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Hodeidah businessmen angered by unjustified attack of security forces:

Assault condemned

FAROUQ MOQBIL YT HODEIDAH BUREAU

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 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

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-

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

MOHAMMED AL-QADHI YEMEN TIMES STAFF

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 sov-

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

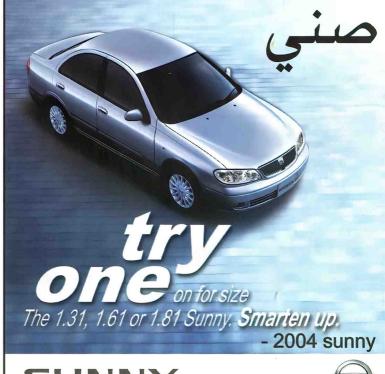


Bin Saif Tel: 505888/1/2 that the way the government deals with terrorism is just a seasonal and selective propaganda far away from a clear vision to establish a state ruled by law and order.

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.



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

Water everywhere!

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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

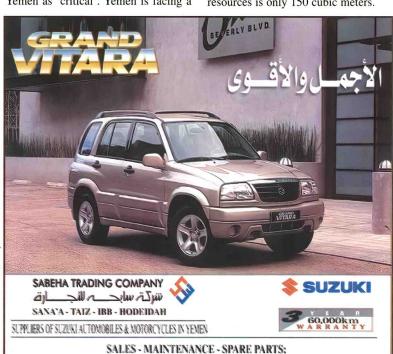
very serious water shortage problem that could have long-term implications if not dealt with seriously. Some even go further by claiming that Yemen will definitely face a 'water catastrophe'

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

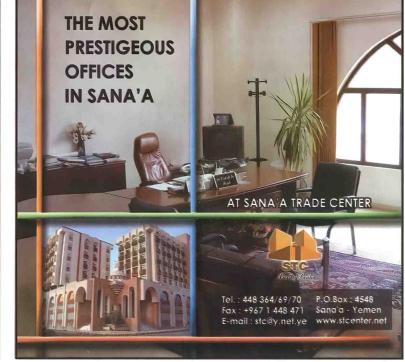
It represents 2% of the international average which is 6,500 cubic meters. The figure for the Middle East and North Africa region is 1,250 cubic meters per capita. He also revealed that the water shortages are reaching emergency levels in some areas. Furthermore, according to a 2001 government report,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

tional cases in some areas. More on the water crisis on p14



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SA Security delegation tours Aden

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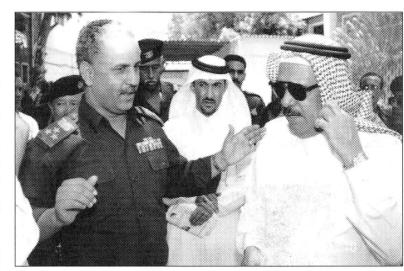
ADEN_ Chaired by the major general, Sultan Bin Aedh al-Harethi and the Director of the Anti-drug Public Department, the Saudi Arabia Security delegation arrived at the Aden International Airport on August 10.

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

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.

Rajeh Shiekh and Mr. Ahmed al-

Dhola'ee, the Deputy Assistant of the

Aden Governorate and a host of others.

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Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

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following recommendations:

The symposium came up with the

Preparing a given strategy to promote the small enterprises and stud-

The private sector also

Mapping out loan policies concerning the establishment of small

Completing the establishment the bank of hope for the benefit of

During the closing symposium, the

trade and Industry Minister spoke high-

ly of the efforts exerted to make a suc-

600 years old coins

discovered

in Ibb

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

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

Ibb keeps only 4 coins of the discov-

ered 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 inter-

ested 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 keep-

ers of the coins so as to collect them and keep them in the museum.

Ironically the national museum in

years between 764-778 A.H.

Symposium on micro-enterprises wraps up

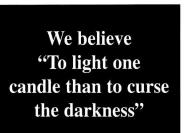
BY RIDHWAN AL-SAQOAF ADEN BUREAU CHIEF

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



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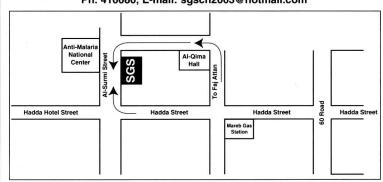




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PROGRAMME

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

PS: It is requested that cameras/bags etc. should not be brought inside the premises. Otherwise these will be kept at checking-point at owner's risk.

French knight medal for literature & arts: -

Highest honor to Dr. al-Maqaleh celebrated

BY YASER AL-MAYYASI YEMEN TIMES STAFF

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

On his part, the French Ambassador to Yemen delivered a speech expressing his happiness of honoring Dr. al-Magleh, 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.

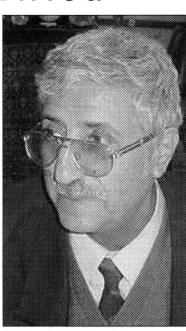
He has played a pivotal role in straightening the bilateral relations among the Yemeni and the French universities.

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

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-Magaleh remarked.

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

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 was a minated 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**

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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 ofother 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.
- They would consider it but do little about it.
- Something else would 3% happen.

