The people are not taken in by lies and misinformation campaigns the accomplice mass media use as psy-

Lesson from Hiroshima

By ABDULREHMAN THABET

Although she addressed us with a very sad tone and a rattling voice, we understood every single word she said. She was talking one of the most terrifying days she ever came across in her entire life, the 6th of August 1945. She is one of those people who witnessed that inauspicious day, the day when the war machine decided to use the first atomic bomb against a human population. She spent the night before that disaster at her aunt's house. Next morning, she woke up early at around 7:15 a.m. she asked her aunt's daughter to join her for a game in front of the house. It was a clear morning, bright and cloudless, something that encourages any body to have a day out. Suddenly, a flash of light pierced her eyes. The next moment the entire house collapsed on their tiny little bodies. They were trapped underneath. She did not know for how long she remained unconscious. She struggled to pull her self together again. When she managed to do that, she found that cuts are throbbing her face and hands. Her shirt was soaked in blood. Motionless, her aunt's daughter was lying some meters away. She died immediately after that terrible bang. The body was so burned she could not recognize it; she only knew her by that little silver necklace surrounding her neck. It lost its shining silver color and became as dim as an early September evening. She was able to poke her head out of the wreckage and tried to crawl to the nearby city center. At the beginning, she thought that some natural disaster targeted their house only and caused that much of damage. But when she freed herself of the debris and opened her eyes, the neighboring buildings that should have stood there were nowhere to be seen. Every thing looked like a sea of flames. For a while she thought that she did not wake up from her short coma because what was happening in front of her eyes was beyond belief.

Thousands of people were hurling through the air, naked and burnt. The blast has blown their burned clothing to tatters.

In the city, where nearly all-standing structures were toppled, thousands were trapped under the debris. Unable to free themselves, they burned to death in the sea of fire. She was panicked people running here and there with their skins peeling off and left hanging in strips. Glass windows were shattered and many victims were left with hundreds of glass fragments lodged in their bodies. Decades later survivors still occasionally have such fragments surgically removed from deep in their flesh; some continue to live with fragments embedded in them.

The old lady was speaking to us in one of the halls of the Peace Memorial Museum, built in Hiroshima to "narrate" the horror of that event and to show the human kind deepest wish to eliminate nuclear weapons in order to realize a genuine peaceful international community.

The 6th of August and the days that followed were times the survivors find difficult to recall. Despite the pain, many have devoted their lives to the task of describing the experience. They come every now and then to the Museum to recall these memories and relive the horror times to convince the world never again to permit the use of nuclear weapon.

They recall things like the utter destruction, the tragedy, the overwhelming numbers of dead, the grief of family members they were unable to save, the physical disabilities and the constant fear of aftereffects. Mrs. Tanaka, the lady speaking to us that day, is one of them. Comprising of three buildings, the museum is located inside the Peace Memorial Park where the A-bomb Dome stands, the same place that received the hit. The three buildings contain a variety of functions, displayed and narrated by visual means in a very well manner, through which the city works to preserve the memory of the A-bomb and bring

about world peace. The buildings also display belongings left by the victims and other materials that convey the horrors of that event. One of these things that touched my feelings deeply was a bicycle that belonged to one of the kids that were near the scene. Pieces of his skin, stains of blood and remains of his cloths were stuck on his bicycle. Maybe he was going to his school or to bring home something that his mother asked him to bring. No body knows because both of them were killed immediately right as soon as the blasts happened. In one of the corners stood a concrete pillar on which hundreds of letters are stuck on it. They are addressed by the Mayor of Hiroshima to various world leaders urging them to work for peace and to get rid of any mass destructive weapons. Later I understood that this is his daily main duty that he is performing, daily, with real enthusiasm and devoting. Like the rest of the people in Hiroshima, the atomic bomb experience convinced them that human beings could not coexist with nuclear weapons. Hence, Hiroshima, a city known for education, became better known for its efforts to eliminate nuclear weapons and bring about lasting world peace.

The victims Monument stands close to the center of the Peace Memorial Park. At its center lies a stone chamber that holds the Register of the A-bomb Victims. Each year on August 6 the names of victims who died because of the aftereffects are reported by their friends and families and added to the long list. The Japanese characters carved on the front of the chamber say, "Let all the souls here rest in peace; for we shall not reveal the evil". These words pledge never again to repeat the evil of war. Visitors take this pledge as they pray for the repose of the souls of the A-bomb victims. The pledge expresses the determination of the Japanese to endure the sorrows of the past, transcend all rang and hatred, and work tirelessly for peace and mutual prosperity. The children's Peace

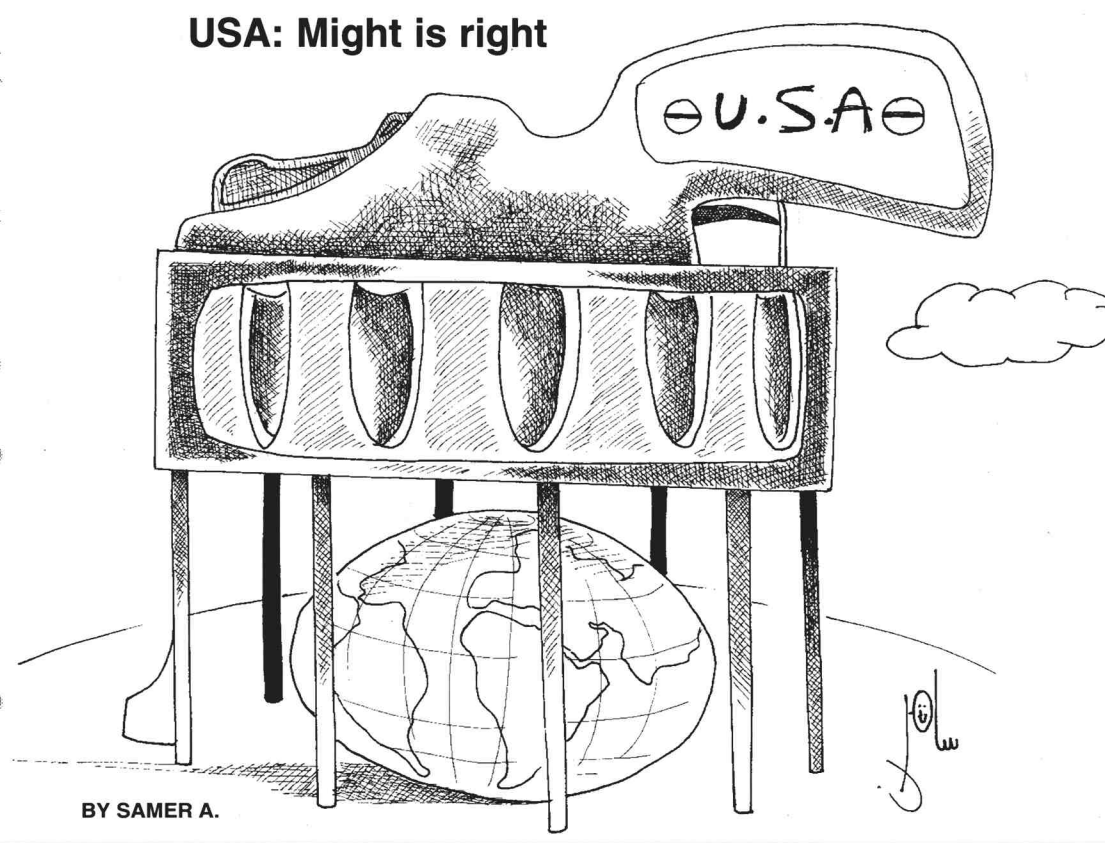
Monument, the most popular monument, also stands at the other edge of the park. The monument was inspired by Sadako Sasaki, a vivacious young girl suddenly struck down by radiation aftereffects. She developed leukemia about ten years later. In the hospital she used medicine-wrapping paper to fold over thousands of paper cranes in the desperate hope that doing so would cure here. Her class mates similar paper cranes from children from all over the world who tried to stand with her during her crisis.

That activity continued until she died on October 25, 1955. Sadako's grieving classmates decided to build a monument in her honor. Their sincere patience led to a nationwide fund raising campaign to build a monument for her and the thousands of other children lost due to the atomic bombing. As a result to these efforts, the monument was built and revealed on May 5, 1958. On top of its concrete tower stands the bronze statue of a young girl holding over her head a huge paper crane symbolizing the hope of all children for a peaceful future.

In comparison caused by disasters or conventional weapons, the tragedy that Hiroshima witnessed on August 6, 1945, and few days later on Nagasaki, represented an entirely unprecedented disaster. The potential effects of the radiation threaten the health of survivors to this day, and the mere threat has inflicted tremendous psychological damage. The suffering caused by radiation is immeasurable. In addition to that, the dropping of those atomic bombs thrust our world into the nuclear age. By developing nuclear weapons, human beings placed themselves on the brink of self-extinction. Hence, we must give a deep thought to this issue, not just on the A-bombs that were dropped on Japan but on war in general and actions that lead to war. We should manifest the spirit of Hiroshima and powerfully support Hiroshima's mission, the effort to help all peoples around the world join hands to make peace a permanent reality.

