

*Hodeidah businessmen angered by unjustified attack of security forces:*

## Assault condemned

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Hodeidah, August 12 - The Hodeidah Businessmen and Merchants Association released a strong condemnation letter on Saturday denouncing the latest attack of security forces against the family of the association's vice chairman Haj Yousuf Abdulwadood at midnight on August 10 in Hodeidah City.

A group of armed men wearing military uniform had attacked the family of Haj Yousuf during a wedding ceremony of Yousuf's sons. "Those assaulters broke into the house with their weapons and sticks and turned the joyful wedding into misery... This is a serious human rights violation" the statement said.

"The house was full with women and children and those armed men attacked everyone who tried to stop them resulting in severe injuries to members of the family, who were taken to the hospital and are still in critical conditions."

According to eyewitnesses, women started screaming and children crying when those armed gangs came into the house. "As if it was not enough, those

supposedly security men started beating up whoever helps the victims reach the hospital, and they even beat those who visited the injured at the hospital, as some of the visitors were also arrested." the statement added.

"We call upon all local and supreme authorities to immediately interfere and investigate this horrible incident and punish those responsible and whoever incited or stood by them."

"Such brutal activities ruin our image and hamper efforts to support development and promote investment... We demand a swift compensation for the assaulted family."

"This is the first ever time that such a cruel act is carried out by seemingly security forces. I do not believe that those security forces are on duty. They may be gangsters wearing official uniform. This is more like the act of highwaymen who have no ethics or morals." said one of the family members.

It is noteworthy that no such incidents took place in the city of Hodeidah in a long time. The city is considered to be among the safest in the country, and residents have expressed dismay and anger for bringing bad reputation to it in such a fashion.



Pictures of the wounded men following the attack showing the brutality of the assaulters. A statement released by the businessmen association denounced the attack and considered it a serious human rights violation.

*After being in jail for 9 months without trial:*

## Al-Jailani faces renewed accusations

By News Services

A Yemeni living in the USA, Ashraf Al-Jailani, 39, is scheduled to go before an immigration judge in the US this week to face renewed FBI accusations that he poses a threat to the public.

Despite the fact that Al-Jailani has been kept in prison for nine months, and denies he is linked to al-Qaida, he is expected to continue to be prisoner at the Berks County jail in Pennsylvania.

He is held without enough evidence to convict him, according to immigration Judge Walt Durling.

"They are playing such a dirty game, throwing dirt at him and trying anything to make it stick," said Farhad Sethna, the lawyer representing Al-Jailani. "They don't charge him, they don't interview him, and he's not even a material witness in any of their other cases."

Meanwhile, a Portage County

juvenile court hearing to decide placement of his three children — who have been in foster care since June 3 when their mother was hospitalized for depression — is scheduled for Aug. 26 in Ravenna.

The children — ages 3, 4 and 6 — are living with a married couple in Portage County and attending day care.

This comes in a time Yemenis in exile openly declare that they are indeed facing more difficulties in the USA than any other time in the past.

"Whenever I tell them I am a Yemeni, they turn to me with looks that accuse me of being a terrorist," said one of the Yemenis who just returned from the USA after a one-year stay.

This case is one of many including Yemeni citizens living in the USA. Many have been accused of drug dealing, illegal businesses, links to al-Qaeda, money blundering, etc.

## Nasserite criticizes Yemen-US cooperation

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Sana'a, August 12 - The opposition Nasserite Unionist Party (NUP) condemned the Yemeni government's permission to the US to open up offices for F.B.I. in Sana'a.

In a press statement released last Sunday, the NUP considered such facilities and cooperation on part of the government with the US as a real infringement to Yemen's national sovereignty.

It pointed out that the mixing of Yemen's need to crack down on terrorism with the cooperation with the US is received with more public resentment nationwide. The statement stressed that all sorts of cooperation with the US including the opening of offices for F.B.I. to interrogate Yemeni citizens are not acceptable for this violates Yemen's sovereignty. It also said

that the way the government deals with terrorism is just a seasonal and selective propaganda far away from a clear vision to establish a state ruled by law and order.

The statement also lashed out at the performance of the government in the light of the prevalence of corruption, lack of security, poverty and a substantial backsliding in the living standard of majority of the people. It also criticized the work of the opposition coalition during election, urging for more solid cooperation between all opposition parties in the coalition.

*Studies reveal that depletion of underground water has reached critical levels, but nowadays it's a different story:*

## Water everywhere!

YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Sana'a, August 12 - Despite the fact that Yemen is suffering from severe water shortage, whoever looks at Sana'a these days would see something else. It is water, and water everywhere!

**Sana'a drowning?**

The floods in the capital and other areas in the country caused a lot of damage to roads, construction sites, and even ruined houses. But yet again, in those very houses, water is scarce and people are complaining.

"We see water everywhere we go, yet we do not find a drop coming out of the water tap. Isn't this strange enough?" asked one of the Yemeni citizens, who had to almost swim through the 'lake' to get to the other side of the street.

In the meantime, Yemen and Sana'a in particular are facing a potential water crisis ahead despite the fact that you can see water wherever you go. "Can't this water be utilized? Can't people benefit from it instead of letting it go in such a manner?" people ask.

**Severe water shortage**

In an interview to Yemen Times, Minister of Water and Environment describes the situation of water in Yemen as 'critical'. Yemen is facing a



Despite the heavy rain and floods in Sana'a, citizens of the city continue to suffer from severe water shortage. Shown is a picture of a devastated Sana'a neighborhood after last week's heavy rain. YT photo

very serious water shortage problem that could have long-term implications if not dealt with seriously. Some even go further by claiming that Yemen will definitely face a 'water catastrophe'

According to the minister, Dr. Mohammed al-Iryani, the estimated per capita availability of renewable water resources is only 150 cubic meters.

It represents 2% of the international average which is 6,500 cubic meters. The figure for the Middle East and North Africa region is 1,250 cubic meters per capita. He also revealed that the water shortages are reaching emergency levels in some areas. Furthermore, according to a 2001 government report, there are absolute

water shortages in Taiz and Sana'a. At the same time, water consumption continues to rise yearly, and now it is well above renewable water resources. Rainfall ranges between 50 and 200 millimeters in most of the areas, rising to 800 millimeters per annum in exceptional cases in some areas.

More on the water crisis on p14

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## SA Security delegation tours Aden

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ADEN\_ Chaired by the major general, Sultan Bin Aedh al-Harethi and the Director of the Anti-drug Public Department, the Saudi Arabia Security delegation arrived at the Aden International Airport on August 10.

The delegation was accompanied by the colonel, Fahd Bin Affash al-Atabi and the Director of the Relation Management & International Cooperation, the Colonel, Abdulaziz Mousa al-Mosi, the Internal Anti-drug Public Department.

The Saudi security delegation was received by the colonel staff, Mohammed Saleh Tareeq, the Aden Governorate Security Director and a host of the security units leaderships in the governorate.

On his part, the Aden Governorate Security Director talked about the Saudi-Yemeni security cooperation and its significance in fighting drugs.

In a statement to Yemen Times, the major general, Mr. al-Harethi said that the visit to Yemen was paid with a view of coordinating and cooperating



The Saudi security delegation during his recent visit to Aden

with the Yemeni security apparatus in the field of fighting drugs smuggling as well as activating the security agreements between the two countries.

Biannual meetings are to be held in the Saudi Arabia and the republic of Yemen.

The Saudi security delegation toured the Aden Terminal Containers as well

as the Aden cisterns.

The delegation was informed on history of security apparatus since the eruption of the Yemeni revolution in all its aspects till today.

Souvenir presents were exchanged between the colonel staff, Mohammed Saleh Tareeq and major general, Sultan Bin Aedh al-Harethi.

### French knight medal for literature & arts: -

## Highest honor to Dr. al-Maqaleh celebrated

BY YASER AL-MAYYASI  
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SANA'A\_ Dr. Abdulaziz al-Maqaleh, a great Yemeni critic and author was awarded the French knight medal for literature and arts by the French Embassy in Sana'a, August 10.

On his part, the French Ambassador to Yemen delivered a speech expressing his happiness of honoring Dr. al-Maqle, the Great Yemeni author and critic.

Dr. al-Maqaleh is a highly respected author and that France is much grateful for his copious literary contributions in all aspects.

Dr. al-Maqaleh has been and will be a supporter for the French cultural activities and its initiatives in the context of rights and justice in Yemen.

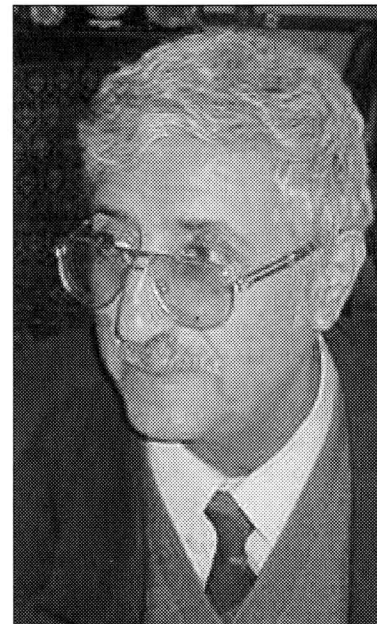
He has played a pivotal role in straightening the bilateral relations among the Yemeni and the French universities.

Dr. al-Maqaleh on his part expressed his happiness in such unforgettable moments considering the honoring ceremony as an honor for culture, creativity and the Yemeni authors.

He further stressed the great French influence on the Arab intellectuals in all Arab countries. "Cultural relations has to be established between the Arab and the French nation," Dr. al-Maqaleh remarked.

Dr. Abdelaziz al-Maqaleh has occupied several posts such as, the director of the Yemeni Center for Studies and Research, University of Sana'a.

He is a writer and a poet and the Cultural Affairs Adviser to the



Dr. Abdulaziz al-Maqaleh

President of the Republic.

He is also a Professor of Arts and Literature in the University of Sana'a, of which he was the Rector from 1982 until 2001.

He is a member of the Damascus and Cairo Academies of Arabic Language.

He has published numerous poems and essays on literature, among which: "The Alphabet of Soul (1998), The Village Book (2000)".

Dr. Abdulaziz al-Maqaleh was awarded the al-Shareqa Prize for Culture. Mr. al-Maqaleh ranked first of 37 candidates who were nominated for this prize. It is worth mentioning that this honoring prize is awarded to distinguished intellectual and creative activities taking place in Asia, which is administered by UNESCO.