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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 causalities 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

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

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 aus-

SANA'A_ Al-Takamul Society for

pices 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

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

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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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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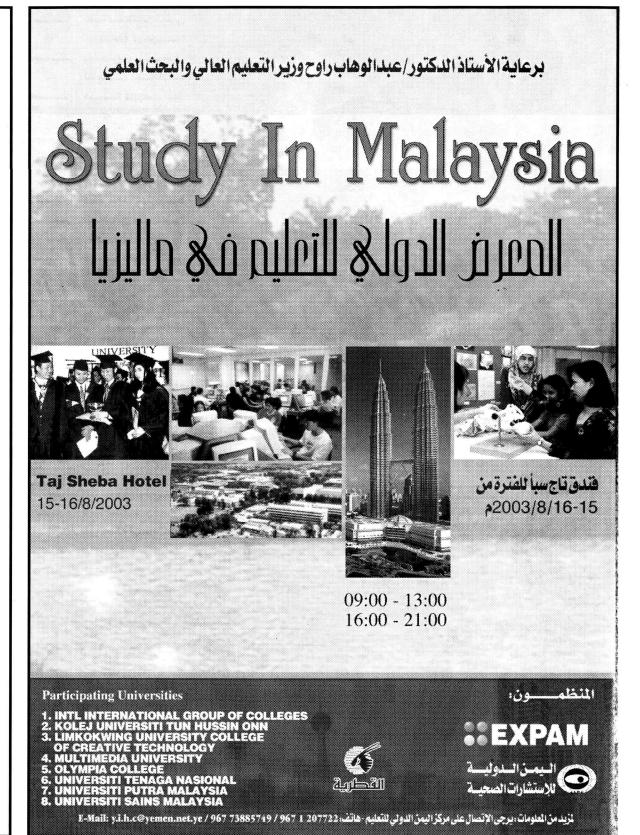






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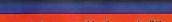


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Towards streamlining university education



BY ISMAEL AL-GHABIRI YEMEN TIMES

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.

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

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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

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 stud-

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.

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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.

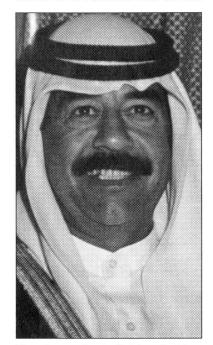
Lieutenant Colonel William MacDonald of the 4th Infantry Division told reporters at his head-quarters in one of Saddam's lavish former palaces in Tikrit that progress was being made in rounding up guerrillas and lower-level Saddam loyalists

"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



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



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 personel 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.

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

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 road map," Abbas said.

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.

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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 Oaeda.

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.

Unease mingles with hope in post-Taylor Liberia

MONROVIA, Aug 12 (Reuters) -Liberia faced up to its desperate humanitarian crisis and a flimsy ceasefire between volatile fighters on Tuesday as ex-president Charles Taylor's flight into exile lifted hopes of an end to strife.

Top priority is reopening the rebelheld port in the capital Monrovia, to get food to hundreds of thousands who fled recent fighting that left 2,000 people dead in the latest chapter of nearly 14 years of horror in the West African

Standing by offshore are U.S. warships sent to help regional peacekeepers, but it is still unclear whether the Marine task force will play the big role craved by the traumatised citizens of a land founded by freed American slaves.

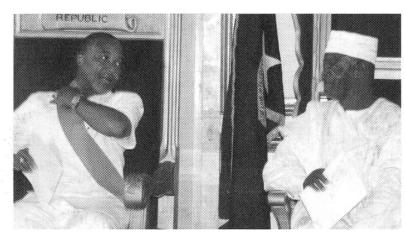
President Moses Blah, who until Monday was Taylor's deputy, wasted no time in offering the vacant vicepresident's job to rebels holding about three-quarters of Liberia, and he appealed to the United States to intervene and help save his country.

The rebels have already said that they think the October date set by West African leaders for Blah to hand over to an interim president is too long and have doubts about Taylor's old ally from bush struggles in the 1990s.

Taylor flew into exile in Nigeria on Monday after describing himself as a "sacrificial lamb" who gave up power so his people could live in peace. He said he hoped to be back one day.

"We will finally get peace in our country," said Morris Fallon at Monrovia's international airport.

The former warlord had little option, with U.S. President George W. Bush urging him out, a U.N.-backed war crimes court after him for atrocities in



Liberia's Charles Taylor (L) chats to his vice president Moses Zeh Blah at the Centennial Memorial Pavilion after resigning as president and handing over to Blah August 11.

Sierra Leone and rebel Liberians United the stocks of rice in the port. On the for Reconciliation and Democracy (LURD) deep in Monrovia.

Port is key

LURD had promised to withdraw from the vital port once Taylor has gone and hand over to Nigerian peacekeepers and contacts between U.S. officials and rebels are expected on Tuesday to try to get the pledge fulfilled.

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell said in Washington that the commander of the floating task force would soon go ashore, but he did not expect a significant number of U.S. troops to help open the

"If the situation remains calm, as it has been for the last few hours, all this should be done in a rather open and peaceful way. And if the ceasefire remains in place would not expect any large commitment of U.S. forces," he said.