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chological weapon, showing North American and British soldiers in charitable acts, giving away candy to Iraqi children, after having massacred their families and bombarded the population. How will you try to justify your crimes, those you call, "collateral damages"? How will you explain to the world that you want to destroy the United Nations and refuse to acknowledge international law, seeking to apply your policies of domination, without concern for human suffering or for the destruction of other countries, using State terrorism?

How to justify the unjustifiable? Can you sleep without being punished by your own conscience? Your army bombs cities and civilian populations with thousands of missiles; it fires against populations yellow "cluster bombs" and boxes of food color yellow also; aberrant method used in Vietnam, Cambodia and in the Gulf War. Bombs and food are your "medicines of death." Your generals say that they don't count corpses; they only count the bombs that produce the corpses.

Perversion has no boundaries; but

you say to pray to God and you believe you are predestined for humanity. Hitler had the same thoughts when he unleashed his madness and wanted to dominate the world. The God of Life will call you on account for your own crimes. You are guilty of crimes against humanity and you will be judged for the many deaths and suffering against the people of Iraq and other peoples of the world.

The world sees with horror that you are parceling up and giving away that which is not yours, that the vultures that surround you are ready to throw themselves over the carcasses and the blood of the Iraqi people, to make lucrative business with oil. They talk of "reconstruction of Iraq," colonized and subjected to the interests of the EE.UU. and think of the profits they will make.

You talk of God. And you detest God. You talk of freedom and you destroy freedom. You talk of democracy and dignity, and you do not hesitate in sacrificing them as you call it in the altar of the god, Molok, your god of destruction and death. You talk of

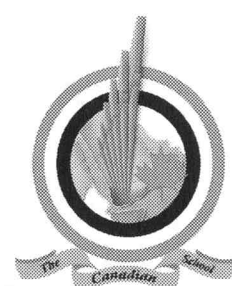
human rights and you violate them systematically.

The United Nations is an obstacle to your interests. Or they subordinate themselves to your will, or you destroy them. You pretend to create a tribunal to judge your ex-ally, Saddam Hussein, because he is no longer useful to you; but you do not recognize the International Criminal Court to judge the crimes against humanity. You want to get impunity for the crimes of your soldiers and your own impunity. Do not defy God and the peoples of the world. Empires fall, no matter how powerful they are.

You could have planted Peace and Solidarity; but you didn't do it. You could have generated programs for the life and development of the people, and you didn't do it. You elected to follow the worst of the paths. Who will be your next victims?

I cannot give you my greetings of Peace and Good Will, because you do not believe in Peace and you do not practice The Good. But I can tell you repent from your crimes and start to mend the Evil that you do.

From Peace & Wisdom land,



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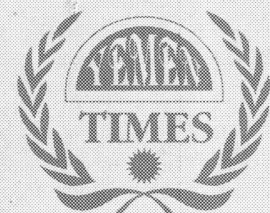
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I shall begin with the Creator of clouds, she begun to tell. I will tell about Him who formed the clouds and filled them with water. Added the rising of winds, the bringing of rain and cold. He who created man from the water... The wind now was blowing against them. Such as the will of the Most High. As pleasure comes only after its absence.

Even after many years one could see through the holes of her ears the green valley, tall palm trees heavy with gold brown dates. Caravans. Camels in the mist. White camel with white lock on her back, nobody has ever seen. But which seemed to move forward in time with rise and fall of its rhythms.

Her eyes carried a magic secret for the earth to become what it was

For oceans to part. For mountains to rise.

History here smelled of incense. Like music smells held memories about,

Earth and the sky. Green valley of long songs Surrounded by desert and death.

The frankincense was sweet and clear. It brought notions of paradise long after hope and dreams had died. Disappointment still pained. It burnt like the sands that surrounded them.

Lava and Sands.

Singing Sands.

Caravans of Dreams...

They sang songs of desire for all things white and beautiful. Like white camel with white lock on its back, that nobody has ever seen. Tall palm trees with languid shade and soft murmur. Could almost hear them drink the rain.

Shades of oblivion.

Revolution... what is revolution. The wind blew through the valley which was still a long green ribbon. Did you hear about the revolution...?

They stood silent. Date palms stood thick around the village stretching far into open country. The sun glare now was fierce and there was hot wind that carried with it powdery dust. The wind increased into violence. The sound of it echoing empty among the trees. The glare of the sun disappeared; its weak light still penetrates through the tall palm trees from time to time. The air smelled of the dark colored dust. There was nothing dream-like in this scene.

They heard about the revolution.

They carried madness in them. She still remembers his eyes were like two palm groves at the hours of dawn. His shawl in pale color of the moon and long brown stripes along with traveled caravans.

Caravan of Dreams.

He noticed everything. Each palm tree. Each kind of fruit. Each cloud. The

sky without stars. Even the white camel with the white lock on its back which nobody ever saw. That he will ask the night for her to stretch from the East, he promised.

His Love. His Madness. His Hope. His joy.

All this was happening in the green valley long, as green ribbon and long songs.

She still remembers the way he used to speak.

In the valley of long songs where People live without eyes, and struggle,

The Millions who run without shoes, The Millions who do not eat bread,

The Millions who live at night in houses of coughing.

What followed was that destruction and pleasure was pair. Devastating gardens and orchards had been laid to waste. Uprooting of the trees. Walnuts, century old, demolished hundred of houses. But their eyes and hearts remained closed.

What was gained and what was lost. Principles. They were always the most fragile of mans possession. He chose truth above life. It became clear later that truth lived somewhere else. The whole taste of life has been spoiled.

What followed that the valley as long green ribbon became valley of sad dates.

Send me poems with happy end she wrote. Poems in which lovers meet.

Poem in which Freedom tastes like gold brown dates and Peace is the white camel with white lock on its back which nobody ever saw.

But she waited for many years for him until she had seen her hair turn silver in the loneliness of the night. But let us thank God for having made us the gift of

Silence that speech is to have meaning.

War that peace is to have meaning.

Death that life is to have meaning.

Night that day is to have meaning.

She remembers how the white flat roofs felt asleep under heaps of dates. How they left their shops and went to meet the moon. They did not believe the butterflies. It seemed now like night dream never dreamed. Were forgotten like a drop of water in a ranging torrent. For their sorrows will never be sad enough. Their joys never happy enough. Their dreams never big enough. Their lives never important enough.

To matter.

They belong nowhere. Now is the song of those who have no songs. We travel like other people she remembered. But we return nowhere. As traveling is the way of clouds.

Woman journalists

Divulge their woes and aspirations



BY FAHMIA AL-FOTIH
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Last time I interviewed female graduates from Information College who talked about the hopes and dreams as well as the difficulties and problems they face, as the society misunderstands nature of their work.

This time I have tried to also to shed light on woes the professional and longed-experienced female journalists. I was covering a workshop and I seized the opportunity to ask some of my friends who told me about their problems and the troubles they face as they are journalists, however, they asked not to record anything as they said that if they told me their real problems and answered me frankly, people, and in the first place male journalists would not understand.

Fortunately, another female journalist was sitting with us and she sorrowfully said, she was about to write about the same topic as I would like to spotlight the difficulties and problems Yemeni female journalists face. I myself have a problem. My brothers get embarrassed when somebody asks them how they let me work as journalist. And I am sure that my brothers tolerate that reluctantly, as they need my assistance, as I am the eldest in my family. Sometimes my brothers lie about my real job. Many times I feel that there is somebody following me. For example, sometimes I am in a hotel to cover an event or workshop and when somebody calls me at home and asks where I am, my brothers cannot answer. Not all people can understand that the nature of my job requires being in such place and such time. The other thing that really annoys me that everybody thinks that the girl that is in media is a girl without morals and values and they expect from her to kick out all the common norms and traditions of the Yemeni society and that is completely injustice.

Amal Ibrahim, a journalist, I think the first obstacle that female journalist faces is the degrading outlook of the society to her work and consider it as illegal as her work needs more contacts and sometimes for many hours of work

that often family gets fed up with, though, they are convinced with my professional message.

She added, I face daily obstacles, I have got used to them and become part of my life. Despite of knowing that journalism is the job of trouble I always hoped to help people and take part in solving their problems. So I decided to be a journalist since I was at the high school. I have joined journalism with a total content and I feel that the way is long to fulfill my career ambitions. However, I am lucky for the support I have been receiving from my bosses in my work.

She concluded I media now control the world and guide the public opinion and change it. Thus, we, men and women, have to entirely realize that our pens write honestly and consciously.