### Readers' Voice

Yemen Times is reintroducing a popular feature "Readers' Voice" - formerly known as YT Opinion Poll.

This is your opportunity to have a say on world and local affairs.

#### THIS EDITION'S QUESTION:

**Do you think that the USA would deliver its promises to Yemen in terms of economic assistance?**

- Yes of course it will.
- Yes, but after some conditions are met.
- Yes, but after a long list of other countries.
- No, it will probably not.
- No, it will never.

#### LAST EDITION'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. 57%
- Taking into account Yemen's help in the war on 'terror' they may respond positively. 23%
- They would consider it but do little about it. 17%
- Something else would happen. 3%

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## Symposium on micro-enterprises wraps up

BY RIDHWAN AL-SAQAF  
ADEN BUREAU CHIEF

ADEN\_ Organized by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Aden Branch and Commerce and Industry Office, a symposium on small enterprises was concluded in Aden on August 11 at the Aden Hotel titled the Reality & Ambition.

The symposium was attended by Trade and industry minister, Dr. Khaled



Rajeh Shiekh and Mr. Ahmed al-Dhola'ee, the Deputy Assistant of the Aden Governorate and a host of others.

The symposium came up with the following recommendations:

- Preparing a given strategy to promote the small enterprises and studies should be conducted by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

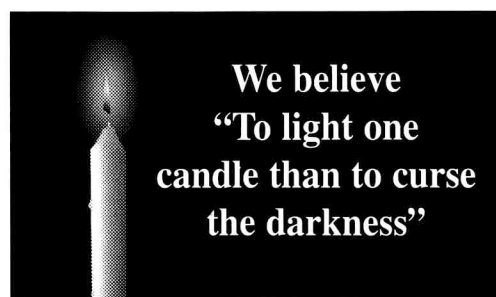
- The private sector also should be included in this regard in order to promote such industries.

- Mapping out loan policies concerning the establishment of small enterprises installations and giving permissions and repayment as well as approving simple interests in accordance with its possibilities.

- Completing the establishment of the bank of hope for the benefit of the poor.

During the closing symposium, the trade and Industry Minister spoke highly of the efforts exerted to make a success of the symposium.

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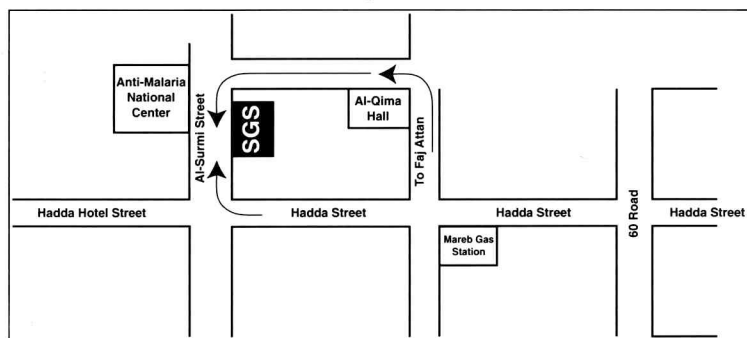


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#### PROGRAMME

- 0830 Hours - Flag Hoisting
- National anthem
- Reading of the President's Address
- Patriotic Songs / Cultural Events organized by the Indian Embassy School, Sana'a and Shabab band Sana'a.
- Refreshments

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## 600 years old coins discovered in Ibb

YEMEN TIMES STAFF

TAIZ\_ A number of farmers who were working in their farm terraces on the slope of al-Mansour mount near al-Akhmas area, al-Udain, discovered old pieces of coin in there.

Mr. Khalid al-Ansi general manager of museums and antiquities in Ibb said that when the discovery was made at Fir'e al-Udain district in Ibb many of the natives rushed into the place and picked the coins which were sold at a cheap price between 200-1000 YR at al-Hurya Market in Shar'ab. The coins were tested to be more than 660 years old, specifically dating back to al-Rasooli al-Afdhal king; al-Abbas bin al-Malik al-Mujahid Ali bin al-Malik Dawood era. He was the sixth king of al-Rasooliya kingdom and ruled for 14 years between 764-778 A.H.

Ironically the national museum in Ibb keeps only 4 coins of the discovered ones and those were gifted to the museum by one of the area's sheikhs, while it is said that many others are still scattered around the region with interested natives. Mr. al-Ansi said that they have instructed head of Ibb security to investigate the location of the rest of the coins and to trace buyers and keepers of the coins so as to collect them and keep them in the museum.

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## Storm kills 4 in Hadramaut

Four people were killed and one injured last Saturday in a strong sand storm that hit an oil field in Hadramaut, a local source said.

The tempest that stormed al-Masilah oil field killed four engineers and injured another. Four of them work for D.N.O. Company working with Canadian Nexen while the fifth works for the ministry of oil. Reliable sources at the US embassy told Yemen Times that there wasn't any American among the casualties of the incident.

Meanwhile, the heavy floods of rain during the last few days in Sana'a in particular caused serious damage to some streets of the capital as well as houses in the old city of Sana'a.

## Oil & minerals graduates demonstrate

SANA'A—The oil and minerals graduates protested on Tuesday in front of presidency headquarters because the minister of oil and minerals did not implement the President and the Prime Minister orders to tackle their situations and employment.

The demonstrators wondered the way the ministry dealt selectively with the orders. The ministry took specific group amounting to 60 students and left 150, the rest students.

Through meeting some demonstrators it was confirmed that there are students have graduated for 7 years and some of them have studied in abroad like Syria and Russia



## Training course on small enterprises started

By SALAH SALEH AHMED  
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

TAIZ\_ A special training course funded by the Social Fund for Development on planning and development of small and micro-enterprises of professional and handicraft societies was inaugurated on August 9.

Around 28 participants from 14 societies are taking part in the course

that extends till 25 August.

"The course aims basically at training the participants in order to prepare and conduct studies for promoting such enterprises and evaluating self-capabilities." Mrs. Raja Naser Ahmed, a female trainer at the Social Fund for Development remarked.

Mrs. Ahmed further noted that technical studies and production plans are to be conducted by participants. "The participants are to be

fully equipped with the necessary skills in the context of marketing aspects as well as their strategies," she said.

They are to be trained also on how to prepare accountancy system which aims at promoting the institutional structure as well as the societies' micro-enterprises.

It is to be mentioned here that this is the first training course held by the Social Fund for Development.

## Al-Takamul society activities

SANA'A\_ Al-Takamul Society for Development in Sana'a held Sunday at its main headquarters a ceremony on graduation of a group girl trainees on sewing and fashion designing.

The ceremony was held under auspices of deputy minister of Technical Education and Vocational Training Abdulwahab al-A'kil.

Mr. al-A'kil gave a speech at the ceremony praising this successful society in the field of rehabilitation of woman in a short span of time because of it qualified administration and perseverance. the deputy minister said the ministry would always support societies and organisations intent on success in their work.

Ms. Hana Shamsan, the head of the society told Yemen Times her society is a social charitable non-profitable one for women registered with the ministry of social affairs and labour. It has a partnership with the national program and offers charitable, social, educational, health and sport services. It also aims at making the society aware of the importance of its individuals in development and rising the level of environmental awareness and fighting pollution, but the main role is enhance and activate women role in the society and taking care of the family in all aspects.

Ms Shamsan has said the society organizes various courses on some vocations and professions useful for

women such as sewing, coiffure and computer training as well as handicrafts and embroidery and courses for learning English language and first aid.

Coordinator of training at the society Ms Lina al-Harazi confirmed to Yemen Times that trainees at the society acquire various practical skills and can depend on themselves in facing requirements and circumstances of life. The graduation ceremony was attended by a good number of guests and media.



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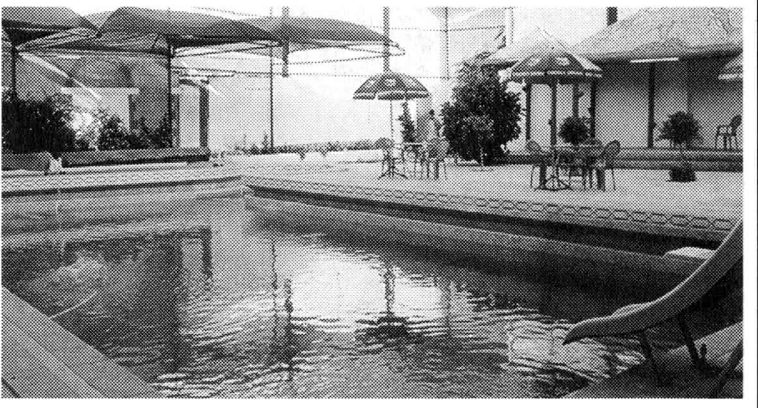
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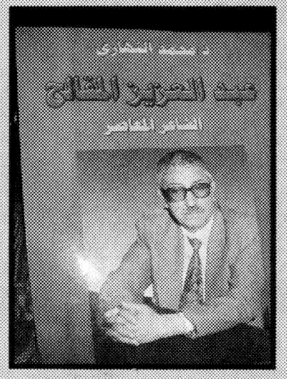
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## Book on Dr. Makaleh published

A new book titled "Abdulaziz al-Makaleh: the Contemporary Poet" has been published recently by the Book General Authority. The author, Dr. Mohammed Ahmad al-Nihary, professor of Arabic literature and criticism and head of Arabic Department at Faculty of Arts, Sana'a university, has contributed in his critical book to the study of the literary creation of Dr. Makaleh. The critic presents a critical study for some of the poems of the collection of "Abjadyat al-Rooh," the last poetry collection of al-Makaleh. Dr. al-Nihary is a prominent literary critic who studied criticism at hands of outstanding Arab literary critics in Egypt.