The food situation is not so bad behind rebel lines, because the fighters looted government side they are desperate and prices have shot up at least five-fold.

In an interview with CNN television, Blah urged the U.S. Marines to come ashore and help open the port to allow in

"My message to President Bush is. please President Bush come and save Liberia ... please save us from this nightmare, we are suffering, we are

The United Nations reckons about 450,000 people in Monrovia are displaced while 1.3 million are exposed to serious risk of disease - well over a third of Liberia's population. Few even venture to quantify the misery in the

Meanwhile, there are still questions over who will keep order now Taylor has left. Blah does not have the same authority as the "Pappay" and lastminute looting sprees broke out even

Indonesia seeks 15 years for Bashir in treason trial

By Jane Macartney and Karima

JAKARTA, Aug 12 (Reuters) -Indonesian prosecutors urged a court on Tuesday to sentence cleric Abu Bakar Bashir to 15 years in jail for treason linked to his leadership of a militant Muslim group blamed for a string of deadly terror attacks.

Scores of Bashir's usually boisterous supporters, all wearing Muslim skullcaps, sat silently as the demand was read.

Bashir, 64, had faced a maximum of life in jail, although political analysts said the demand would amount effectively to a life sentence considering Bashir's age and bouts of poor health.

Prosecutors charged Bashir with treason for trying to overthrow the government by using Jemaah Islamiah (JI), the Southeast Asian militant network accused of carrying out last October's Bali blasts and now the prime suspect in last week's car bomb attack at the JW Marriott Hotel in Jakarta.

Bashir is also charged with approving church bombings across the world's most populous Muslim nation in 2000 that killed 19 people and has been linked to an aborted plot to kill President Megawati Sukarnoputri when she was vice president.

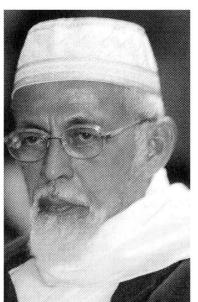
"The defendant has been proven to have carried out acts of treason...We demand he be jailed for 15 years," chief prosecutor Hasan Madani told the heavily guarded Jakarta court.

'Based on the facts, we can conclude every JI action needs the blessing of the defendant as its emir (chief)," he said.

Wearing a gold embroidered skullcap, checked sarong, black jacket and white scarf, the bearded, bespectacled cleric sat impassively throughout the

Earlier, Bashir's supporters had defied a police order and cried "Allahu Akbar (God is Greatest)" as he walked to his

The cleric denies the charges and insists JI — seen as the Southeast Asian arm of Osama bin Laden's al Oaeda network — does not exist. Bashir turns 65 on Sunday, Indonesia's anniversary of



Indonesian Muslim cleric Abu Bakar Bashir listens as prosecutors read their sentencing demands during Bashir's trial in a Jakarta courtroom on August 12. REUTERS

independence from Dutch colonial rule. Police have linked the cleric to the Bali bombings, which killed 202 mainly foreign holidaymakers, but he has not been charged. Key suspects on trial over the Bali blasts face the death penalty.

EFFECTIVELY A LIFE SENTENCE Sidney Jones, head of the International Crisis Group think tank in Jakarta, said 15 years was not a light sentencing demand for a man of Bashir's age.

"I think that given the array of charges against him and given his age, this is effectively a life sentence and I think that's consistent with the evidence produced," Jones said.

Prosecutors said they had taken account of his age and family responsibilities. Bashir has a wife and three chil-

His chief lawyer, Mahendradatta, said Bashir was mentally prepared for a heavy sentencing demand and felt the Marriott bombing would affect the decision. Bashir felt he was being tried by

opinion not on the facts, Mahendradatta

"I'm very disappointed, I can't even speak," said disciple Sulistyo who had travelled hundreds of miles from Medan in northern Sumatra island to hear the sentencing demand.

Ken Conboy, head of RMA Indonesia, a Jakarta-based security risk company, said any jail term for Bashir could trigger more terror attacks. But he dismissed suggestions of a mainstream Muslim backlash, especially in light of the Marriott blast.

"The conviction of the Bali bombers is almost inviting reprisals and I think if he (Bashir) gets anything, there will be reprisals," said Conbov.

In the wake of last Tuesday's blast at the Marriott, Western governments have warned of more attacks in Indonesia.

A suicide bomber killed 12 people and wounded 150 when he drove a car loaded with explosives similar to those used in the Bali attacks up to the lobby of the U.S.-run hotel.

In an interview with El Shinta radio before the session, Bashir, who also heads the small but conservative Mujahidin (CORRECT) Council of Indonesia (MMI), blamed the Bali and Marriott attacks on the CIA.

That council re-elected Bashir its leader on Tuesday at a congress in the central Java city of Solo, saying he was being persecuted by the government.

Lawyers said Bashir's verdict could come within a month.

The first verdict in the trials of 38 suspects arrested in the Bali blasts came last week when a court on the resort island sentenced "smiling bomber" Amrozi to death by firing squad.

Bashir's trial and those in Bali have been seen as a test of Indonesia's determination to combat Islamic radicalism.