Duala al-Kaderi, a journalist and correspondent for al-Mushahed Asayasi magazine, proudly said, It was my dream to be a journalist and a correspondent of an international publication that finally has come true. I have been practicing journalism since I was student in Information College. My experience has increased day by day by writing field reports, stories and covering most workshops, conferences and symposiums that enable me to be successful. After graduation I have worked for many Yemeni independent newspapers as I believe that the successful journalist is unprejudiced who gives the story the credibility and objectivity.

She continued Today my second

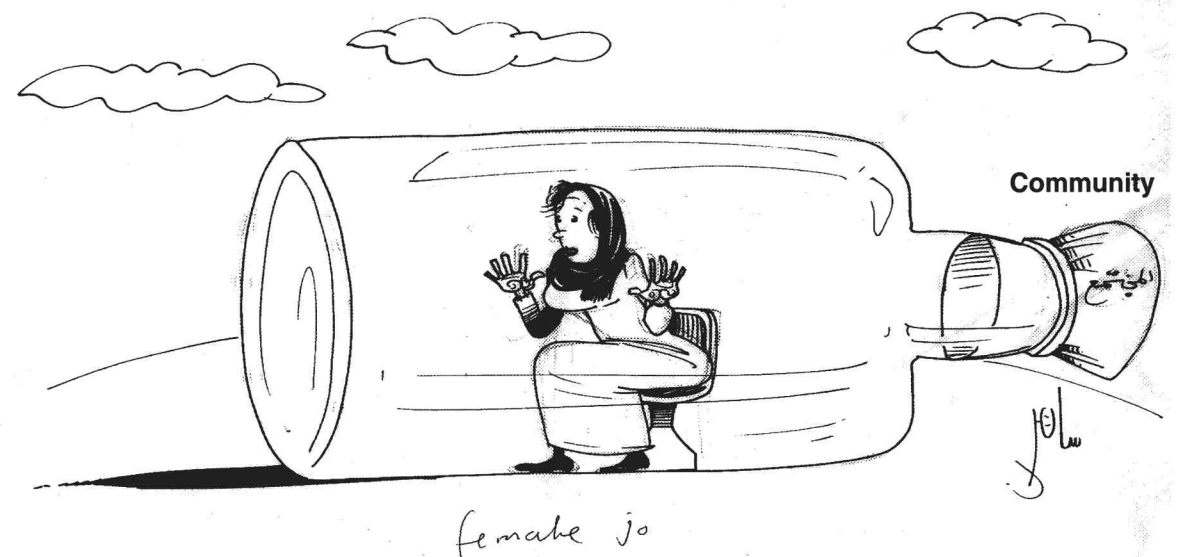
dream comes true as I have become a correspondent for al-Mushahed Asayasi magazine and I think that honesty and loving people help me a lot.

She denied that she faced any obstacles in her work I Surely there are impediments in all professions; however, I have not faced any. This is not pride or exaggeration but the truth is that I have a support from my small family and society. The Yemeni society has recently started to understand the importance of mass media in the age of the overflow information and telecommunication technology. I do not think that the Yemeni society mortifies the woman who works in media. On the contrary, I think the society looks at us with respect and admiration.

She commented on the level of female journalists I The educational and training level of female journalist is excellent compared to their counterparts and this is not a bias. Yemeni female journalist has proved for herself and the society the importance of the Yemeni woman issues and it becomes necessary to admit her role in developing the Yemeni society.

Warda al-Awadi, a journalist, I love journalism as it enables me to be in touch with and tackle people's problems and the society at large. So I have studied it, believing in the role the media play and that journalism is a link between the government and the public. A means for communicating and exchange of opinions.

She commented on society outlook at



Hunting dogs & the well

Written by Adil .M. Alamin*

Our grand Mom, Alharam, is a woman full of wisdom when we are young. During seasons of harvesting dates, we travel north by train to Karima, then by steamer; Alzahra, to Mora, our peaceful small town, where she lives in her lonely nest. Her husband; Wad Algeed; was dead long ago, so she declared full sadness "I never tie a donkey at a place of a horse".

Under moonlight, on the soft sands. Among date palms we sat at her feet victimized with marvelous folktales she offers us:

"Once upon a time there was a girl called Sara. This girl was living with her father, Wiwa at Jaba village on the foot of Komey mountain at the lands of never never, where every thing true was not true. Only fairy tales just like me and you.

Water at that semi-avid zooms had the worth of gold. However gold was useless; Black smith in the village brings it from some deep mines in the mountain to use it for making equipment, spears, serous heads, cups, dishes ... so people had to store water, which they hardly got from the little rain in rusted reservoirs, which was suitable place for bacteria to gather till water was senseless, thus most of children used to die before five years.

Sara's mother died by bleeding just

after she had born her only daughter, because there was no hospital or any health assistance. Father Wiwa took care of the only daughter. He fed her milk of she camel. The best animal which can live at those desert areas. Father Wiwa was a respected man among the village, more over he dug a well in his land on the foot of Komey mountain in response of a vision one night. The well had abundant and fresh water too, so people were very happy of having everlasting relaxation and settlement.

This happiness, unfortunately was interrupted by the arrival of Kacoom; the sultan of the lands with his armed men and some white men of blue eyes, who called "the angles of hell" because they used to be accompanied by death and sorrow.

Not far away. At night the men of Kacoom took father Wiwa to unknown place forever. All people worried very much about his disappearance specially Sara, she was weeping all the time, day and night, but who would dare to utter a word! None. After many days some people went to bring water, but unexpectedly the armed men stopped them they told them that "The well is for sultan Kacoom, his sons, daughters, wives, men and dogs. No one could take a bucket of water unless he pay a certain amount of gold other wise they wait for rain and stagnant water which kills children before they reach five years old".

There after people had to pay for the only assured vessel of life, so the sultan collected a lot of gold, then the white men took it and gave him those instrument, which project missiles with horrible sound to kill human being and animals at a distance and many other things in his palace and the palaces of his men too.

After some time people fed up with tyranny of the sultan, so they asked Sara to go to the sultan and told him that the well is her father's and it is in his land. Thus people must not pay any thing to get water, when she went to the palace and told him her idea. The sultan got very angry and commanded to be thrown out of doors. The armed men dragged her out and instigated their furious dogs at her. Sara ran away screaming, but she couldn't escape. The hunting dogs were tearing her clothes and her flesh until she climbed an old acacia bare tree. After the dogs had returned Sara came down slowly dragging her red legs weeping deeply and fell in the brackish shade of the tree, then she fell asleep till she waked up, by a strange voice resembling her father's calling her:

- Sara ... Sara my lovely daughter.

She frightened and tried to see it, but she couldn't because of the darkness. It asked her:

- Who bring you here?
- The hunting dogs of Kacoom.
- God damn them !! don't be wary.

Get up and go the big rock which is just above the well and remove it !!

- How can I remove that big rock?
- Don't afraid. Just go and try it.

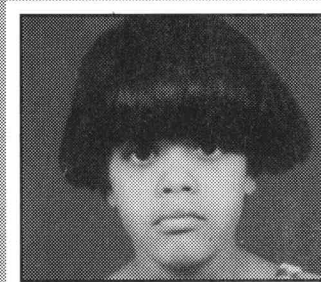
Sara summoned up her courage and stood up. She find it very difficult to walk but she decided. When she reached the rock she raised her hands calling on God for help. As soon as she touched the rock it moved automatically and roll down roaring like ten lions and settled in the throat of the well. The armed men who sleeping round the well woke up sacredly and scattered away.

In the morning people prepared their amounts of gold and came to the well. When they arrived they can't believe eyes; the sultan shouting and lamenting because all efforts of the blue eyes men failed to remove the rock from inside the well throat.

In the evening the sultan asked about Sara but no one knew her place, although the wind blow her traces although their main source of water was cut, people returned home talking about the high/true justice of God that "God's mill grind slow but sure".

"It was finished, jumped and inserted in a hole of the youngest of you". Alharam; our lovely grand Mom; always finishes her stories in this fishy way. That makes my young brother crying while she was laughing vigorously. God bless her.