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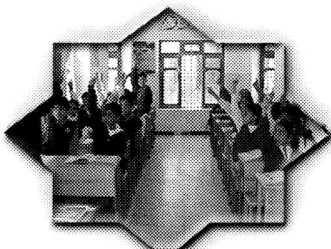
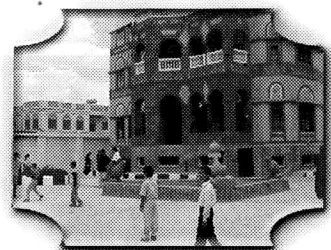
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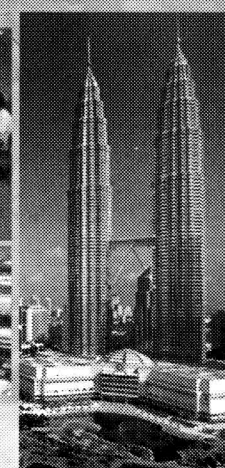
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# Towards streamlining university education

BY ISMAEL AL-GHABIRI  
YEMEN TIMES

**T**he talk of the university education in our country is in dire need of immediate solutions.

This manifests itself when ten thousands of Yemeni students are swarming at the universities' campuses for registering their names. This includes new university registrants or repeaters at all different levels.

Those students are eager to know all there is to know about the university education, but they are encountered with unknown future.

The important issue that has preoccupied the minds of the educationists and university experts is the issue of promoting the university education, updating its quality in accordance with the modern educational technology.

This manifests itself whether in public universities such as Sana'a and Aden universities or other private ones.

A great significance and consideration has to be attentively paid.

Prerequisite studies, plans and policies as well as future educational strategies should be mapped out.

Those policies shouldn't be restricted to a specific period of time.

The general educational policies should include the future along with present.

In order to ensure a permanent effi-



Students waiting for their turns to join university education

ciency of such policies with the aim of achieving the desired educational goals in accordance with the demands of the modern technology, the accountability therefore should be held by those who are capable of reconstructing and making tangible

results.

If all of us don't deny the role of the Yemeni universities, whether it is restricted to the students capacity along with the students who study abroad particularly the higher studies.

We can say that the reality of university education in our country has been totally lacking of a clear-cut educational philosophy and policies necessary to promote and update the university education.

The university education in our country has been still living in a state of random stumbling and away from the right oriented track.

All these have its negative consequences upon the reality of the university education in both future and present.

The educational objectives can not be attained unless there is well-studied educational policies.

This is because we are in need of the simplest scientific basics.

The absence of an educational philosophy will lead to an inevitable consequences and problems which is to rise at any time.

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# U.S. ends latest search in Iraq, no sign of Saddam

TIKRIT, Iraq, Aug 12 (Reuters) - U.S. forces ended a search of an isolated corner of Iraq on Tuesday after troops backed by helicopters and tanks seized large stockpiles of weapons but found no trace of fugitive dictator Saddam Hussein.

Operation Ivy Lightning, launched on Monday, was the latest effort by the U.S. 4th Infantry Division to hunt down pro-Saddam guerrillas blamed for a wave of attacks that has killed 56 American soldiers since the start of May.

The operation focused on remote villages around 130 km (80 miles) north of Baghdad, after intelligence reports suggested Saddam loyalists may have fled there to escape repeated raids around the deposed president's hometown of Tikrit.

Lieutenant Colonel William MacDonald of the 4th Infantry Division told reporters at his headquarters in one of Saddam's lavish former palaces in Tikrit that progress was being made in rounding up guerrillas and lower-level Saddam loyalists.

"We're not so focussed on one individual," he said.

"We're more resolved to go after mid-level leaders and foot soldiers because they are the ones recruiting and organising subversive activity against us."

U.S. officers said that of several people detained during Operation Ivy Lightning, all but two had been released.

Saddam remains on the run despite an intense U.S. manhunt and a \$25 million price on his head. His feared sons Uday and Qusay were killed last month in an American raid on their



Two Iraqi men hold a picture of former president Saddam Hussein as they shout anti-U.S. slogans in the town of Baquba, some 80kms north of Baghdad on August 12. Protesters, mostly former army personnel were marching in support of the toppled Iraqi dictator. U.S. forces ended a search of an isolated corner of Iraq on Tuesday after troops backed by helicopters and tanks seized large stockpiles of weapons but found no trace of fugitive dictator Saddam Hussein. REUTERS

hideout in the northern city of Mosul. U.S. officers in Tikrit said that in separate raids over the past day, 14 Saddam loyalists had been detained in the restive region north of Baghdad.

## ANGER SMOULDERS IN SOUTH

Violence against occupying troops has mainly been concentrated in Baghdad and in the Sunni Muslim areas of central and northern Iraq where support for Saddam is still widespread. But chronic shortages of power and fuel also sparked unrest in the Shi'ite south over the weekend.

At least two Iraqis and a Nepalese security guard were killed on Sunday in violence in the city of Basra, after locals enraged by a lack of electricity and petrol confronted British troops, threw rocks and blocked roads with burning tyres.

Unrest also affected the town of Safwan on the border with Kuwait. Kuwaiti authorities closed the border crossing for several hours on Sunday and again on Monday after cars and trucks belonging to Kuwaitis were

attacked by locals in Safwan.

British troops have been distributing petrol to gas stations in an effort to calm tensions in the region, but many locals remain angry that fuel is being rationed.

The U.S.-led administration blames the energy crisis in southern Iraq on sabotage of power lines and pipelines, rampant smuggling of oil products and the breakdown of decrepit equipment in power stations and refineries.

The main oil refinery in southern Iraq was forced to shut down on Sunday due to lack of electricity. But the ramshackle plant was started up again on Monday afternoon, the director of its engineering unit told Reuters.

"Yesterday after 2 p.m. (1000 GMT) the electricity returned. We began the start-up of the refinery process about an hour after that," Jamal Samman told Reuters at the refinery, which has a capacity of about 140,000 barrels per day.

"But we are still only in the early stages of start-up."

The problems in southern Iraq have

dealt another blow to Iraq's ability to produce and export oil — a key prerequisite for economic recovery in the war-scarred country.

## Palestinian PM cuts Gulf visit short after attacks

JERUSALEM, Aug 12 (Reuters) - Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas said he had cut short his Gulf visit on Tuesday in response to two suicide bombings after a period of relative calm in Palestinian attacks against Israelis.

Abbas told Reuters he condemned the bombings in central Israel and near the Jewish settlement of Ariel that killed two people.

But he also denounced the almost daily Israeli raids in Palestinian areas which he said provoked such actions.

"I am cutting my visit short and will be back home later in the day. I condemn the two attacks against Israelis and I also condemn the recurring Israeli provocations... but the Palestinian Authority will work hard to maintain the truce and quiet," Abbas said from Qatar.

He said Israeli attacks on Palestinians were not helping to create the climate necessary to maintain a three-month ceasefire announced by Palestinian militants on June 29.

Abbas, a moderate who took office in

April, had coaxed the groups into declaring a suspension of attacks.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for Tuesday's bombings, which threatened to derail the U.S.-backed "road map" to peace, already in trouble amid mutual recriminations.

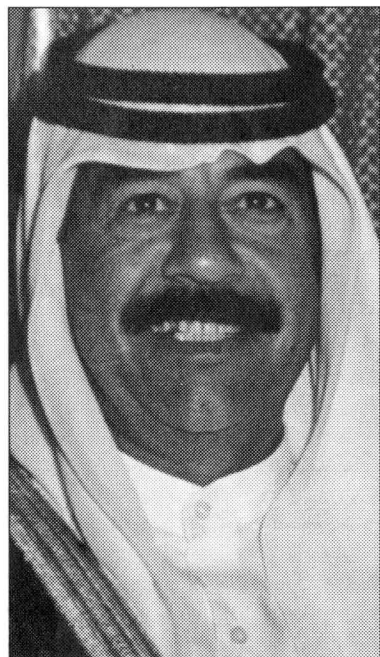
Leaders from the militant Hamas group, Islamic Jihad and the al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, an armed faction within President Yasser Arafat's Fatah group, blamed Israel for the violence but insisted they remained committed to the ceasefire.

Hamas and the Brigades had threatened to retaliate for Israeli raids in Jenin and Nablus last week. Israel has said it reserves the right to continue pursuing militants preparing attacks.

"I reiterate that the quiet and creating the necessary environment to make progress in the political track will be negatively affected by the Israeli attitude of carrying out recurrent attacks, which is in violation of the ceasefire and the road map," Abbas said.



An Israeli rescue worker looks at a body at the scene after a suicide bombing in a shopping mall in Rosh Ha'ayin August 12. A back-to-back suicide bombings in Israel and the West Bank killed two people and wounded several others on Tuesday, shattering a period of calm ushered in by a truce backing a new peace plan. REUTERS



The former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein smiles, dressed in an Iraqi national costume in an undated photo from the private archive of an official photographer for the regime.. REUTERS

# Morocco court acquits Briton after bombings

FEZ, Morocco, Aug 12 (Reuters) - A Moroccan court on Tuesday acquitted a Briton accused of criminal conspiracy after his arrest in a crackdown on radical Islamists following suicide bombings in Casablanca three months ago.

The judge found no evidence to link Anthony Perry Jensen to a criminal conspiracy in connection with the bombings on May 16, in which 44 people, including 12 suicide bombers, were killed.

But he sentenced Jensen, a 37-year-old Londoner and convert to Islam, to four months in jail for immorality in connection with his marriage to a 17-year-old girl, now pregnant, which prosecutors said did not meet legal requirements.

The sentence included time

already spent in detention since his arrest on June 9. On hearing the verdict, Jensen looked shocked but then slightly relieved when learning he would not have to remain another four months in prison.

He told the court he had not been aware that friends and associates in Fez, northern Morocco, where he bought a house, had radical Islamist views.

Moroccan authorities say the Casablanca bombings were carried out by members of a shadowy, ultra-conservative Islamist movement, the Salafist Jihad, with indirect links to al Qaeda.

A total of 643 people have been charged in connection with the bombings, the Moroccan justice minister said last week.

Jensen, who had been convicted of car theft in Britain, told the court he was blindfolded during his transfer from Casablanca airport to an unknown detention centre.

From his cell, he heard every night people shout apparently in pain. Local human rights groups have accused authorities of torturing suspected Islamic militants at a detention centre in Temara, near Rabat.

Another man, Abdellatif Merroun, 42, who holds dual Moroccan-British nationality, was still being held on Tuesday at Sale prison, close to Rabat.

He has yet to be brought before an examining magistrate to face formal charges, the Foreign Office in London said.

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## French, German atomic plants hit by heat but no cuts

PARIS, Aug 12 (Reuters) - French and German power companies insisted on Tuesday no blackouts were imminent in the current heatwave, which has forced the equivalent of four nuclear plants in France to be switched off due to cooling problems.