Several witnesses have told the court Bashir heads JI, accused of seeking to create an Islamic state in the region.

A senior Malaysian member of JI testified in June that Bashir had approved the church bomb attacks and had called a meeting to plan Megawati's assassina-

Somali prime minister sees new govt in two weeks

NAIROBI, Aug 12 (Reuters) -Somalia's prime minister said on Tuesday he expected leaders to form a new government uniting Somalia's many factions within two weeks, despite opposition from the country's president.

Prime Minister Hassan Abshir Farah said he hoped President Abdiqassim Salad Hassan would participate in the planned government, which is due to replace an existing interim administration whose mandate expires on Wednesday.

Somalia has been riven by anarchy for

"Within a few days, a week or two weeks, we will form a new government," Abshir Farah told reporters at the venue for peace talks at Mbagathi near the Kenyan capital Nairobi.

ment to do a better job of reuniting term in office.

Somalia than an existing Transitional National Government (TNG), established on August 13, 2000 after a conference in Diibouti.

The TNG controls only slivers of territory and has made scant progress towards unifying the country of seven million, which has been carved into factions by rival warlords since the overthrow of former military ruler Siad Barre in 1991.

Abdiqassim stormed out of the conference and returned to Mogadishu last week, complaining the talks were taking what he called an anti-Islamic direction and saying delegates planned to deepen Somalia's territorial divisions.

Abshir Farah said the conference would press on without Abdiqassim, reiterating his accusation that his former ally was planning to extend the life of the media during a news conference in The talks aim to forge a new govern- TNG beyond its expiry to prolong his Nairobi, August 12.



Somali prime minister Hassan Abshir Farah listens to questions from the REUTERS

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The post is reserved for Yemeni national only. Female candidates meeting requirement are encouraged to apply. Interested applicants should support their applications alongwith their detailed CV's in English to the WFP Representative no later than 20" August 2003in closed envelope clearly marked from the top of the outside "APPLI-CATION FOR NO POST" at the following address: UND/WFP Building, off 60 Meter Road, Sana'a or P.O box 7181 Sana'a, Republic of Yemen.

In YT issue number (657) on Thursday August 5, an article entitled "Sukhoi sale to Malaysia fuels Putin's SE Asia hopesa" was published on this page (7) with a photo of Russia's President Vladimir Putin and Malaysian Premier Mahatir Mohammed with a wrong caption. We apologize for the unintentional error in the caption, and inform our readers that the actual correct caption is as stated below. Our sincere apologies for the inconvenience...



Malaysia's Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad (R) shares a light moment with Russian President Vladimir Putin upon arrival at the prime minister's office in Putrajaya August 5, 2003. Putin's two-day visit to Malaysia is the first by a Russian leader in 35 years of bilateral relations, and follows a visit by Mahathir to Moscow in March 2002. REUTERS

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 hos-

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 Roussely

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," Roussely 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)

"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, gence at the Ministry of Tuesday. 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 deputy chief of intelliPrime Minister Tony Blair's government talked up the threat posed by Iraq's weaponry to justify war, took to the witness box on

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

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



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Business

Yemeni consumer fashions & effects of change

BY DR OMER ISHAQ SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT TAIZ UNIVERSITY FOR THE YEMEN TIMES

eople'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 he 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 news 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 outmatched 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

Who protects the consumer from cheating?

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

he phenomenon of cheating in sale of goods and food stuffs, manipulation 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

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

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 YEMEN TIMES STAFF

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

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 meting was keen on giving a push for enhancing the economic and trade partnership between Yemen,



establishment of a new regional league

grouping Djibouti, Kenya and Somalia

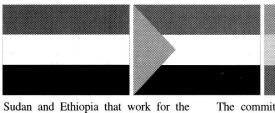
in future. The grouping also aims at

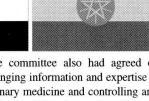
upgrading bilateral relations between

businessmen in the countries of the tri-

partite 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 activ-

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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Condensed Interim Financial Statements 30 June 2003

REVIEW REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NATIONAL BANK OF YEMEN

We have reviewed the accompanying condensed interim financial statements of the National Bank of Yemen ("the Bank") as at 30 June 2003 comprising the palance sheet and the related statements of income, cash flows and cha n owner's equity for the six months then ended set out on pages 2 to 13. hese condensed interim financial statements are the responsibility of the Bank's management. Our responsibility is to issue a report on these condensed interim financial statements based on our review.