* A Sudanese writer living in Yemen



By Sarah Dualeh

SUNNY

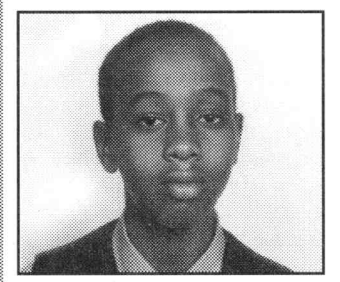
Once there was a boy named Sunny Who was extremely funny He asked his mother for money To go to Funny Bunny His mother said, "of course honey" Sunny had a nice time at Funny Bunny

SCHOOL

I wish my school had a pool That would be cool I wish we had a class pet That was caught in a net Then my school would be fun

AUTHORS

I like authors That is creative But not authors who write books about natives I like J.K.Rowling But not authors that write books on sowing I hope you Like authors too



BY Sami Dualeh

Somebody stole my phone I invited that guy to my throne Then he climbed my hill So I decided to kill Then I noticed somebody stole my horn There was one huge fire I decided to send fire fighters for hire Everything was gone The fire was very long Then I saw they were just big liars There was a man that was completely green He was extremely mean He was walking down the street He was sweating because of the heat And he became very keen The plane made me hurl The pilot made the plane whirl Everything seemed bad Everybody was mad Then I ate a Swirl There was a long highway That was called May There was a car on the road That was carrying a heavy load It just stood there and waited for Kay It was a very long night I lost my kite I looked everywhere Even at the mair We found it covering the light

Cataract treatment from the Qura'n

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

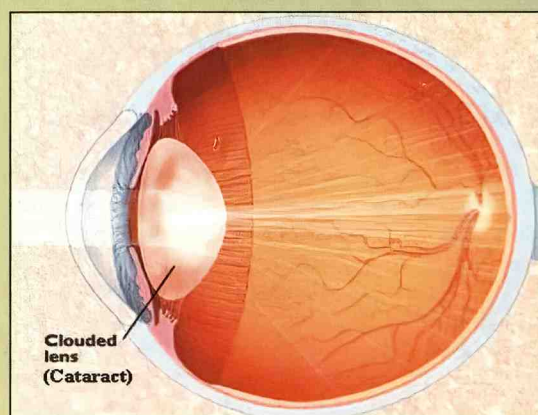
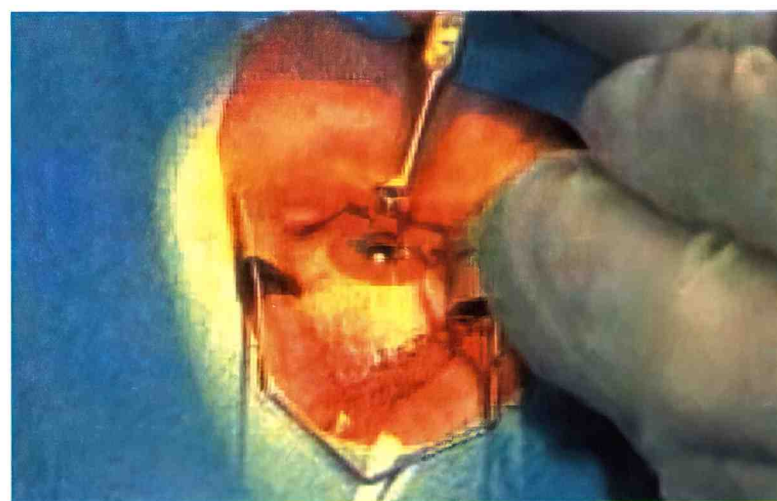
One of the Swiss Pharmaceutical companies has started producing a new medicine called "Medicine of Qura'n", which allows the treatment of cataract without surgery. As the newspaper Ar-Raya, published in Qatar writers, "This drug which was synthesized by an Egyptian doctor Abdul Basit Muhammad from the secretions of human sweat glands and has an effectiveness of 99 percent with absolutely no side effects, was registered in Europe and the U.S. it is also reported that one of the Swiss

companies the new drug in the form of liquid eye drops. The source of inspiration is Surah (chapter) Yusuf. Dr. Abdul Basit Muhammad emphasized that he obtained his inspiration from Surah Yusuf and said: i Once in the morning, I was reading Surah (chapter) Yusuf. My attention lingered over the 84th and successive Ayats (verses): "Go with this shirt of mine, and cast it over the face of my father, he will become clear-sighted, and bring to me all your family"(Quran12: 93) these verses tell the story of how Prophet Yaqub who was mourning his son Yusuf (peace be upon them) in sadness and grief turned his eyes white and later when people cast over

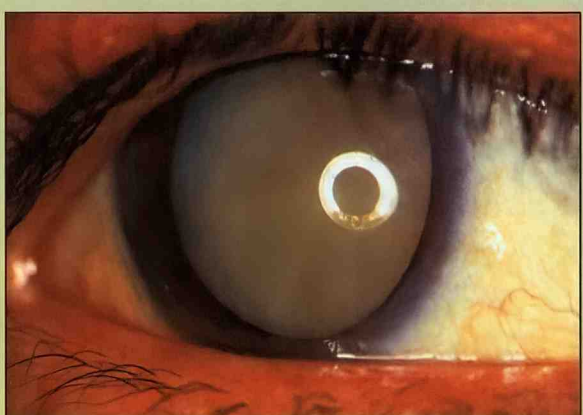
the sorrowful father's face, the shirt of his son Yusuf, vision returned to him and he was able to see again. Here I started pondering: what could be there in the shirt of Yusuf? Finally I arrived at the decision that nothing except sweat could be on it. I concentrated my thoughts over the sweat and its composition. Then I proceeded to the laboratory for research. I carried out a series of experiments on rabbits. The results turned out to be positive. Later I performed treatment on 250 patients by administering the drug twice a day for two weeks. Finally I achieved 99 percent success and said to myself: this is the miracle of the Qura'n" Dr. Abdul Basit Muhammad presented

the results of his research to appropriate institutions in Europe and the United States dealing with patenting of new discoveries for consideration. After tests and research were performed, he finalized a contract with a Swiss company on the production of the medicine on the condition that the package should clearly mention "Medicine of Qura'n". In the words of the Egyptian scientist, the company accepted his condition and started producing the new drug. (Courtesy-Ar-Rava. Qatar).

Allah says in the Qura'n: "We send down from the Qur'an that which is a healing and mercy to those who believe". (Qura'n 17:82)



Inside the eye is a lens which focuses light onto the retina allowing clear vision. When this lens becomes clouded it is called a cataract. A cataract is not a growth inside the eye or a film over the eye; a cataract is cloudiness of the natural lens of the eye.



Separated Iraqi twins celebrate 1st birthday

“Over the months, both babies have thrived well and are continuing to grow as normal babies”- Dr. Essa Kazim

Dubai-UAE: Iraqi Siamese twins, who were successfully separated in a 13-hour-long surgical operation by a team of doctors from the UAE and Britain at Dubai Hospital last year, celebrated their 1st Birthday on August 7th, 2003.

An international appeal made by the father of Iraqi Siamese twins, in September 2002, was promptly answered by General Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al-Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai and UAE Minister of Defense, who agreed to have the twins separated at his expense.

Both infants were born joined at the pelvis, end to end. Each had two legs that moved normally. Investigations were started immediately. They showed that there was no bone connection between the two boys but there were abnormalities with the urinary bladder and the bowels.

Extensive evaluation revealed that it was possible to surgically separate them. A team consisting of local doctors at the Department of Health and Medical Services and the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London, was assembled, headed by Dr. Essa Kazim, Head of the Department of Urology and Medical Director, Dubai Hospital. The operation was performed on 24th November 2002. Postoperatively, the twins progressed far better than expected and were taken off intensive care soon after surgery.

Dr. Essa Kazim who has supervised their progress over the past year said, "Over the months, both babies have thrived well and are continuing to grow as normal babies. They are both crawling and one has been standing and the other is just beginning to support himself on his legs."

"Since they each have a vertebra which is half of the normal size, there is a tendency for the back to be bent to one side. They recently underwent scans of the spine, which were sent electronically to London. The opinion is that surgery is not required as in one of them the spine has straightened on its own and in the other, there is no significant progression of the bend".

The Dubai Hospital staff and doctors joined in the celebrations with the parents of the twins to wish them on their 1st birthday.



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Local Press

Prepared by Mohammed Khidhr



Al-Wahdawi weekly,
organ of the Nasserite
Unionist Organisation 5
August 2003:

Main headlines:

- Three-hour truce in Amran failed
- At Egyptian journalists union, opposition wins majority
- Violations at public services offices in al-Mahweet

Columnist Mohammed Ibrahim Ahmed says in n article that the divisions and conflicts among the Arab regimes we are suffering from is attributed to the educational failure in building the Arab unionist personality. Education is the spirit and mind and heart of civilization. Education rectifies all that we are complaining of and are not capable of doing. Education is the base on which the building is erected. Perhaps the first principle of sound and constructive education is that all are the same and equal before the law, those commit mistakes should be punished and those who commit to the duty and responsibility should be awarded. The second principle of education is the call for participation in building the homeland and considering negativity as the more dangerous thing on future of peoples than dictatorship. Negativity would enable he tyrants to act singly in taking the decision.

The tragedy of the third world educational situation is that it has planted in it the spirit of concern and crisis. This means the whole world is in need of an educational building fighting the deviant behaviour and ending this age's heathenism that adopts force for dealing with international problems. A scrutinizing look would disclose that all could be attributed to failure of the Arab educational failure that has reached to the point of danger.



Al-Tagamou weekly,
organ of Yemeni Unionist
Assemblage party, 4
August 2003.