As consumers across Europe turn up air conditioners, fans and refrigerators to cope with scorching temperatures that have sparked forest fires and killed dozens of people in the past two weeks, the two countries on the continent most dependent on nuclear energy have chopped output sharply.

The heatwave has caused at least 50 deaths in recent days in Paris alone, emergency workers said, and one Paris mortuary said it had been full since Thursday. Five people have died in forest blazes still raging in parts of southern France.

"It's catastrophic. A lot of people are dying. We've never seen an August like it," emergency doctor Laurent Cazenove, his face shiny with perspiration, told TF1 TV from a Paris hospital.

Nuclear power operators have angered environmentalists by allowing plants to pump back hotter water into rivers than normally permitted after a cooling process essential to the reactors' operation.

"We've shut 4,000 megawatts of production capacity in the past few days, which is the equivalent of four nuclear plants," French power company EdF's chairman Francois Rousseley said.

He said EdF expected to avoid any blackouts, with cooler weather forecast by mid-week in northern France.

"The measures the government has adopted, including the exemptions, should allow my company to handle the situation," Rousseley told France Info radio.

But a leading German utility could not rule out eventual blackouts.

"We don't want to circulate the idea of stoppages so as not to cause overreactions but we cannot exclude power cuts if the situation continues to worsen," said Petra Woellmer, spokeswoman for EnBW, but said she thought the scenario unlikely.

### Heatwave deaths

Germany's 19 nuclear reactors contribute a third to the country's total power output. France also has 19 atomic power plants but they provide 80 percent of its needs.

EdF secured special government waivers from river protection rules on Monday to let some of its 19 atomic power plants and 58 reactors discharge hotter water.

The government said there was little risk to fish.

In Bordeaux, doctors at two hospitals told Reuters that 20 elderly people died over the weekend as temperatures soared to their highest since 1947.

"The heatwave has accelerated deaths that would have occurred in the weeks or months ahead," said Christian Fillatreau at the CHU University Hospital.

Funeral parlours reported 50 percent more deaths than usual in the Paris region, and overstretched mortuaries were forced to stop accepting bodies after two weeks of temperatures around the 40 degrees Celsius (104 Fahrenheit) mark.

"We are completely full, we have been since last Thursday," said the director of a northwest Paris mortuary with 42 places.

In Spain, forest fires that have killed five people near Barcelona raged out of control on Tuesday. Authorities said a total of 800 people had been evacuated.

In sweltering Britain, a motorist was diagnosed with frostbite after driving with his toes too close to the air conditioning vent during a 250 mile (400 km) journey, the Guardian newspaper reported.

Weather agency Meteo France said cooler weather was at hand.

"It's not too much of a risk to say the heatwave is on the way out," a Meteo France spokesman said, adding that Paris and the north would suffer for another day or two before a drop to daytime levels closer to 30 degrees on Thursday.

Prices for traded electricity fell in Tuesday trading after hitting record highs at one stage on Monday, reflecting the belief that the steps taken in France and in Germany, plus a promise of cooler days, would ease demand.

# BBC takes stand at dead UK scientist inquiry

LONDON, Aug 12 (Reuters) - The reporter who claimed Prime Minister Tony Blair's government talked up the threat posed by Iraq's weaponry to justify war took the witness box on Tuesday at an inquiry into the suicide of a British scientist.

Andrew Gilligan, a BBC defence correspondent, threw the government into an angry spin when he reported that a dossier it produced about Iraq's banned weapons was "sexed up" at the behest of Blair's communications chief, Alastair Campbell.

Government weapons expert David Kelly slashed his wrist last month after being named as the source for Gilligan's report.

The opening day of senior judge Lord Hutton's inquiry into Kelly's death posed questions for both the government and the public broadcaster on Monday.

Martin Howard, deputy chief of intelligence at the Ministry of Defence, told the inquiry that two defence officials were unhappy with language used in the government dossier on Iraq's weapons published last September.

Blair has seen his popularity ratings fall as no weapons of mass destruction — the reason he gave for going to war — have been found in Iraq in the four months since Saddam Hussein was toppled.

Tim Collins, a senior member of the



BBC journalist Andrew Gilligan arrives at the Royal Courts of Justice to give evidence on day two of the Hutton Inquiry into the death of government weapons expert Dr David Kelly in London, August 12, 2003. Gilligan, the BBC defence correspondent who claimed Prime Minister Tony Blair's government talked up the threat posed by Iraq's weaponry to justify war, took to the witness box on Tuesday. REUTERS

opposition Conservative Party, seized on concerns within intelligence circles about the dossier, which said Saddam could launch deadly weapons within 45 minutes.

"I think the government have got some very serious questions to be pondering," he said.

A poll published on Sunday showed 41 percent of the public blamed the government for Kelly's death and 68

percent believed it was dishonest.

But Gilligan is sure to face tough questioning too.

Neither Howard nor any of the three other civil servants who testified on Monday supported the claim that Campbell, Blair's closest adviser, intervened to artificially inflate the dossier.

Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee, which held its own investi-

gation into the government's case for toppling Saddam, has accused Gilligan of sharply changing his testimony to them.

The government insists his story is not true.

Another BBC journalist, Susan Watts, who also talked to Kelly, will follow Gilligan into the spotlight at London's Royal Courts of Justice on Tuesday.



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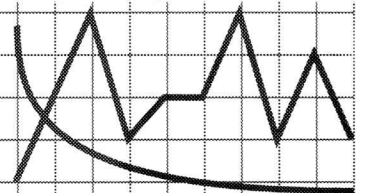
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# YT Business



## Yemeni consumer fashions & effects of change

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People's life depends on a group of major constituents. The most important of these are production and consumption of material and spiritual needs, the carrying out of various social life functions depend. The family for instance needs an economic income to allowing it meet its essential wants of residence, food and clothing in addition to securing its requirements of health services to help it face life crises and positive interaction with various situations.

Production has grown and has been developing under the necessity of meeting people's wants and their consumption, whether they were material or spiritual. Personal consumption is the use and consuming goods and food and other wants and they usually depend on people's awareness and always are governed by personal tastes and circumstances of individual life and level of individuals' culture.

The changes that affected the world, whether advanced or backward, have imposed the phenomenon of world popular consumption according to characteristics of each community and its social, economic and cultural circumstances. Those changes have created economic modes and consequently

new consumer fashions and prepared the ground for conditions for trade and cultural exchange among advanced and backward countries, some equivalent and some non-equivalent.

The republic of Yemen is one of the infantile countries that try to enter this age under the influence of globalization and expansion of population growth and the growing tendency to gaining modern industrial products and its different branches despite that its economic growth is affected by economic, social and political disturbances. Some statistics and studies indicate that the Yemeni society is among the developing countries that are more tending towards consumption and the proportion of imported goods and commodities is very high and regularly increasing despite the domination of states of poverty in some governorates and families there. The new Yemeni person is prone to using and possessing the latest of what is produced by new industry and modern technology and he adapts himself to the new consumer goods and gets moved by commercial advertising.

The urban life of the society has led to the emergence of new modes of consumption that can be traced through the consumer phenomena of the society. The changes that happened in the life of man and culture and society have created new circumstances seen in the life of people and ways of living and that has been reflected on consumption

and styles of consumption. The industrialization and its development have played a major role in the appearance of new commodities that were not known before. Industrialization has also created new conditions of work and resulted in woman's involvement in public life and production. It also resulted in more dependence on wages and salaries and moving to the town and all that has led to an alteration in the process of consumption and taste.

The mode of consumption is also related directly to the family, as it is the main unit of economic consumption. Under various circumstances the family is considered the unit through which the economic and political order of the society works. Thus consumer modes emerged compatible with the style of life, the nature of profession and kind of the family. There are rural modes of consumption and urban modes of consumption and other modes of consumption according to class differences and according to the family income and level of its economic life.

The social change and speedy civilized progress and the spread of globalization in addition to expansion of the volume of trade exchange, effected new modern and developed kinds of commodities and services that out-matched the quantity of incomes of some Yemeni families. Those families found themselves forced to squeeze some areas of spending in order to spare money enough to buy the new

goods and face the new requirements of life and many families tended to abandon traditional habits of spending and consumption. This means that the Yemeni contemporary society is heading towards the consumer mode with all its aspects, influenced by the age of world popular consumer mode. Poverty survey conducted about the Yemeni family has revealed certain kinds and levels of poverty; acute poverty, food poverty, medium poverty and families below the line of poverty. His has resulted in that many Yemeni families began to face the problem of satisfying the necessary needs and the emergence of variant consumer modes. This has got reflected on the phenomenon of openness to the market and affected the process of marketing and some aspects of trade recession. To solve this problem some rich and donor countries and international organisations are trying to help the poor countries suffering from low economic growth to relatively overcome their crises and concentrating studies on the conditions of families. They allot some assistance and try to vitalize some investment and economic projects to provide suitable job opportunities and mitigate the severity of unemployment and consequently the intensity of poverty. This is especially important when taking into account the big army unemployment among the ranks of the youth and children begging on the streets.

## Who protects the consumer from cheating?

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

The phenomenon of cheating in sale of goods and food stuffs, manipulation in weights and increase of prices, in spontaneous and random manner, having nothing to do with the law of supply and demand, has become so aggravated in a manner endangering the consumer life. Swindling as a habit and behaviour is practiced especially by peddlers, some retailers, smugglers and even those selling fruits and vegetables who fabricate various forms in marketing and expired products or still unripe even though they know those products are not good for human consumption.

Merchants and dealers take advantage of the freedom of competition in the markets and not being committed or forced on a unified pricing system and therefore they purposely impose whatever high prices on foodstuffs in absence of regulations and restraints deterring them.

Traders practice swindling in selling products on sidewalks and markets and manipulation in weights and mixing goods with additional materials to make them heavier in weight as well as using bro-

ken-down scales.

The phenomenon of cheating includes almost all foodstuffs, spices and fruits. Marketing researches reveal that swindling also covers displaying expired fruit juices, beverages and chocolates and selling them for low prices but they are harmful for health of the people. Researches also indicate that Yemeni markets are lacking of criteria on protecting public health against consumption of decayed substances and marketing unripe fruits and polluted with poisonous agricultural insecticides.

Consumers say the free market means offering services to people with competitive prices commensurate to availability of goods and materials displayed for selling. But, they add, what goes on in shops represents chaos necessary to stop. The problem gets aggravated by selling smuggled goods whose country of origin is unknown and expired. Such goods are not bearing any trade mark promoted by smuggling dealers.