We conducted our review in accordance with the International Standard on Auditing applicable to review engagements. This Standard requires that we plan and perform the review to obtain moderate assurance as to whether the condensed interim financial statements are free of material misstatement. A review is limited primarily to inquires of the Bank's personnel and analytical procedures applied to the financial data and thus provides less assurance than an audit. We have not performed an audit and, accordingly, we do not

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying condensed interim financial statements are not presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the significant ccounting policies used in preparing the condensed interim financial tatements described in note (2) to the financial statements applied on a onsistent basis. We also confirm that the significant accounting policies ollowed in preparing the condensed interim financial statements are the same s those followed in the preparation of the financial statements for the year

Sa Jamas Dahman Awadh Dahman, FCCA egistered Licensed Accountant No. 384

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Balance Sheet - Condensed Interim Financial Statements for the six months ended 30 June 2003 2001

		30 June 2003	31December 2002
	Note	YR' 000	YR'000
ASSETS	Note	777 000	777 000
Cash in hand and reserve balances with the			
Central Bank of Yemen	4	7,086,620	4,547,801
Due from banks	5	14,537,730	14,829,786
Treasury bills, net		16,477,406	14,936,545
Certificates of deposit with the Central Bank of Yemen	7	5,200,000	5,450,000
Loans and advances to customers and banks,			01.001000
net of provision	6	2,106,155	1,774,360
Investments, net	7	20,697	20,124
Debit balances and other assets		272,085	285,285
Property, plant and equipment,			
net of accumulated depreciation		1,654,662	1,660,457
TOTAL ASSETS		47,355,355	43,504,358
LIABILITIES AND OWNER'S EQUITY LIABILITIES			
Due to banks		43,213	28,950
Customers' deposits		42,092,568	38,891,455
Credit balances and other balances		1,267,625	885,937
Commercial and Industrial Income tax payable	8	217,464	367,967
TOTAL LIABILITIES		43,620,870	40,174,309
			10,111,000
OWNER'S EQUITY			
Capital	9	1,850,000	1,850,000
Revaluation of properties reserve	9	639,762	639,762
Reserves	9	821,364	821,364
Cumulative changes in the fair value reserve	9	19,497	18,923
Net profit for the period		403,862	-
TOTAL OWNER'S EQUITY		3,734,485	3,330,049
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND OWNER'S EQUITY		47,355,355	43,504,358
CONTRA ACCOUNTS AND OTHER COMMITMENTS, net	10	8,985,747	6,230,215

The attached notes 1 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements



Statement of Income and Profits Appropriation For the year ended 31 December 2001

		January/ June 2003	January/ June 2002
	Note	YR'000	YR'000
Interest on loans and due from banks		386,971	331,196
Interest on treasury bills		1,045,456	923,197
Interest on certificates of deposit with the			
Central Bank of Yemen		379,841	283,088
		1,812,268	1,537,481
Less: Cost of deposits		1,021,387	847,053
Net interest income		790,881	690,428
Commissions and fee income on banking services		151,025	133,123
Income on available for sale investments		-	1,045
Gain on foreign currency transactions		52,564	12,266
Other operating income		2,119	7,903
NET OPERATING INCOME		996,589	844,765
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Commissions and fee expenses on banking services		10,445	8,054
General and administration expenses		310,476	303,943
Provisions	11	36,842	51,387
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		357,763	363,384
NET PROFIT BEFORE ZAKAT AND INCOME TAX		638,826	481,381
Zakat		(17,500)	(16,500)
NET PROFIT FOR THE YEAR AFTER ZAKAT AND		1	(10,000)
BEFORE INCOME TAX		621,326	464,881
Provision for commercial and industrial tax	8	(217,464)	(162,709)
NET PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	12	403,862	302,172
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12 YR 218.3 YR 188.9 The attached notes 1 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements

Statement for Cash Flows Condensed Interim Financial Statements for the six months ended 30 June 2003

	January/ June 2003	January/ June 2002
	YR'000	YR'000
Operating profit before changes in working capital (1)	299,469	272,096
Net (Increase) in Assets (2) :	(605,101)	(1,858,752)
Net Increase in Liabilities (3)	3,597,064	1,539,699
Net cash flows (used in) investing activities (4)	(14,903)	(13,340)
Net Increase (Decrease) In Cash And Cash Equivalents(1+2+3+4)	3,276,529	(60,297)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	32,859,884	30,664,625
Cash And Cash Equivalents At 30 June	36,136,413	30,604,328

Statements of Change in Owner's Equity Condensed Intrim Financial Statements for the six months ended 30 June 2003

	Capital	Statutory Reserve	General Reserve	Re- valuation Reserve	Comulative changes in fair value Reserve	Net profit for the year	Total
*	YR'000	YR'000	YR'000	YR'000	YR'000	YR'000	YR'000
At 31 December				Į4			
2001	1,600,000	265,626	350,728	639,762	-	-	2,856,116
Restatement in accordancewith IAS 39		-	-		16,392	_	16,392
Realised profits from the disposal of available					10,002		10,002
for sale investments	-				(4,398)	-	(4,398)
Net movement in fair	v				(.,,===/		(.,)
value for the year		-	-	-	6,929	-	6,929
Net profit for the year	-			-	-	683,367	683,367
Transfer to capital	250,000			-	-	-	250,000
Transfer to statutory							
reserve	-	102,505	-	-	-	(102,505)	-
Transfer to general						, ,	
reserve	-	-	102,505	-	-	(102,505)	-
Government's share							
in net profit	-	-	-	-	-	(444,189)	(444,189)
Employees' share							
in net profit	ta=	-	-	-	-/	(34,168)	(34,168)
At 31 December							
2002	1,850,000	368,131	453,233	639,762	18,923	-	3,330,049
Net cumulative		-					
changes in fair							
value in accordance							
with IAS 39	-	-	-	-	574	-	574
Net profit for							
the period		-	-	-	-	403,862	403,862
At 30 June 2003	1,850,000	368,131	453,233	639,762	19,497	403,862	3,734,485

The Bank's Board of Directors, in its meeting held on 30 December 2002, resolved to comply with the instructions of H.E the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance in his letter dated 4 September 2002 to the Bank's management to increase the capital of the Bank by YR 500 million in two equal installments of YR 250,000 thousand each from the Government's share of net profit of the Bank for the years 2002 and 2003. The transfer for the year 2003 will be made by the end of the year.