Main headlines:

- Zaidi tribes threaten authorities with wide-scale operations
- Big resentment for al-Fadhly seizure of writers union headquarters
- Islamists and tribal sheikhs return to forefront following dropping sentences against the (16)

Columnist Ahmed Said al-Dahmy writes in his article that a just wages equal to the job and its duties and responsibilities n a balanced manner with the cost of living is a necessary and basic matter and encouraging for work and production. It is a wise political decision for securing discipline in work and production, ethical good behaviour and obedience to laws and regulations. Such a situation contributes to fighting crime and fraud or any imbalance between the job and its

responsibilities.

Continuation of imbalanced and inhumane wages structure as it is and accompanied by increasing rates of inflation is one form of economic and social destruction of the society. It further more represents a call for practicing corruption at all levels. It opens the way for evading from all kinds of commitment to laws and regulations, which consequently represents a form of economic destruction.

The regime's nowadays talk about a strategy for wages is merely a kind of escaping from facing the problem truly and aims at encouraging more destruction of the economy and society. The more rapid delivery of the crisis does not require a national strategy nor a five-year plan as much as it requires taking a quick decision for raising the wages to the level of the present living costs added to it a yearly percentage of increase proportionate to expected yearly increase of inflation. Such a decision does not take a long time to and does not need much effort. It only needs a study of the volume of the required revenues and their sources.



Al-Balagh weekly, 5
August 2003.

Main headlines:

- New appointments of more than 38 directors general at the ministry of finance and taxes
- Ali Jarallah calls for the arrest of YSP politburo members, secretaries general of the Nasserite and Baath parties
- National seismologic monitoring center recorded 2000 treours in 2002
- Habeesh local council members demand vote of non-confidence against the secretary general and members of the administrative board

Mr Hussein al-Siyaghi says in his article at last the Americans did not find what they feared. They did not find the nuclear weapons or evidence of developing nuclear arms that has been their justification of the war on Iraq. Their intelligence bodies were not able to convince them with anything. International agencies that had searched Iraq in full also have not managed to change their ideas and plans and up till now there are voices claiming Iraq is in possession of nuclear weapons even as it is under their control. The whole world was convinced that Iraq did not possess a nuclear weapon. Iraq has been searched inch by inch and at last those inspectors searched even Saddam Hussein's possessions and clothes. Iraqi political address was not clear and was trying to suggest the existence of such weapon as it was thinking that

Main headlines

- American security cautions with approach of Sep.11 events
- Six killed, 17 wounded in Bani Matar and Sufyan
- Iraqis living in Yemen appeal to president Saleh granting them Yemeni nationality even temporarily
- CIA prepares for large-scale mopping up operation in Yemen
- Confrontations between government forces and Jahm tribe
- Pardon for the (16) triggers disputes inside the military-tribal alliance
- President discusses security cooperation and al-Mouyad issue with the American ambassador
- Corruption expels investments of foreign communication companies
- The president orders sending 40 of Jahm tribes to military prison
- Ali Jarallah backs off from threatening the president and army commanders
- Sheikh al-Ahmar calls for Jihad, lifting heads high instead of submission
- Renewal of investment licenses in fish sector halted
- Saudi and Yemen exchange detainees
- A study on electric power connection between Saudi and Yemen, modernized

it would be useful to avoid the launching of American war on it.

The Americans understand everything and were aware of what Iraq possessed of weapons but they did not discard that propaganda and continued their allegations hat Iraq constituted danger threatening the United States. The main target behind tat propaganda was that America wanted to eliminate Iraq and for good from the political game and subjugate it to American and western control.



ATTARIQ weekly, 5
August 2003.

Main headlines:

- Prosecution investigates into files

of squandering public funds in Aden

- FM al-Qirbi meets in Sana'a commander of international alliance for fighting terror in the Horn the Horn of Africa
- Agriculture minister: We will support farmers and their societies and encourage investment
- Dead child found inside a trash barrel
- New Malaysian capital hosts an Islamic conference
- Citizens complain of water cuts in Aden

Mr Fua'ad Mahyoub Thabit says the development of any society and progress of all constituents of growth in it and stable life are all factors of

that society and are hostage to the sovereignty of law and order that regulate the course of life in that society. They could lead it with steady steps towards construction and advancement. Our Yemeni society could not develop and be prevailed by aspects of security and safety but under the domination of law and the systems that grant it the groundwork for development and drive the wheel of construction and growth towards a promising future.

Judiciary and justice are two sides of the same coin. For there is no judiciary without justice and there is no justice unless under sound and honest judiciary. The situation of judiciary in Yemen no one envies us for it. It has made the balance of justice tipped and unbalanced. It has lost its proper course and obliterated from the life of our society's dictionary. Justice has lost its existence, prestige and its sublime goal because of dishonesty of judiciary that has been maintaining its deviation from the right course, which is due to corruption of a high proportion of judges who have rendered it into a game in their hands coining it the way they want in conformity with their own interests.



Al-Mithaq weekly, organ
of the GPC 4 August
2003.

Main headlines:

- Rate of insurance premiums on ships at Yemeni ports reduced
- Speedy trial for the killer of Yahr mosque children killer
- Zandani retracts from his Fatwa on "Friends Marriage"
- Aden governor asks the cabinet to quickly solve the issue of 500 employees at the branch of the sea transport establishment
- Active investment movement in the governorate of Hadramout

Columnist Dr Abdulaziz al-Maqaleh says he feels pity for the good writers who are talking about anything that was called the "Arab Order". They therefore are trying hard to breathe life in it since the mid of the seventies.

The Arab order was existent even though in its minimum degree and its effect internationally was very evident to an extent making the Israeli entity similar to the racist regime in South Africa and made Zionism equal to racism and Nazism. But the post-Camp David a big loophole had been opened in the wall of the Arab order and that gap continued to get larger and larger till it has almost devoured the entire wall. Since then the Arab have kept asking what has remained of the Arab order? The answer comes painfully disastrous; nothing. Now after the occupation of Iraq under the very nose of the regimes that possess armies and

thrones, and the consequences of that humiliating occupation against the nation and history, the talk about an Arab order a kind of scoffing at the reason and ridiculing what remained with the Arab citizen of understanding.

Hence those who want to breathe life in this futile thing have to stop in their useless attempts and look for another way to awaken the nation from her slumber and fall, or more rather from her defeat that modern history has not witnessed alike before.



Al-Ra'ie al-A'am weekly,
5 August 2003.

Main headlines:

- Salafi-Islah conflict over a mosque in Aden
- Yemeni government signed an agreement with Saudi businessman Baqshan for fishing in the Arab Sea and Socotra for 25 years
- The president nominated to win International Understanding prize
- Iraqis living in Yemen appeal to president Saleh granting them Yemeni nationality even temporarily

The political editor of the newspaper criticizes the Iranian government for its dangerous step characterized by hastiness if not reckless towards the so-called the transitional council for rule in Iraq by recognizing it and its legitimacy. He says it implicitly means the recognition of the legitimacy of the American occupation of Iraq and the sectarian frames and modes the American imposed in Iraq in a prelude to staying in it permanently. The editor says we blame Iran for its reckless step regarding the American-British occupation of Iraq comes because Iran is an axial regional regime in the area and its step could be followed by similar steps in the region in race for recognizing Iraq's Karzais.

It was hoped that Iran would have pressed a little before the recognition of the existing American framework in Iraq towards defining a time ceiling by the occupation leaders to leave Iraq, as the latter is a sisterly country for Iran and the countries and peoples of the Arab homeland in general. The occupation would not stop at the boundaries of Iraq or the Arab Gulf but would go beyond that and Iran would be the more probable major victim as it is the second station leg among the axis of evil countries on the agenda of the extremist right ruling in the American White House. It seems the speed of the conflict of interests between the Iranian reformists and the hardliner revolutionary trend has speeded up the decision by the declaration of recognition of the legitimacy of the transitional rule announced by the Americans in Baghdad.

World Press

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

Egypt

Al Ahram

Egyptian Prime Minister Atef Obeid will chair several meetings this week to discuss a number of economic issues, including measures to control foodstuff prices and upgrade of pharmaceutical exports.

Akhbar Al Youm

Tax revenues for Egypt's current year hit 26 billion Egyptian pounds (4.23 billion US dollars), an increase of 2 billion pounds (325 million dollars) as compared with the previous year.

Al Gomhuria

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak will receive Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah Ibn Abdul Aziz on Sunday to discuss the latest developments in the Arab world.

Egyptian Mail

Arab League Secretary-General Amr Moussa has urged the Arab business community to actively participate in the first US-Arab economic forum which is due to be held in Detroit, Michigan on September 28-30.

Britain

The Times

Six Britons convicted over a bombing campaign had to write a letter of apology to Saudi Arabia as part of deal that allowed them to fly home Friday. Two balked at the demand but pressure was put on them to take part in "a face-saving exercise" to end the three-year saga.

The Guardian

The families of those killed by the Omagh bomb received a huge boost

France

Parisien

Record temperatures were registered in French hospitals. The situation was alerting because certain hospitals experienced grave difficulties in receiving patients under the persisting exceptional heatwave.