The question to be asked here is who would protect the Yemeni consumer, especially those of limited income from this cheating phenomenon. These people are mainly forced to buy such goods for the cheapness of their prices.

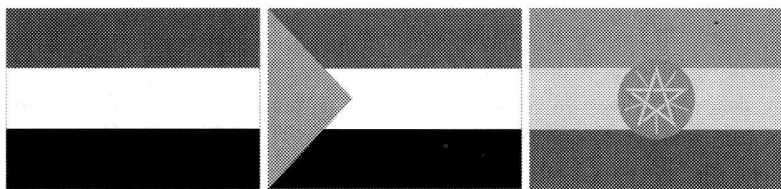
## Yemen, Ethiopia, Sudan meetings yield, Setting up specialized council for businessmen in trade sector

BY MAHYOUB AL-KAMALI  
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The Yemeni-Ethiopian-Sudanese joint committee that held its meetings in Sana'a lately has come out with agreement on the formation of specialized businessmen council from the trade sector in the three countries aimed at developing cooperation in diary, leather and vegetable oils industries in addition to the commerce of cereals and beans.

The tripartite agreement also included the development of relations between commercial banks in the three countries with the aim of facilitating trade relations and money forwarding.

Though the volume of trade exchange is still small the meeting was keen on giving a push for enhancing the economic and trade partnership between Yemen,



Sudan and Ethiopia that work for the establishment of a new regional league grouping Djibouti, Kenya and Somalia in future. The grouping also aims at upgrading bilateral relations between businessmen in the countries of the tripartite grouping, and for this purpose the committee agreed on founding a holding company for investment in the field of food security, production and storing.

The three countries face similar circumstances with regard to food shortage but all of them possess potentials for integration in increasing agricultural production and exchange of information and expertise in storing and marketing areas.

The committee also had agreed on exchanging information and expertise in veterinary medicine and controlling animal diseases. The minutes signed by representatives of the three countries has confirmed the importance of cooperation in the field of fighting smuggling and agreement on holding trade fairs in a regular way and cultural and sport activities.

Trade sources in Sana'a expect that the relations of trade exchange between the three countries would witness great development during the coming period especially in the field of exchange of agricultural and animal production.



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# Art of preventive wars

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The art of preventive warfare is not new to US. In the case of the Mid-East and Afghanistan, as the word implies, it has been used to eventually eliminate any Islamic "terrorist" group from operating in America with the purpose of overturning the American regime. The trigger for this has been the September 11th attack on the world trade centre in New York where many people having nothing to do with Islamic fundamentalism and its causes, were killed. Now that America is involved in preventive war tactics, something akin to what Israel used to apply when it bombed an Iraqi nuclear plant in 1981, it is harder for it to justify its continued presence in Iraq because there are no weapons of mass destruction.

As I read the reaction of many on the web about the war in Iraq and the comments on whether the presence of a foreign military force will support change, I can only say that as long as Iraqis have not had the possibility to taste the democratic process as America sees fit, it would be premature for us to think that coalition forces will leave that country so quickly.

Today America is caught in a situation reminiscent of its involvement in Viet Nam, causing Americans to rethink their way of thought when it comes to getting aggressive on foreign soil. In fact the preventive war in Iraq has been dubbed a desert Viet Nam because of the quagmire

that is slowly building due to similarities between American involvements there and in South-East Asia up until the mid-70's.

Similarly one should not forget that America is also present in Afghanistan east of Iran and although the Taliban regime has been removed from power there are still pockets of resistance to the presence of foreign troops that we are not heard about since the media are now concentrating on a post-Saddam Iraq. The preventive measures Bush is applying would mean to establish 'democratic systems' in Afghanistan and Iraq but the intention is more so to destabilize any regime in the area that is not pro-American. American short-sightedness here is that tribalism is the rule of the day and as long as the west is going to support one tribe against another there will be continued animosity towards them.

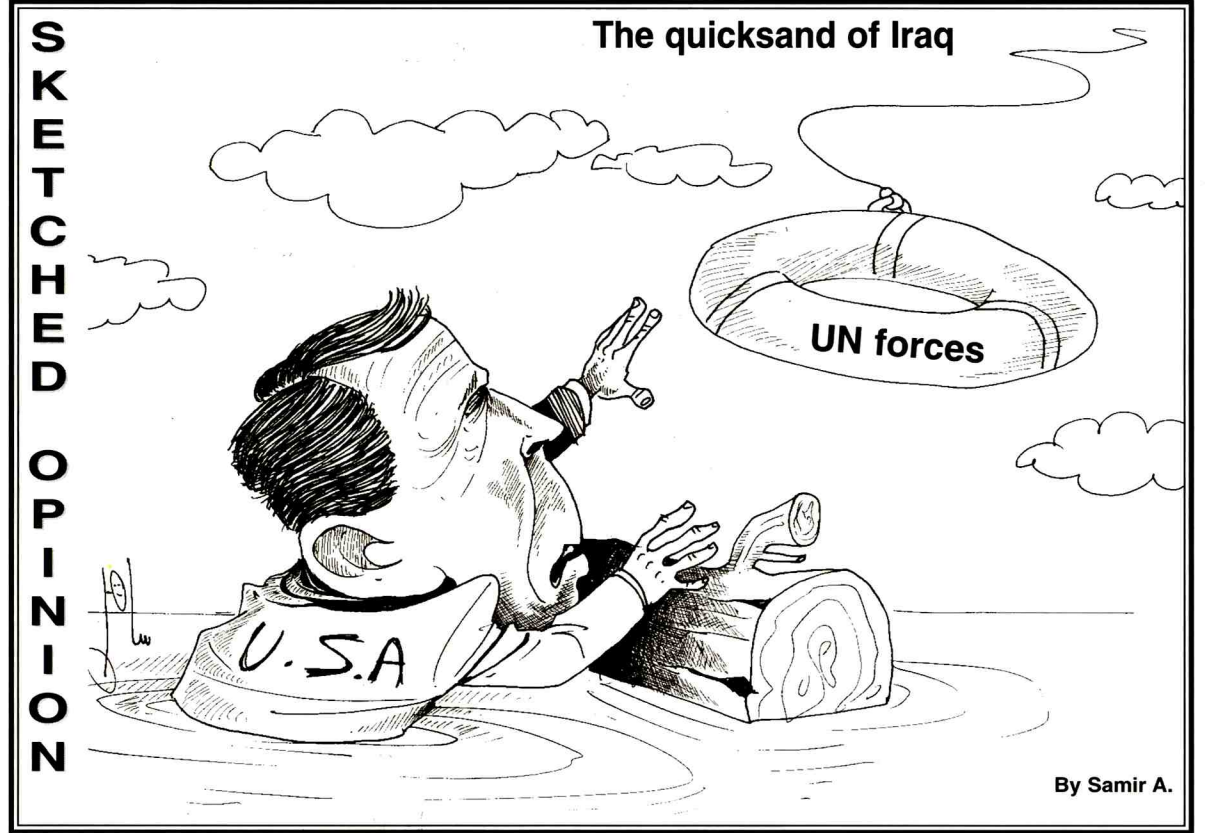
The public is still fed with the notion that the Ayatollah regime is repressive which may be, but does this justify an un-precedented foreign involvement in the region since colonial times? And how could American styled democracies take root in regions where one party rule is norm? Also the power base is in the hands of tribal leaders, when will America realize that? Seems that the preventive measures would then mean the continued presence of America and its coalition allies for sometime until the locals get used to existence of opposition parties that are fully functional.

The Bush administration has argued that, if America had waited before attacking Iraq, Saddam Hussein would have built more

weapons of mass destruction and would have been likely to provide these directly or indirectly to terrorist groups having silent agents located in the west. That seems paradoxical from the point of view of having supported Saddam against an Ayatollah Khomeni in Iran with the supply of arms. Also while Saddam is apparently out of the picture what about other countries like Syria also known for its anti-American rhetoric. Is this country next on the Bush preventive war list?

Washington's claim that it is fighting a preventive war with Iraq now to forestall a more dangerous one later is virtually unprecedented in history, a new analysis argues. The vice-president has been adamant about defending America against an immanent attack of chemical, biological and nuclear weapons. But the weapons of mass destruction have not been found so far and the only case of chemical weapons released to the media I saw was one underground pit of chemical drums, hardly a reason for America to rally coalition forces to remove a resistant regime from power by military force. This has resulted in growing opposition to the unprecedented attack in the region.

The media now shifts reason for a preventive war to the presence of mass graves in Iraq. That is also a sorrowful reason for preventive attack on the country. America was well aware of the Sunni Muslim faction present in Iraq and how Saddam mobilized Iraqi Shiites against the Khomeni regime in the eastern region of Iraq to eliminate an ethnic group he didn't want. This was part



of Saddam's method of ethnic cleansing. America did nothing to stop the mass slaughter of Iraqi Shiites caught between Saddam's ruthlessness and Iranian forces then, so how will people willingly accept its physical presence there?

The irony is that America is a land of terrific contradictions. It is caught up in an unprecedented appearance of violence in places least expected years ago due to permissiveness of state legislatures that residents hold guns and much less due to external terrorist threats. So it would be shallow minded to think that a solution to expected terrorist supported violence in America is only going to be resolved by addressing the Saddam issue in this current 'preventative' manner. Oddly enough the President now argues that the continued presence of coalition forces in Iraq is due to the presence of 'illegal weapons' there. Since when can America dictate what is legal or illegal elsewhere? Was the supply of weapons

to Iraq in its war against Iran all that legal? And what about the availability of arms to young children who occasionally shoot their classmates in the US, is that legal?

Global leaders seemed to have the resolve that as long as military action against an intransigent Iraq is quick, they would be successful. My opinion is what terrific short-sightedness that would be especially when talking about a country whose behavioural pattern has been so much so aligned to anti-American propaganda and Bush bashing. Even though America is working at educating the young through an introduction of American methods and ways of thought, my question is how effective would that be over a short period of time. It would take years before Iraqis, Kurds and Afghans immersed in a cultural sympathetic to American needs would appreciate the current aggressive foreign involvement backed largely by the US. today.