The attached notes 1 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements

1 INCORPORATION AND ACTIVITIES

The National Bank of Yemen (the Bank), which was incorporated in Aden, in 1969, is wholly owned by the Government of Yemen. The Head Office of the Bank is at Arwa Street , P.O. Box No. 5, Crater, Aden, Republic of Yemen and is registered under Registration Number 1748. The Bank undertakes all banking activities through its head office and 27 branches most of them are spread all over the Southern and Eastern Governorates including two branches in Sana'a, and one in Hodeidah. The number of staff employed by the Bank were 596 employees as on 30 June 2003 (31 December 2002: 592 employees).

2 PREPARATION BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

These condensed interim financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard No (34), interim financial reporting.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and the interpretations of the Standing Accounting Committee of the IASB, the current local prevailing laws and regulations and the rules and instructions issued by the Central Bank of Yemen.

There are no significant differences between International Financial Reporting Standards and those required by the Central Bank of Yemen except for the following:

- i) The adoption of minimum fixed percentages for losses on loan and advances in accordance with the Central Bank of Yemen circular no. (6) of 1996 and circular no. (5) of 1998;
- ii) The inclusion of the general provision for risk calculated on the performing loans in the general provision for loans and advances rather than including it within the owner's equity.

The effect of these deviations is immaterial on the financial statements of the Bank as on 30 June 2003 according to the International Financial Reporting Standards.

3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant accounting policies followed are the same as those followed for the year ended 31 December 2002 as well as those followed in the full set interim financial statements for the period ended 30 June 2003.

4 CASH IN HAND AND RESERVE BALANCES WITH THE CENTRAL BANK OF YEMEN

	30 June	31 December 2002	
	2003		
	YR'000	YR'000	
Cash in hand			
- In local currency	521,906	435,292	
- In foreign currencies	292,666	266,108	
- Cheques purchased, net	259,584	134,070	
Total cash in hand	1,074,156	835,470	
Reserve balances with the Central Bank of Yemen			
- In local currency	2,360,108	2,127,275	
- In foreign currencies	3,652,356	1,585,056	
Total reserve balances with the Central Bank of Yemen	6,012,464	3,712,331	
Total cash in hand and reserve balances with the Central Bank of Yemen	7,086,620	4,547,801	

In accordance with the Yemeni Banks Law, the Bank is required to maintain statutory deposits with the Central Bank of Yemen at stipulated percentages of its demand, time and other deposits(Local Currency 10% and Foreign Currencies 20%). Deposits in local currency carry interest at rates determined by the Central

5 DUE FROM BANKS

	30 June	31 December
	2003	2002
Due from the Central Bank of Yemen and other local banks	YR'000	YR'000
Current accounts with Central Bank of Yemen		
- In local currency	820,253	852,751
- In foreign currencies	370,680	231,673
Total current accounts with the Central Bank of Yemen	1,190,933	1,084,424
Less: Provision for outstanding reconciling items	(18,115)	(18,115
Net current account balances with Central Bank of Yemen	1,172,818	1,066,309
Current account balances with local banks	1,540	510
Total due from the Central Bank of Yemen and other local banks	1,174,358	1,066,819
Due from foreign banks and other financial institutions		
Current and demand account balances	1,862,422	2,153,392
Less: Provision for outstanding reconciling items	(33,429)	(31,504)
Time deposits	11,534,379	11,641,079
Total due from foreign banks and other financial institutions	13,363,372	13,762,967
Total due from banks	14,537,730	14,829,786

US \$ 1,000,000 (YR 183,970 thousand) to be held for five years and carries a fixed interest rate at 4.5 % for year one. Thereafter, the interest rate is indexed to LIBOR and is calculated based on a predetermined formula which has an upper

6 LOANS AND ADVANCES TO CUSTOMERS AND BANKS, net of provision

	30 June	31 December
	2003	2002
	YR'000	YR'000
Amounts due from Government entities		
Loans and advances to Government entities	48,309	45,247
Add: Interest charged during the year	2,444	4,231
Less: amounts granted during the period	(2,766)	-
Less: Amount paid by the Government	(23,384)	(2,395)
Total amounts due from Government entities (i)	24,603	47,083
Loans and advances to private sector customers:		
Overdraft facilities	986,401	813,626
Short-term loans	1,654,997	1,497,164
Commercial papers discounted	247,603	204,046
Total amounts due from private sector customers (ii)	2,889,001	2,514,836
Loans and advances to Banks		
Subordinated loan to UBAF - US\$ 588,094 (note - a)	108,192	105,198
Total amounts due from Banks (iii)	108,192	105,198
Total loans and advances to customers and		
banks (i) + (ii) + (iii)	3,021,796	2,667,117
Provision for losses on loans and advances (note - b)	(899,943)	(876,627)
Suspended interest (note - c)	(15,698)	(16,130)
Total provisions for losses on loans and advances		
and suspended interest	(915,641)	(892,757)
Net loans and advances to customers and banks	2,106,155	1,774,360

Gross non-performing loans and advances at 30 June 2003 amounted to YR 852,842 thousand (31 December 2002 - YR 902,519 thousand).