Le Monde

The terrorism hit Iraq 100 days after the war. The car bomb blast killed 11

Friday when the British government announced that it would give them the remaining 800,000 pounds (about 1.28 million US Dollars) they need to sue the five men they believe masterminded the atrocity.

Financial Times

Hopes that big-spending American tourists might be starting to pour back into Britain following the end of the Iraq war and the resolution of the SARS crisis were dashed Friday.

and injured 65 outside the Jordanian embassy in Baghdad on Thursday, marking the bloodiest attack against the post-war regime in Iraq. A lasting insecurity witnessed the failure of efforts at normalization of situation.

L'Humanite

Tens of thousands joined the rally starting Friday on the plateau of Larzac in southern France to show their protest against the capitalist globalization.

India

The Hindustan Times

An as yet unpublished study by the All India Coordinated Research Project on Pesticides shows that 63.5 percent of 529 vegetable samples tested had pesticide residues.

The Times of India

Indian Prime Minister A.B. Vajpayee on Friday directed the authorities concerned to release a 13-year-old Pakistani boy from a juvenile center in Rajasthan and ensure his safe return to his parents in Islamabad.

The Hindu

At least 41 persons, mostly laborers, were feared killed and 15 injured in flash floods caused by a cloudburst near Solang in Kullu district of Himachal Pradesh on Thursday night, official sources said Friday.

Pakistan

The News

Pakistani Foreign Secretary Riaz Khokhar said Friday that it is India's attitude that is delaying the resumption of Indo-Pak talks, otherwise Pakistan has done a lot to expedite the process.

Dawn

Pakistan on Friday asked the World Bank to increase its annual funding from 600 million US dollars to one billion dollars to finance its three strategic areas such as water and power, roads and human development.

The Nation

Share prices made another historic rally Friday at the Karachi Stock Exchange. The volumes touched a new high while the index which was 2,800 points four months ago reached an all time high crossing 4,300 psychological barrier.

Philippines

Manila Bulletin

The presidential palace said Friday that the state of rebellion declared by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo on July 27 will be lifted in a short time, sooner than many people think.

The Philippine Star

Former President Fidel Ramos said Friday that President Arroyo would be the strongest candidate in next year's presidential elections, saying her peaceful resolution of the July 27 mutiny gave her "the moral high ground" necessary to run for another term.

Philippine Daily Inquirer

Officials said Friday that charges of rebellion and illegal possession of firearms were filed on Friday against Laarni Enriquez, jailed former President Joseph Estrada's mistress, for her alleged involvement in the July 27 mutiny staged by junior military officers and enlisted men.

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I. What to Say

Situations and Expressions (55):
Emotional Reactions V

Emotional reactions are intensely personal. So they are out and out subjective. They reflect the speaker's relationship vis-a-vis his/her environment. They convey the speaker's experience from his/her own perspective, as the following expressions would serve to indicate.

- It is **enlivening** (making people more active, spirited, or cheerful) to notice that you are relentlessly in pursuit of excellence.
- It is **refreshing** (pleasantly new and interesting) to meet some one like you.
- All my efforts to build a bridge of understanding were **painfully rebuffed** (rough or cruel answer).
- With the dismal economic scenario, there is no room for **complacency** (a feeling of quiet pleasure, contentment or satisfaction).
- He gave me a **left-handed compliment** (negative expression of admiration, or respect).
- Her **obstinate** dealings make me feel that **success has gone to her head**.
- I was **suffocated** (choked) with rage at his acts of insubordination.
- He **sulked** (showed lasting annoyance by refusing to talk) when someone tried to have a dig at him.
- The strange stories **gripped** (attracted and held someone's attention) the young children.
- I was **absorbed** (engrossed) in the TV serial and did not notice you enter the room.
- He has an **enigmatic** (very hard to understand) personality.
- Imagine my **bewilderment** when he said he doesn't know me.
- I feel **rattled** (nervous, anxious) when I am in a bank.
- We were **enraptured** (filled with great joy or delight) to see the beautiful scenic beauty of Mahweet.
- The lecture was intellectually **stimulating** (exciting), emotionally **enriching** and spiritually **elevating**.
- The act of massacre of innocent people is **petrifying** (filling the mind with shock and fear).
- The trend of increasing violence is most **perturbing** (causing worry).
- I am **perplexed** (confused and troubled) to notice the wide spread incidence of malpractice in exams at all levels.

II. How to Say it Correctly

Correct errors, if any, in the following sentences

- She is being tall.
- The building is looking very old.
- Aisha cleaned the house now.
- We are students, don't we?
- Everybody is ready now, isn't it?

Suggested answers to last week's questions

- She has a little money.
Note: 'money' is an uncount noun.
- I go to school to study.
Note: The definite article 'the' is used before 'school' to indicate a visit, not to mean going there for study.
- My friend works in the Ministry of Education.
- Who built the Taj Mahal.
Note: Article the is used before organizations and famous monuments.
- It is a good sheet of paper to write on.

III. Increase your Word Power

A) How to express it in one word

- Something that makes a person weak.
- A woman who has made her first public appearance.
- Marked by a fall to a lower level from a higher level.
- A competition in out-of-door games consisting of 10 separate events.
- The quality of being dishonest.

Suggested answers to last week's questions

- Something that may be very dangerous to life: **death trap** (n)
- A written official order to kill someone: **death warrant** (n)
- A conscious or unconscious desire for the death of oneself: **death wish** (n)
- To lower in quality or in the opinion of others: **debase** (vt)
- A meeting where an argument or a question is talked about by at least two people, each expressing a different opinion: **debate** (n)

B) Foreign Phrases

Give the sources of origin and simple meanings of the following phrases

- heteroglossia; 2. holograph 3. holophrasis; 4. homograph 5. homonym

Suggested answers to last week's questions

- festschrift** (German 'celebration writing'): A collection of articles compiled in honor of a distinguished scholar or writer.
- genre** (Fr. 'a literary type or class'): Some of the literary genres are poetry, drama, novel, etc.
- ghazel** (Arabic 'love making'): A love song or love poem.
- grotesque** (derived from Italian 'grotte'): Strange and unnatural so as to cause fear or be laughable.
- hamartia** (Gk 'error'): An error of judgment arising from ignorance or some moral fault.

C) Words Commonly Confused

Bring out the meaning differences in the following pairs of words.

- announce, declare; 2. disclose, proclaim 3. weak, week 4. same, similar, identical; 5. hope, wish; 6. familiar, familial

Suggested answers to last week's questions

- national** (adj) (concerning a nation): Yemen Times is Yemen's national newspaper in English.
notional (adj) (existing only in the mind, abstract or theoretical): I have given the article a notional price for the purpose of calculation.
- data** (n) (pl of Lat. 'datum' meaning facts or things): He has gone on field study to collect data for his research.
date (n) (statement of the time): What is the date today?
- respectable** (adj) (deserving respect): He is a respectable citizen.
respectful (adj) (showing respect): The nation pays respectful homage to the martyrs of freedom.
- sensual** (adj) (given up to the pleasures of the senses): He is leading a sensual life.
sensuous (adj) (appealing to the senses): We love sensuous music.
- trail** (n) (series of marks left behind): The vehicle left a trail of smoke.
trial (n) (examination in a court of law): The accused is standing trial for murder.

D) Idioms and Phrases

Use the following phrases in sentences

- anything but 2. if any 3. by any means 4. in any case 5. any number of

Suggested answers to last week's questions

- apparent** to (easily seen or understood): His anxiety was apparent to everyone present there.
- apart from** (aside from, besides): Apart from being a good student, he is also an excellent artist.
- if anywhere** (or else no where at all): You'll find it in Tahrir square, if anywhere.
- like anything** (used to add force to a verb): He labored like anything to pass the exam.
- if anything** (if there is any difference): If anything, my new house is much more comfortable than the old one.