A democratic opposition leader

has pointed to the reasons behind Bush's preventive wars and domination in the region around Iran by making an analogy to Hitler's fascist programs. I would not go so far to say that since America is the only single power which helped prop up post war European economies and helped save the world from financial collapse. America also fought viciously to oppose the fascist threat then so why would it be importing it now?

America may have its case in continuing to occupy Iraq and Afghanistan to establish friendlier regimes but it will be increasingly difficult to sell preventive measures when the region despises foreign intervention especially when the indigenous know its oil related. Also raw military action against the Baath party is not going to go down easily for many Americans who have been longing for a real reason behind coalition incursions, finding caches of small arms here and there that is 'illegal' is not enough.

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## Minister of Water to Yemen Times:

# “Water prices in cities will rise”

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There are several reasons standing behind the growing water shortage crisis in Yemen, mainly in some cities like Sana'a and Taiz. The minister admits that on top of these reasons is a very poor management of the water resources. “We have fragmented institutions, poor coordination, and a very limited control of access to the resources,” Dr. Iryani told the Yemen Times. He points out that his ministry was newly established to remedy the situation by mainstreaming the various institutions working in the center to work according to a joint vision for solving the problem.

A high population annual growth rate of 3.5 percent has led to an increase in the demand for food and has caused migration to cities which have grown at twice the national population rate. As a result, the demands for irrigated farms and thirsty cities have been further compounded by the need of industrialization and the further reduction in the supply of fresh water in some areas due to polluted aquifers.

Qat is a major factor responsible for the accelerating water shortage. The qat tree consumes a great amount of water accounting to 20-30% of the water consumption.

The minister says that his ministry can do nothing about the limited water resources. “The only thing we can do is to control the demand on water. And this is where we are working through public awareness, conservation measures, protection of quality and other activities that aim to reduce the use of water and increase efficiency particularly in the agricultural irrigation,” he said. “We have about 90% of water used in irrigation. If we can increase the efficiency of water used in irrigation, say, by 10%, it means that we have doubled the 10% which is available for drinking and other uses,” he said.

### Inefficient irrigation a problem

In the Sana'a basin, the total ground water pumped is about 24 million cubic

meters per year. The renewable resource is about 40 million which means it is six fold over the renewable resources. About 40% of the pumped water is used for irrigation. “If we can reduce the waste in the 80% by 10%, it means that we have doubled more or less the amount of water available for drinking, if we increase the efficiency by 20%, it also means that we are reducing depletion of water, making more water available for drinking. In this way, water shortage in cities will be reduced to a great extent,” Dr. Iryani elaborated.



Minister of Water and Environment  
Dr. Mohammed al-Iryani

However,

The minister dismisses the idea that Sana'a residents will leave the capital because of water shortage. He stresses that professionals were warning about the seriousness of water shortage crisis in the capital since the 1970s. “I do not think that we will reach the point of leaving the city because of lack of water; maybe because of the increasing cost of water. Water will become very expensive,” he said.

“The Sana'a basin produces enough water for drink; 40 million cubic meters of renewable water is more than sufficient for the city for drinking. The problem is with irrigation; if the farmers eventually will find that it is more

attractive to sell water for drinking than growing qat or other crops, the solution will come from here and maybe this is what has been happening over the last years. The growing of agriculture in the Sana'a basin has been affected by the movement of water from irrigation to drinking use,” he pointed out clearly.

For this, the ministry of water, according to Dr. Iryani, is carrying out several projects like the Sana'a basin water project. It aims at providing the farmers with highly technologically pipes for irrigation instead of the open earth channels, helping them increase efficiency of water irrigation.

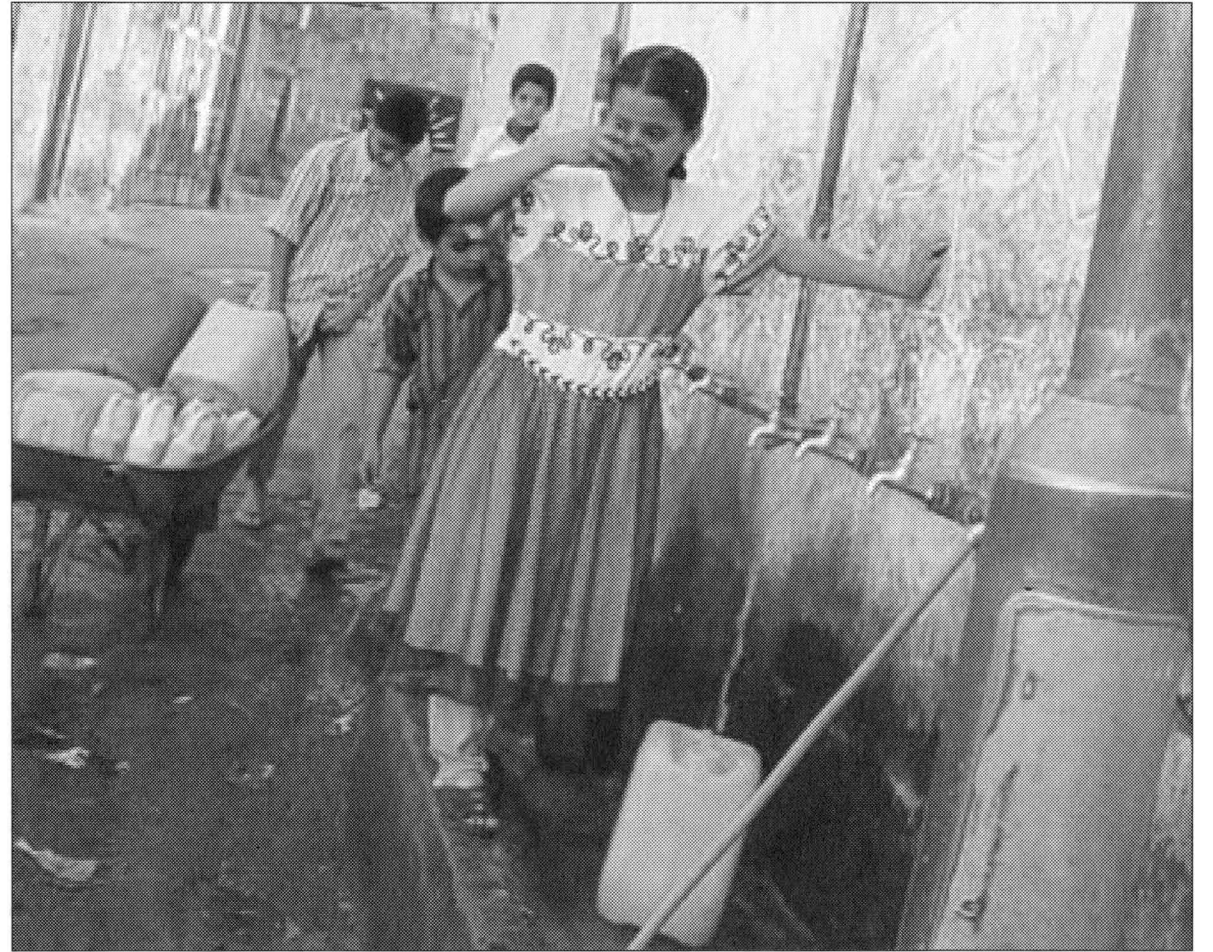
“We are also working on the re-use of the waste water coming out of the plant so that the farmers can use that water after treatment for irrigation of non-eatable crops,” the minister said.

### Good governance of water needed

To help Yemen achieve a good governance of water resources and resolve conflicts over water, the UNDP through the National Water Resources Authority established in 1995, a Water Law was passed in August 2002. It sets the rules and regulations for water usage and defines specific rights and penalties. Dr. Iryani said the by-law has been completed and would be forwarded soon to the cabinet to be approved off. “Very soon we will have a registration system for drilling companies. We will have also license enforcement and if the contractors drill without licenses, we can penalize them as we have now the law that gives us this power. In this way, we will have the privilege to enforce the law,” the minister pointed out.

Dr. Iryani does not believe that conflicts over water right in Yemen are that serious, pointing out that such conflicts erupts at the national and international levels. “There are local conflicts between communities or individuals on water right. It is natural that conflicts over water occur,” he said, adding “the purpose of the ministry is to alleviate the situation and the law will help in preventing the development of conflicts.”

Some international agencies and donor countries are involved in support-



Yemen is among the world's poorest countries in water resources. If abuse of underground water resources, growing of qat, inefficient irrigation, and other negative phenomena continue, water will be scarce and too expensive to be afforded by the majority of citizens in urban areas. Photo by Mohamed Al-Qadhi

ing Yemen sort out water shortage problems. “We have excellent relation and cooperation with the World Bank, UNDP and other donors like the Germans, Japanese and the Dutch. The Canadians and Americans are coming in. These are funding various water projects, contributing to the water projects we are implementing either in the water supply area or water management, in the rural or urban sectors, environment or waste water,” the minister said. He said that there are over 50 projects being implemented in cities and secondary cities in the country with support of various donors.

## Environmental issue:

# Nationwide awareness campaign needed

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Since the creation of man and he has been affecting the earth he is living on in various ways, mostly, unfortunately, negatively. This is because when man is dealing with the environment does not keep in mind that it is not only his world; rather it is a place where many other creatures live in and more so it is the place where the future generations also would be living in.

Yemen is one of those countries which is gifted with beautiful landscape and fantastic weather, yet in return it is a land where most of the people occupying it are ignorant and uneducated especially when it comes to protection of environment or environmental awareness in general. This is obvious from the way people throw away garbage on to streets in spite of the fact that there are garbage cans all around and garbage men cleaning the streets by day and by night. Not only everyday waste is thrown to the streets such as plastic bags and tin cans and the rest, but recently a new disastrous kind of waste has been taking a prominent place near the maintenance and machines repairing shops; where large lumps of clothes soaked in oil or various kinds of lubrication are found. These are quite harmful to the environment and they could be a source of many diseases especially that they are accessible to children and lunatics strolling about in the



Lack of awareness of pollution hazards contributes to more environmental damage in Yemen's urban areas. YT Photo

streets. It is not enough that personal hygiene is a missing point in many homes especially those who are illiterate and poor but now there are ways to play with messy stuff in the streets thanks to careless people.

Another dangerous threat to envi-

ronment is the chemicals used in farms and biochemical fertilizers. When farmers use various kinds of chemicals to make their fruit ripen earlier they just think of the near future when they would benefit from the selling of those goods before time.