The above amounts include loans and advances granted to related parties by the Bank as part of the Bank's normal operations and amounting to YR 24,603 thousand (31 December 2002 - YR 47,083 thousand).

(a) Subordinated loan to UBAF

The loan of US \$ 588,094 represents the Bank's participation in a subordinated loan extended to UBAF (Paris) by its shareholders and carries an interest rate of LIBOR +1%. Although the interest on this loan is being paid regularly on time, a portion of the principal amount had recently been rescheduled. This part of the loan has been rescheduled for four years and is due on 4 June 2007 while the remaining portion of the loan is due on 3 March 2004. Furthermore, the loan's repayment is conditional upon the approval of the Banking Regulatory Commission in France. As a result, the Bank's management, taking a conservative and prudent view, has fully provided for the principal of the loan.

The balance of the loan as of 31 December 2002 was stated at the exchange rate prevailing at that time. Thereafter, the balance of the loan is being retranslated at the exchange rates prevailing at each balance sheet. The gain or loss is taken

(b) Provision for losses on loans and advances

In accordance with Article (85) of the Banks Law No. (38) of 1998, which came into effect on 27 December, 1998, and Article 9 (j) of the Income Tax Law No. (31) of 1991 as amended by Republican Decree Law No. (12) of 1999, any provisions for losses on loans and advances made by a bank in compliance with the regulations of the Central Bank of Yemen in this respect, are not subject to the provisions of any income tax law and are allowable as a deduction in arriving at the taxable income. In accordance with the Central Bank of Yemen, these allowable deductions also include suspended interest.

Details of movements in the provision for possible losses on loans and advances during the year were as follows:

	30 June 2003		31 December 2002-			
	Specific	General	Total	Specific	General	Tota
	YR'000	YR'000	YR'000	YR'000	YR'000	YR'000
Balance at 1 January	841.335	35,292	876.627	699.323	30.918	730.24
Revaluation of opening			,	,		
balance in foreign currencies	4,585	609	5,194	99,838	664	100,502
Amount utilized during the			0.00			
period/year.	(7,290)	-	(7,290)	(2,435)	-	(2,435
Adjusted opening balance	838,630	35,901	874,531	796,726	31,582	828,30
Amounts recovered of loans previously written off		-		(19,833)	(4,046)	(23,879
Provision for the period/year	14,244	11,168	25,412	64,442	7,756	72,19
Charged to the income statement	14,244	11,168	25,412	44,609	3,710	48,319
Balance at end of period/year	852,874	47,069	899,943	841,335	35,292	876,62

Management has decided to provide for the general provision for performing loans and contingencies including watch loans at the rate of 2% (2002:2%).

(c) Suspended interest

This represents interest on non-performing loans and advances in accordance with the Central Bank of Yemen regulations and which is recognised as revenue only

	30 June	31 December
	2003	2002
	YR'000	YR'000
Balance at 1 January	16,130	13,762
Exchange rate differences	24	-
Amounts written off during the period/year	(554)	(235)
Paid during the period/year	(366)	-
Suspended during the period/year	464	2,603
Balance at 31 December	15,698	16,130

7 INVESTMENTS, net

These comprise investments, available for sale, in the following foreign compa-

	Ownership Percentage %		30 June 2003 YR'000	31 Dec 2002 YR'000
Unquoted investments in UBAF Group				
UBAF - Curacao - A Shares of US \$ 1 each	0.788	1,497,200	17,982	17,982
UBAF - Curacao - B Shares of US \$ 1 each	0.783	234,650	2,818	2,818
UBAF - Curacao - C Shares of US \$ 1 each	1.371	528,250	6,345	6,344
Total investment in shares in UBAF Group		2,260,100	27,145	27,144
Other unquoted investments				
ALUBAF Arab International Bank -Bahrain e.c.	0.344		2,067	2,067
Arab Financial Services				
Company-Bahrain (note-a)	0.167		20,696	20,124
Total other unquoted investments			22,763	22,191
Total available for sales investments			49,908	49,335
Less: Provision for impairment (note-b)			(29,211)	(29,211)
Net book value of investments				
available for sale			20,697	20,124

(a) Arab Financial Services Company - Bahrain

The fair value of the investment in Arab Financial Services Company-Bahrain was calculated based on the net present value of the estimated future cash flows represented in the dividends received from the company on a consistent basis and using a discount rate of 3%. The fair value of the investment in Arab Financial Services Company - Bahrain as of 30 June 2003 amounted to US\$ 11.25 per share (31 December 2002: US\$ 11.25 per share).