IV. Grammar and Composition

A) Grammar

Rewrite the following sentences without changing the meaning

- Could I come and stay for a few days?**
Would it be
- Do you mind me phoning my brother?**
Is it
- Can I make myself a cup of tea?**
Do you mind if
- Could I have a bath now?**
Would you mind if
- Can I turn on the TV?**
Do you mind if I
- Would it be possible for me to take the car?**
Would it be alright if
- Could I invite a few friends over?**
Would you mind if
- Can I read one of your books?**
Is it
- Would it be possible for a few of my friends to stay?**
Would you mind if

Suggested answers to last week's questions

- A person who makes bread: **baker**
- An expert in chemistry: **chemist**
- Plays the violin: **violinist**
- Teaches: **teacher**
- Advices people on legal matters: **lawyer, advocate**
- Plays a musical instrument: **musician, instrumentalist**
- Goes up in a spacecraft: **cosmonaut**
- Prepare meals for a living: **cook**
- Designs buildings: **architect**
- flies an airplane: **pilot**
- Looks after the sick: **nurse**

B) Composition: Paragraph Writing

Expand the idea contained in the proverb:

29: FOOLS RUSH IN WHERE ANGELS FEAR TO TREAD

Last week's topic

28. IT IS BETTER TO LIGHT A CANDLE THAN TO CURSE THE DARKNESS

The world is full of imperfections. There are evils and hardships all around us, such as poverty, disease, social and economic exploitation, injustice and cruelty, deception, war and bloodshed. Any sensitive person would be filled with shock, horror, dismay and grief at the ugly turn of events and criticize the awful state of affairs. But, it is not criticism, but constructive and concerted effort that may help to alleviate some of the ills the world is suffering from. Expression of anger or dissatisfaction cannot dispel the darkness but lighting a candle can. Similarly rather than helplessly ventilating our sense of disgust, we should unleash action at our level to remedy the situation. One may not be able to remove all the problems, but one small step in that direction would mean a substantial help to make the world a better place. As the poet says, "In short measures life may perfect be." It is people endowed with a constructive mind and a positive attitude who can redeem the suffering mankind from the quagmire of torture and, eventually, inspire others to serve the humanity as best as they can without being frightened by the horrendous proportions of the problems.

V. Pearls from the Holy Quran

"If Allah helps you,
None can overcome you;
If He forsakes you,
Who is there, after that,
That can help you?
In Allah, then,
Let Believers put their trust."
S3: A160

VI. Words of Wisdom

"More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of"
—Tennyson

A LETTER TO THE TEACHERS OF ENGLISH: 21

Reading aloud and reading silently in the class



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Dear Fellow teachers,

I wrote in my last letter about silent reading and why we should pay attention to the development of it from the early classes. You will agree that silent reading is more important than reading aloud because it is the matured way of reading and helps us throughout our lives. It does not mean that reading aloud or oral reading is not important; it has its place in the classroom. Most of the reading in the beginning classes is oral reading, but silent reading should not be neglected because it is difficult to practice. When you start teaching reading, read aloud the words, phrases and sentences clearly, as many times as your learners need. Reading aloud helps us to fix the spoken form of English in the learners' minds; therefore, your reading should be as acceptable as possible. Remember, I'm not asking you to pronounce the words and sentences like a native speaker of English; if you can develop this skill through practice, it is well and good, but if you can't, try to be good and acceptable. I've seen some teachers putting on an artificial pronunciation and being incomprehensible; they are most of the time laughing stocks!

Oral reading trains the learners in pronunciation, so you should give them enough opportunities to read aloud in the classroom and correct their pronunciation mistakes then and there. They can read off the books or blackboard; you can also bring some aids like a poster, an advertisement, a notice, and a handbill and ask the learners to read it aloud. It will be more useful if you ask them to read it silently for a few seconds and ask them what it is about before they read

it aloud. In higher classes, the learners may be asked to read a paragraph here and another paragraph there from the lesson. I am not personally in favour of the learners reading aloud the whole lesson, because at that stage, it does not have any benefit except keeping them awake. Some of us use reading aloud to keep the learners 'engaged', but this does not engage their minds at all. So, in higher classes, reading aloud should be used sparingly for a definite purpose such as checking the pronunciation or to bring back the attention of a student who is 'lost' etc.

Silent reading trains them in understanding what they read. In addition to the lessons in the textbooks, reading materials such as newspaper cuttings with interesting news, advertisements, comics and stories from other books (may be translated by you from Arabic) can be used for reading silently in the higher classes. Don't forget, silent reading is complete only with checking the understanding of the learners with a few questions or activities, some of which have been mentioned in my last letter. I am aware that making the learners read silently is rather an uphill task (even in college classes), but once they have developed the skill of reading silently, they are going to benefit from it all their lives, in their higher studies or in their jobs. I have also suggested the use of Arabic texts for silent reading now and then in English classes; I'm serious. The Arabic texts you choose should be a bit more difficult for the learners and these texts should be used occasionally. Let me repeat, the success of silent reading, whether the passage is in English or Arabic, depends on how good and challenging your questions are. I will write more about asking questions in later letters. Try to develop the habit of reading in your learners and give them a useful prop for them for the future. Good luck.

Yours fraternally
Dr. M.N.K. Bose

Computer Programming Languages (part 3)



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Pascal was designed in a very orderly approach. It combined many of the best features of the languages in use at the time, COBOL, FORTRAN, and ALGOL. While doing so, many of the irregularities and oddball statements of these languages were cleaned up, which helped it gain users (Bergin, 100-101). The combination of features, input/output and solid mathematical features made it a highly successful language. Pascal also improved the 'pointer' data type, a very powerful feature of any language that implements it. It also added a CASE statement that allowed instructions to branch like a tree in the following manner:

CASE expression OF
possible-expression-value-1:
statements to execute...
possible-expression-value-2:
statements to execute...
END

Pascal also helped the development of dynamic variables, which could be created while a program was being run, through the new and dispose commands. However, Pascal did not implement dynamic arrays, or groups of variables, which proved to be needed and led to its downfall (Bergin, 101, 102). Wirth later created a successor to Pascal, Modula-2, but by the time it appeared, C was gaining popularity and users at a rapid pace.

C was developed in 1972 by Dennis Ritchie while working at Bell Labs in New Jersey. The transition in usage

from the first major languages to the major languages of today occurred with the transition between Pascal and C. Its direct ancestors are B and BCPL, but its similarities to Pascal are quite obvious. All of the features of Pascal, including the new ones such as the CASE statement are available in C. C uses pointers extensively and was built to be fast and powerful at the expense of being hard to read. But because it fixed most of the mistakes Pascal had, it won over former-Pascal users quite rapidly.

Ritchie developed C for the new Unix system being created at the same time. Because of this, C and Unix go hand in hand. Unix gives C such advanced features as dynamic variables, multitasking, interrupt handling, forking, and strong, low-level, input-output. Because of this, C is very commonly used to program operating systems such as Unix, Windows, the MacOS, and Linux.

In the late 1970's and early 1980's, a new programming method was developed. It was known as Object Oriented Programming, or OOP. Objects are pieces of data that can be packaged and manipulated by the programmer. Bjarne Stroustrup liked this method and developed extensions to C known as "C with Classes". This set of extensions developed into the full-feature language C++, which was released in 1983.

C++ was designed to organize the raw power of C using OOP, but maintained the speed of C and was able to run on many different types of computers. C++ is most often used in simulations, such as games. C++ provides an elegant way to track and manipulate hundreds of instances of people in elevators, or armies filled with different types of soldiers. It is the language of choice in today's AP Computer Science courses.

To be continued next week

WONDERWORD

by DAVID OUELLET

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

CLUES

Accessories	Colored	Handbag	Pigs	Stretch
Alligator	Cost	Harness	Preserved	Strips
Alum	Cover	Hats	Price	Strong
Band	Cowhide	Kids	Purse	Style
Bear	Craft	Lace	Quality	Supple
Belt	Crest	Lamb	Recliner	Tack
Binding	Dark	Last	Ruin	Tanned
Boar	Deer	Layer	Sales	Texture
Boots	Design	Lizard	Seats	Thickness
Boutique	Dyed	Mend	Shades	Tool
Bridle	Elks	Model	Shoes	Type
Buffalo	Fabric	Morocco	Size	Uses
Buttons	Fiber	Natural	Skin	Wallet
Care	Fits	Ostrich	Skirts	Warm
Chair	Form	Pack	Skiver	Wash
Chamois	Glossy	Painted	Sofa	Wears
Chic	Glove	Pants	Soft	
Clothing	Goat	Patent	Soles	
Coat	Goods	Piece	Species	
Collection	Grained	Pigment	Stamped	

ANSWER NEXT WEEK

Last Week's Answer: Thumps

LEATHER

Solution: 8 letters

P	B	A	N	D	S	P	T	H	I	C	K	N	E	S	S	C	W	M	C
I	R	R	G	G	U	M	S	S	E	N	R	A	H	E	H	L	R	R	A
G	S	E	I	R	O	S	S	E	C	C	A	L	L	I	G	A	T	O	R
M	C	P	S	D	S	Y	E	A	S	O	D	A	C	U	T	S	S	F	E
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Schuettler turns tables on Agassi

BY CHARLES GRANDMONT

MONTREAL (Reuters) - German eighth seed Rainer Schuettler has battled to a revenge win over Andre Agassi, rallying from a set down to beat the world number one 2-6 6-2 6-3 in the quarter-finals of the Montreal Masters.

Schuettler was joined in the semi-finals by Roger Federer and Andy Roddick, who earlier recorded straight-set victories to set up an intriguing match between two of the sport's most popular young players.

In a rematch of the Australian Open final, Schuettler was able to turn the tables on Agassi and resisted the American's baseline assaults with brilliant cross-court passing shots.

After a poor opening set, Schuettler picked up his game in the second to take his first ever set off Agassi for the loss of just two games.