What they don't realize is that not only is this harmful to the environment because of the chemicals they keep spraying in the air, also this could prove fatal for some people who have those fruit for example without washing.



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Al-Shoura weekly, organ of the Yemen Union of People's Forces, 10 August 2003.

- Main headlines:
- Unreal contracts and stolen allowances at the health ministry
- Awareness campaign on vengeance and carrying of arms

On the economic situation in Yemen and the saying that the economic situation is the responsibility of all, columnist Ali Hussein al-Saqqaf says in an article that the people are not part of that "all".

The present reality of the failure of economic reform in the country is attributed to responsibility of the ruling elite and its supporters that dominate by its interests and those of its supporters over all links of the country's economy.

Annas weekly, 11 August 2003.

- Main headlines:
- Rise in proportion of deposits in the International Islamic Tadamon Bank
- Sheikh al-Zindani calls upon the president to help spinsters' marriage

world and considered it as giving the killer Sharon a status he does not deserve exactly as the former president Anwar Sadat had given America a role not in its place when he mentioned that 99 percent of the peace game cards in the Middle East in the hands of America.

Describing Sharon as the man of peace by President Mubarak might be an attempt to encourage the Israeli prime minister to take forward steps to implement the road map, which has no clear features. Sharon with the mentality of the extremist Zionist did not miss this opportunity and seized it to insert the issue of the sentence on the renowned spy Azam Azam who had been sentenced to 15 years imprisonment.

Al-Sahwa weekly, 7 August 2003.

- Main headlines:
- In an unsightly crime, a criminal kills a teacher and 8 students
- After 20 years, a new leadership for Egyptian Journalists Union

Columnist Zaid al-Shami says in an article one of the motives of eruption of the revolution in Yemen was to control and end disease. But now after forty years since the beginning of the revolution we are still living a state of big shortcomings in health services and the patients are on the increase and many cases of patients require to travel abroad for treatment.

Main headlines

- Tense relations between Yemeni government and a Mareb tribe
40 horrible crimes panicked Yemen within two weeks
Heavy rains disclose government negligence
A youth kills himself to get rid of poverty
More than YR embezzled from health ministry budget
London and Washington prepare a new resolution on Iraq
In a meeting with Human Rights minister, JMP discusses authority violations of human rights
President Saleh: Arab action needs bravery similar to Yemen's
Al-Iryani: Reforming the Arab order, strategic necessity
Daily sessions for trying the children killer in Lahj, begin on Saturday
Yemeni draft project for an Arab Union
Tribal interference to stop fighting between Sufyan and Jabr
Workers resentment in Aden over statements of civil service bureau
YSP welcomes al-Dalee's return home
Iraqi kills his son for cooperating with American occupiers
Land collapses in the capital streets
Yemeni assistance to Sudan

respect to pinpoint the government's dereliction as much as confirming the importance of studying the issue of the citizen's medication, providing medical care for him and founding an effective system for health security.

Al-Thawri weekly, organ of the YSP, 7 August 2003.

- Main headlines:
- Government forces unable to solve tribal dispute and fighting
- Conflict inside the GPC bloc hinders parliament works
Columnist Abubakr al-Saqqaf says America and its allies occupation of Iraq was and still the beginning of undermining the role of the United nations in international life. Some

hawks at the American administration talk openly and write about abolishing the United nations that has become a block on the road of the flourishing of the American empire and undermining the international order is the first acts of empires. Despite all of its violations of the rules of discipline stipulated in the UN charter, the U.S. still uses the international organization for serving its goals, among which giving legitimacy to its presence and acts in Iraq and to evade from the responsibility of that presence and acts.

Hanging the sword of war on the necks of the Iraqis is meant to paralyze their capability of defending their right to self-determination and choosing a democratic regime via free elections under supervision of the UN.

26 September weekly, organ of the Yemen Armed Forces, 7 August 2003.

- Main headlines:
- Social Fund for Development board of directors approves its budget for the next year
- Dr. al-Sanafi: A number of corruption issues are to be referred to judiciary soon
- A Saudi security delegation in Yemen
- Al-Wadeea' border crossing with Saudi Arabia to open beginning of September

The newspaper editorial says that Yemen's positive presence that is enhancing security and stability in the region and the Arab and international status and successes achieved by the country's foreign policy could not have been realized without the president's national leadership during his 25 years of rule.

rienced have confirmed its soundness. Out of its political sensing towards the course of events and their present and future dangers, Yemen is proposing a new initiative by which the Arab joint action could live to the data and requirements of the present situation the Arab nation is passing through.

Yemen's regional role does not go beyond this context in the tripartite grouping, the Yemeni, Ethiopian and Sudanese, and the attempts exerted for rendering it into a grouping guaranteeing security and stability of the Red Sea basin.

Al-Mithaq weekly, organ of the General People's Congress Party, 11 August 2003.

- Main headlines:
- President Saleh: Weakness suffered by the nation ascribed to absence of solidarity
- FM al-Qirbi: Yemen still hopes from German legislature to respond to its demand, opposition sayings not realistic
- Endowments minister: Local and foreign bodies intending to build mosques must get permission from the ministry

Columnist Dr Abdulaziz al-Maqaheh says what is happening for the nation does not resemble at any way former happenings or previous defeats throughout history. The events are not repetitions to former events. He says he is not of the optimists who think the nation would come out of the current events safe and healthy and preserving its countries and the Arab League which some wise people have become describing it as the "wailing wall".

World Press

Major news items in leading international newspapers Provided by Xinhua

Egypt

Al Gomhuria

President Mubarak met on Monday with US Assistance Secretary of State for Middle East Affairs William Burns.

Burns said the United States and Egypt will work together with the sides concerned to implement the roadmap peace plan.

The Egyptian Gazette

A study by the World Health Organization showed that Egypt is one of the biggest consumers of tobacco in the Arab world.

The study said the situation increases the burden of the country's economy, as large-sum money is

spent on the treatment of smoking-related illnesses.

Al Akhbar

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak is to meet with Sudanese President Omar Bashir, who will pay a short visit to Cairo.

The two leaders will discuss the latest development of the Sudanese peace talks.

Al Ahram

An official of the UN Children's Fund on Monday expressed appreciation for the efforts exerted by Egyptian First Lady Suzanna Mubarak, in support of the rights of women and children in Egypt.

Britain

The Guardian

The British government's attempt to bolster its case for the war against Iraq suffered a heavy blow on the first day of the inquiry on Monday into the death of weapons expert David Kelly. It was revealed that unease about the dossier on Saddam Hussein's weapons program ran much deeper than Downing Street has claimed.

The Independent

Downing Street Iraq weapons dossier caused such deep concern among senior

intelligence officers that they formally complained to their superiors, the Hutton inquiry into the death of David Kelly heard on Monday.

The Times

The Government is to commission the first study for 30 years to examine the impact on British life of the country's rising population. The investigation, which may lead to the adoption for the first time of a "population policy," will look at quality of life, infrastructure and environment.

France

Le Figaro

Liberian President Charles Taylor handed over power to Vice President Moses Blah and fled off to exile in Nigeria. He launched a civil war and ruined his country in past six years.

Liberation

The heat wave takes heavy toll on health, environment and agriculture. The government of Jean-Pierre Raffarin is criticized for not having acted promptly against the exceptional weather conditions.

tions.

La Tribune

The record-breaking heat caused trouble for France's nuclear reactors, many of which are cooled by river water. The plants pour water back into the rivers. With river levels falling and the mercury rising, the authorities faced the choice of spewing out hotter water, risking ecological damage, or cutting output, potentially leading to blackout.

Japan

Nihon Keizai

The Japanese government plans to ease or eliminate local tax rate caps.

Asahi

Japan's Defense Agency plans to require 140 billion yen (1.19 billion US dollars) in fiscal 2004 budget for missile defense system. It plans to put the sys-

tem into service as early as 2006.

Yomiuri

Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi and visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing agreed Monday to resolve peacefully the nuclear problem of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Pakistan

Dawn

Two Pakistani army forces were killed and another was injured when fired at by the United States troops on the Pakistan-Afghan border on Monday.

The Nation

Pakistani Prime Minister Mir Zafarullah Khan Jamali here on Monday said the solution of the Kashmir issue is imperative for lasting peace and stability in the South Asian region.

U.S.A

The Washington Post

Liberian President Charles Taylor, who fought his way into power and ruled for six years over a rapidly disintegrating country while engineering a string of wars that have ravaged West Africa, resigned from office Monday and fled into exile in Nigeria.

Nearly one million US teenagers suffer from a syndrome associated with being overweight that makes them unusually prone to diabetes and premature heart disease later in life, researchers reported Monday.

The New York Times

President Bush on Monday nominated Governor Michael O. Leavitt,

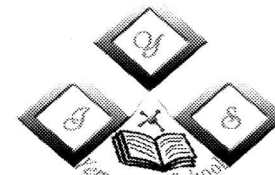
the three-term Republican governor of Utah, as the new administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, tapping a veteran of the West's volatile land use debates.

Bush administration officials say they expected to cut Medicare payments to doctors by 4.2 percent next year unless Congress passes legislation to reduce or eliminate the cut.

The Wall Street Journal:

Just as evidence mounts that the US economy is gathering momentum after months of disappointing growth, some signs are emerging that the beleaguered global economy is beginning to perk up as well.

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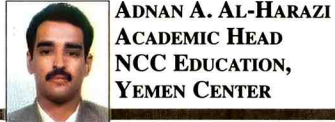
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# An introduction to the Internet Basics of HTML (5)



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Referring to previous lessons, we said that websites are actually HTML files. HTML stands for HyperText Markup Language, the most widely used pro-

gramming language in formatting Internet websites. There are several versions of HTML. The latest version is HTML 4.0. **HyperText** here means the text that references another text in a non-linear method. You click over links in form of words or images to move from one source to another in the Internet. **Markup** here means putting text, images or pictures along with tables in one page in an understandable way. And finally, **Language** means programming lan-

guage. It is worth bearing in mind that there are other languages used in website design but HTML was the first and is still the dominant language.

### Tables

In early versions of HTML, tables were not defined, but Netscape provided additional tags to allow tables to be produced and interpreted by their browser. These proved extremely popular and were incorporated in HTML 3.2. All browsers now support tables. Tables allow stronger control over how text is placed on the webpage. This both an advantage and a disadvantage.

If the web designer overuses tables and in particular large tables with many columns, users may not be able to view them as the designer intended. Non graphical browsers can have serious problems with tables.

The general syntax of the tags for a table is as follows:

```
<TABLE>
<TR><TD> THE FIRST CELL
FIRST ROW </TD><TD>THE SECOND
CELL FIRST ROW</TR>
<TR><TD> THE FIRST CELL
SECOND ROW </TD><TD>THE SECOND
CELL SECOND ROW</TR>
</TABLE>
```

Note that the closing </TD> tags are not needed. The <TD> tags work as a column delimiter.

The table we have now is a very plain looking. We need to make it appear more stylish. We can change the appearance of a table by adding more attributes to the tags.

### Table Attributes

We can change the border of the table by incorporating the BORDER attribute as follows:

```
<TABLE BORDER=4>
This will put a border around the whole table and around each cell, producing a grid effect. The width of the border is expressed in pixels.
```

Another attribute we can use is the ALIGN attribute. We can place a table in the middle of the webpage by adding this attribute as follows:



```
<TABLE BORDER=4
ALIGN="center">
```

The alignment can be left, center, or right. The sizes of the rows and columns will be set automatically by the browser. We can still change this by adding the CELSPACING and CELL-PADDING attributes: as follows:

```
<TABLE BORDER=4
ALIGN="center" CELL-
PADDING=10 CELSPACING=12 >
```

The cellpadding attribute specifies the amount of space in pixels that should be allowed between the cell contents and the cell boundary. On the other hand, the Cellspacing attribute, also in pixels, controls the spacing between the cells.

Now we can apply some of these new tags we have just learned to our example. If you check figure 1 you will notice the great changes in the way the texts and the image are placed on the page. You can notice that the background of each cell is different from the background color of the table. You can observe that the spaces between the cells (CELLSPACING) and the space

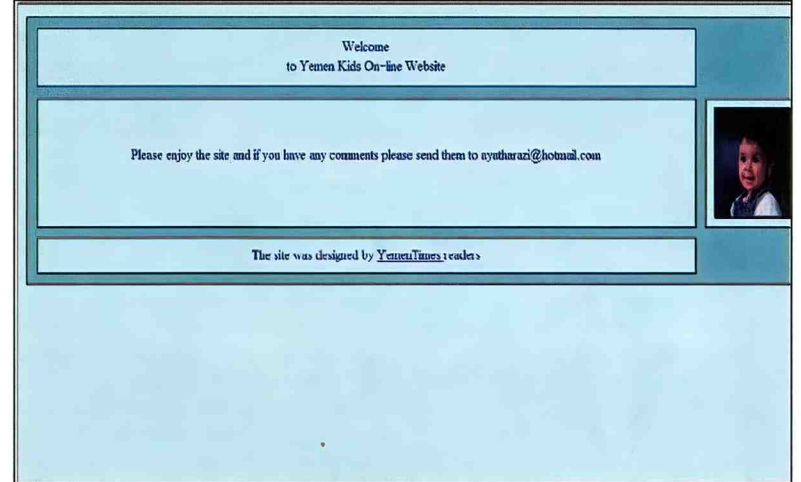


Fig 2

between the content of the cells and the border of the cell (CELLPADDING) have been put to make the cell's text and image contents appear in an elegant fashion.

The new code I added to the html file is displayed in fig2. Notice that the code marked in white is assigned for one cell so you can compare to the rest of the code.

### Table background

You can make an image as a background of a table. The same thing can be done for the cells. You can make a separate background image for each cell but I don't think that will be a good idea. To add a background picture for a table you add the background attribute to the table

tag as follows:

```
<table border="1" cellpadding="10"
cellspacing="12" bordercol-
or="#111111" width="100%" bgcolor="#00FFFF" height="280" back-
ground="ayatp.gif" >
```

To add a background picture for a cell you add the background attribute to the cell tag as follows:

```
<td width="50%" height="128"
bgcolor="#CCFFFF"
background="ayatp.gif">
```

You must be sure that the file (ayatp.gif) is indeed available in the same directory of the html file you are opening.

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

```
<HTML>
<HEAD>
<TITLE> Yemen Kids On-line </TITLE>
</HEAD>
<body bgcolor="#CCFFFF" text="#000080">
<table border="1" cellpadding="10" cellspacing="12"
bordercolor="#111111" width="100%" bgcolor="#00FFFF"
height="280">
<tr>
<td width="100%" align="center" height="38"
bgcolor="#CCFFFF" bordercolor="#000080">Welcome <BR>to
Yemen Kids On-line Website
</td></tr>
<tr>
<td width="50%" height="128" bgcolor="#CCFFFF">Please enjoy
the site and if you have any comments please send them to
ayatharazi@hotmail.com <p></td>
<td width="50%" height="128" bgcolor="#CCFFFF">
</td></tr>
<tr>
<td width="100%" height="16" bgcolor="#CCFFFF"><P
align="center">The site was designed by<A
HERE="HTTP://WWW.YEMENTIMES.COM">YemenTimes </A> readers
</P></td></tr>
</table>
</BODY>
</HTML>
```

Fig 1

## Notice about NCC Education's competition

Due to high demand by readers, Yemen Times and NCC decided to continue with the NCC lessons until further notice. We have also decided to facilitate the participation of competitors by decreasing the minimum number of correctly answered coupons needed for competition from four to three only. Hence, any three coupons with correct answers should be bundled together and sent to NCC's address to participate in the final draw to take place in the beginning of September. The exact date of the draw for the prize (a \$600 worth long-term course) will be announced in a future issue.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

**This week's question:**  
If we changed the resolution of the monitor, would you alter the layout of the objects inside the table?

Your answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Those who send the correct answer (along with all the required information) will have the chance to win a free computer course at NCC after the draw. The date of the draw will be announced later**

**NOTE: This is the last coupon for the NCC competition**

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## 57th INDEPENDENCE DAY OF INDIA

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# Carnival

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**S**AM YEMEN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, one of Sana'a's more distinguished private schools, renown for it's elevated scientific standard, yet *again* gives us pleasure! It's Annual Carnival, for the fourth year running, held on May 7th and 8th, was an event that gladdened the hearts of all those who attended,

more than four thousand on both days, most of whom were the families of the students, as well as several personalities of consequence, ministers and ambassadors, all of whom left the grounds promising themselves not to miss the carnival next year... It seems the program gets better and more diversified every year.

THE PROGRAM CONSISTED OF MANY activities, starting with a recital of the gracious Qoran by Ahmed Al-Jinde a seventh grader, through plays, historical and

modern, and a traditional costume show. A musical presentation was given by Pak Ayang a gifted seventh grader and also a song "SAM" was presented by students of A1.



WHILE THESE EVENTS WERE TAKING place in the main theatre, other- not lesser entertainment was being presented elsewhere on the grounds;

In the second theatre, a large resting area was provided with a live musical band and a cafeteria. Whilst in the open, athletic activities took place; the karate

team presented set pieces, and at a distance more students were displaying their horsemanship on elegant well trained horses.



MAYBE ONE OF THE MOST AWAITED items of the program was recognizing the most distinguished of the students and gracing them with prizes from the school administration, the most distinguished of whom was

Jamal AbdulNasser Al-Zedani, holder of the First Rank in Yemen/ Science Dep./ English Medium, and that is *indeed* something to be proud of, then presenting gifts to the more distinguished members of the faculty.



ALL DAY MANY STALLS DISPLAYED the merchandise of a number of reputable companies in a bazaar out in the open air. That accompanied with appetizers and snacks from both oriental and European cuisines

made the breaks between presentations just as interesting. AT THE END OF A VERY SATISFYING day ... Yet *more* satisfaction! the presenting of exciting prizes on Lucky Entrance

Tickets and electrical and electronic devices of *real* worth to take home. FINALLY, PROUD PARTICIPANTS AND happy families, alike, head home with anticipation ... Can next year's carnival be better??

It is not surprising to find out the year, going from the students of this laboratories to educational trips and entertaining picnics; and going from rooms with excellence computers to invigorating outside, for it is school dips in the pools - for policy to keep them on younger students, and their toes physically as well as mentally through-







## Buraa: Possible world heritage site

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The Buraa forest is listed as a possible UNESCO world heritage site which will if enacted scientifically promote international tourism in the area...

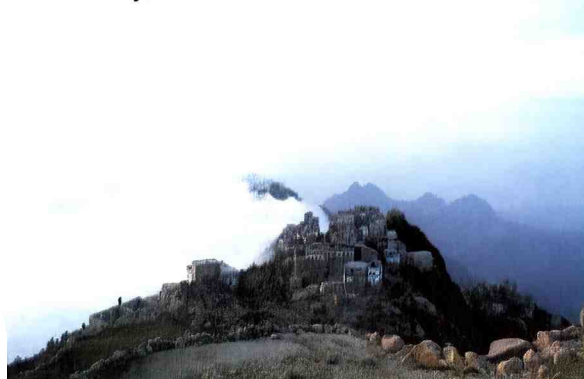
The habitat at Buraa is almost unique in Arabia and the best example of valley forest where there is continuous woodland for about a kilometer. It has till now avoided serious disturbances by man.

The rural communities living adjacent to the Buraa forests comprise two distinct and quite different communities.



Camels cooling themselves in one of Buraa's small lakes. Photo by Irena Knehtl

A beautiful scene showing a village on top of one of Buraa's highest mountains hugging the clouds. Photo by Irena Knehtl



A scene from a Buraa valley. Photo by Irena Knehtl

The mountain agricultural area mainly has ample rainfall. While mists and clouds conserve the humidity of the field, plains have limited rainfall. The population of the area is estimated at 10,121. The floods for centuries coming down from the mountains have watered the central Tihamah.

Buraa is also the best example of valley forests where there is continuous woodland for about a kilometer. Buraa is also one of a few examples of a natural vegetation climax found in Yemen partly in their role as a place of refuge for many African savannah species. This is particularly the case with trees.

There are other things to see: Some 12 km SE of Marawiah lies a huge archeological site AlKadra. It was one of the main stops on the road from the south to Najran - and the north... In 1357 both Fashal and AlKadra were sacked and razed to the ground, they both never really recovered. It is a huge site that covers an area roughly three by three kilometers. Bricks, cut stones, cement plaster, burnt areas and ash layers can be seen. The site is very rich in surface finds. These include a majority of

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