Inspired by his success, the 27-year-old German sent Agassi scurrying around the court in the third set, which he closed out for an upset victory.

"He made some mistakes but I think I played very well," Schuettler said.

Agassi had crushed Schuettler in three quick sets in their last meeting in Australia to claim his eighth grand slam title, but he felt powerless on Friday.

"He just got the better of me, he made me miss a few shots and then stepped up on the big points," Agassi said.

The 33 year-old American will skip the Cincinnati Masters next week as he rests ahead of the U.S. Open later this month.

Faultless federer

Federer breezed past doubles part-



Rainer Schuettler of Germany celebrates after winning his quarterfinal match against Andre Agassi of the U.S., at the Tennis Masters Canada Series in Montreal, on Friday. REUTERS/Shawn Best

ner Max Mirnyi 6-2 7-6 to set up a Wimbledon rematch against Roddick.

The third seeded Swiss played a faultless match against his Belarussian opponent, who never came close to breaking the Wimbledon champion's serve.

To mark his 22nd birthday, Federer received a racket-shaped cake from the tournament organisers after notching his 57th win of the season, the most on the men's circuit.

The Swiss is poised to become the new leader of the ATP Champions Race after second seed Juan Carlos Ferrero lost in the third round against Karol Kucera.

However, the world number 41-ranked Slovakian's run came to end

against sixth seed Roddick 7-6 6-3.

Roddick was expecting a tough match against the 29 year-old Kucera, but the 20 year-old American had little trouble advancing to his fifth consecutive semi-final.

The match-up against Federer will be a daunting one for Roddick, who has yet to beat the Swiss player in their four previous meetings.

"He's played better than anyone else over the past couple of months, so I'll have my work cut out and need to step up a level from today if I'm going to win," Roddick said.

Schuettler awaits the winner of the night quarter-final match between Argentina's David Nalbandian and Spain's Feliciano Lopez.

Roma accuse regulator as 'forgery' row widens

BY ROBERTO LANDUCCI

ROME, Aug 8 (Reuters) - Serie A club AS Roma on Friday pointed the finger at Italian soccer's financial regulator as the row over suspected forged financial documents widened.

Roma, along with three other clubs, are under investigation after

they presented what appeared to be forged bank guarantees as part of their registration process for the new season.

All Italian clubs have to present evidence of sound finances to Covisoc, the sport's financial regulator, before their registration for the season is approved.

The clubs provided documents from a small company Sbc who have since denied giving a guarantee.

A former employee of the company says her signature was forged on the document.

Roma's director of sport, Franco Baldini, told a news conference that the club only turned to Sbc on the

advice of Covisoc, after their initial application for next season was rejected.

"We had little time and Covisoc penned us into a corner at the moment when we put forward our plan of guarantees," said Baldini.

The Roma official said his club were unaware of Sbc until Covisoc's

suggestion.

"They were not in our phone book," said Baldini, "They were indicated to us by the highest organ of control in Italian football and so it never entered our heads to control the controllers," he added.

"Roma are the injured party in this case and we will do everything we

can," said Baldini who added that Roma were ready to present fresh guarantees as soon as the Football Federation asked for them.

The public prosecutor of Rome has launched an investigation into the affair which also involves Serie B club Napoli and Serie C teams Cosenza and Spal.

7-Day Weather Forecast

		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Sana'a	Hi	26	26	27	27	27	26	27
	Lo	9	10	11	11	11	10	10
Aden	Hi	37	39	39	38	38	34	36
	Lo	26	27	26	26	26	25	25



THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

BY Eugenia

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19)
Get involved in a cause you believe in. Your contributions will bring you respect and popularity among your peers.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20)
This isn't the best day to begin something new. Don't make alterations to what you've done in the past just yet. You may have to consider weeding out some of the projects and people in your life.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)
Have serious talks with close friends and family. You can make others understand your concerns. Something new will stimulate you both mentally and physically.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)
Observe rather than get involved in interesting financial deals. Not everything will be as it appears. Deception is probable.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 22)
Don't jump to conclusions or point your finger without having all the facts. You will probably not be reading the situation properly. Don't be too vocal.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)
You can get ahead if you concentrate on a project that requires your attention. You will have a practical outlook and the more straightforward you are, the easier it will be to accomplish.

Libra (Sept 23 - Oct 22)
Open your heart and your mind to other people's ideas and philosophies and you will find a workable solution for yourself. Being social will also spark creativity in you.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
This could turn into a very difficult day for you emotionally if you let your imagination wander. Focus on creative endeavors and you will feel much better.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
Talking will get you everything you want today. You'll inspire those you meet and you will be extremely persuasive if you want someone to help you out.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
Your creative talents will surface in response to situations at work. Consider what you do every day and what you would really like to be doing. Change may be necessary.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)
You may not be getting the gist of the situation going on around you at a personal level. Romantic opportunities may not be as they appear. Build on friendship instead.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)
If you don't believe what you are hearing, ask questions. Insincere gestures of friendliness may confuse you. Don't spend time with people you can't trust.

E-Mail brings together flash mob at NY toy Store

NEW YORK (Reuters) - It's become a case of mob rule in New York. A growing flash mob craze — when crowds organized by e-mail turn up in unexpected places — brought a mob late on Thursday to the flagship Times Square store of Toys "R" Us, where a giant dinosaur roars menacingly at customers.

The mob of some 300 people gazed at the dinosaur, as if transfixed, then fell to the floor screaming and waving their hands in the air. As store staff hurried to call security, the mob dispersed as quickly as it gathered. The flash mob was the sixth in New York and the latest in a string that has popped up around the globe. Organized by e-mail, recipients are invited to arrive at a certain place, at a certain time, and receive instructions for a particular mobbing event.

On Thursday evening in London, Britain's first flash mob — a crowd of more than 200 people — marched to a furniture store selling sofas with instructions to make mobile phone calls in which they praised the merchandise.

The New York-based Mob Project started in June with a man named Bill who sent an e-mail to some friends. Since then, it has spread across the nation and to many cities in Europe.

Europe's first flash mob hit Rome last month when a group gathered at a bookshop and peppered staff with queries about nonexistent books.

At Toys "R" Us in New York, Maria Peters, a tourist from Texas, said: "They just picked me up off the street and gave me directions. "It was just like a big mind game,"

she said.

Other New York sites that have been mobbed are Central Park, where the crowd tweeted like birds and crowded like roosters, and a Hyatt Hotel, where the mob burst into applause.

Organizers like to remain anonymous but say the fun of the flash mob is its absurdist, inexplicable nature. However the flash mob could just be a flash in the pan, they say.

A man who seemed suspiciously like an organizer and gave an obviously false name said after the Toys "R" Us event: "Unfortunately all the media coverage, it's going to just destroy the cachet sooner or later.

"You can imagine that the next one or two ... people are not going to think it's cool, it's not really a happening, it's a media event," he said.



Participants in the growing flash mob craze gaze at the roaring dinosaur in the Toys 'R' Us Times Square store in New York, late August 7. The flash mob was the latest in a string that has popped up around the globe as part of the Mob Project, a Web-enabled movement in which a group of people all show up at a place at an assigned time, act out a loose script, and then take off. Reuters

Rare Japanese bird spotted on Chicago lakefront

CHICAGO (Reuters) - Chicago had an unexpected visitor this week, when bird watchers on the city's lakefront spotted a rare black-tailed gull believed to have begun its journey in Japan.

The bird was spotted shortly after

dawn on Friday on a city beach overlooking Lake Michigan, the Chicago Tribune reported on Saturday. By 1 p.m. local time, birders from as far away as southern Illinois had gathered to get a glimpse of the rare gull.

Black-tailed gulls, native to Japan

and Siberia, have been spotted in New England and on the Aleutian Islands in Alaska. Experts cited by the newspaper believe recent sightings mark the first time the species has been seen in the Great Lakes region.

They speculated the bird either flew from Japan or caught a ride on a freighter. The gull was first spotted in Racine, Wisconsin on June 12.

Black-tailed gulls are roughly the same size as common ring-billed gulls seen on Chicago's lakeshore, but they have darker mantles, black tails, and red-tipped beaks, the newspaper said.

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By YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Sana'a, August 9 – Massive floods have overwhelmed Sana'a City and other areas in the country last week as heavy rainfall continued for several days running. Several people were reported killed because of floods and lightning during devastating rainstorms.

Police sources declared that at least three men were killed when lightning struck their home in northern Sana'a. Houses in central Sana'a were inundated by rain water rushing down from the hills. People in the area fired shots into the air as distress calls.

This is besides the 10 people killed in July due to torrential rains,

and six others died in June in the country.

This comes after many houses collapsed because of the seasonal rains, which also caused tremendous damage to roads, leading to a number of traffic accidents of various degrees.

This year's heavy rainfalls have come in a bad time for the efforts of the municipality and capital secretariat as projects including digging tunnels and paving roads have been disrupted and delayed.

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