(b) <u>Provision for impairment</u>

Since no dividends were received from the investments in UBAF-Curacao and ALUBAF Arab International Bank- Bahrain e.c. during the last few years and no dividends are expected to be received in the next few years, a full impairment provision was taken for the balances of those investments because their net present value is nil.

8 INCOME TAX PAYABLE

	2003	2002
Amounts due to the tax authority	YR'000	YR'000
Balance at 1 January	367,967	251,009
Charged in the Statement of Income for the period / year	217,464	367,967
Total amounts due to the Tax Authority	585,431	618,976
Amounts paid to the tax authority		
Amount paid	(367,967)	(251,009)
Total amounts paid to the Tax Authority	(367,967)	(251,009)
Total income tax payable	217,464	367,967

30 June 31 December

Charge for the period The charge for the period has been calculated on the basis of the net profit for the period. In accordance with the letter of H.E. The Minster of Finance to the Tax Authority dated 17 April 2000, the tax assessment of the Bank for each

year shall be based on the results determined in the Bank's financial statements audited by an external auditing firm. b) Prior year tax assessments The Bank received on 22 April 2003, the final tax clearance for the income tax lia-

bility for the financial year ending 31 December 2002.

9 OWNER'S EQUITY

a) Authorized capital

The authorized share capital amounting YR. 2,100 million (2002 – YR 2,100 million) consists of 2,100 thousand shares of YR 1,000 par value each. (2002:of 2,100 thousand shares of YR 1,000 par value each).

Declared and paid up capital

The authorized share capital amounting YR. 1,850 million (2002 – YR 1,850 million) consists of 1,850 thousand shares of YR 1,000 par value each, (2002:of 1,850 thousand shares of YR 1,000 par value each).

In accordance with the provisions of the Public Corporations and

Establishments Law No. (35) of 1991, the net profit after income tax shall be b) The distribution of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2002 allocated as follows:

- 15% to statutory reserve.
- 15% to general reserve. • 65% to the Government for its share of profits.
- 2% to employee's incentives.
- 3% to employees' social fund

d) Surplus on revaluation property reserve

This represents the difference between the revalued amounts of the freehold land and the buildings and their net book value as at 31 December, 1999.

e) <u>Cumulative changes in fair value reserve</u>

In accordance with the provisions of IAS 39 Financial Instruments – Measurement and Recognition, the differences between the fair values and the book values of the "available for sale" investments are recognised in the cumulative changes in fair value until they are sold, collected, disposed off, or until the are determined to be impaired, at which time the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised is included in the statement of income for the year.

10 CONTRA ACCOUNTS AND OTHER COMMITMENTS, net

At 30 June 2003	Gross Commitments	Covered by margin	Net commitments
	YR'000	YR'000	YR'000
Commitments on behalf of customers for which there were corresponding liabilities by the customers concerned:			
Documentary letters of credit	4,836,767	1,377,922	3,458,845
Letters of guarantees - customers	2,345,410	719,587	1,625,823
Letters of guarantees - correspondent banks	3,446,825	-	3,446,825
Customers' acceptances	338,962		338,962
Travelers' cheques	68,608	-	68,608
Credit cards	12,878	6,439	6,439
Other contingent liabilities	40,245	N=	40,245
Total contra accounts and	· ·		
other commitments	11,089,695	2,103,948	8,985,747

At 31 December, 2002	ross Commitments	Covered by margin	Net commitments
	YR'000	YR'000	YR'000
Commitments on behalf of customers for which	*		
there were corresponding liabilities by the			€
customers concerned:			
Documentary letters of credit	2,646,435	494,160	2,152,275
Letters of guarantees – customers	2,103,936	621,757	1,482,179
Letters of guarantees - correspondent banks	2,190,554	1=	2,190,554
Customers' acceptances	320,846		320,846
Travelers' cheques	79,889	-	79,889
Credit cards	7,155	2,683	4,472
Other contingent liabilities	-		
Total contra accounts and			
other commitments	7,348,815	1,118,600	6,230,215

11 PROVISIONS

	January/ June 2003	January/ June 2002
	YR'000	YR'000
Provision for losses on loans and advances (note 6 - b)	25,412	39,183
Provision for off-balance sheet items	11,430	12,180
Other provisions	-	24
Total provisions	36,842	51,387

12 EARNINGS PER SHARE

	January/ June 2003	January/ June 2002
	YR'000	YR'000
Net profit for the period	403,862	302,172
Weighted average of number of shares	1,850,000	1,600,000
Earnings per share	YR 218.3	YR 188.9

13 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

	30 June	31Decembe	
	2003	2002	
Government owned entities	YR'000	YR'000	
Loans and advances, gross	24,603	47,083	
Customers' deposits	713,938	276,057	
Board members and parties related to them			
Loans and advances, gross	2,788	1,713	
Customers' deposits	3,045	4,876	
4	January/	January	
	June 2003	June 2002	
	YR'000	YR'000	
Interest income for the period	207	121	
Interest expense for the period	150	206	

14 MATURITIES OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

a) The distribution of assets and liabilities as at 30 June 2003

ASSETS	Less than 3 months	From3 to 6 months	From 6 months to 1 year	Over 1 year	Total
	YR'000	YR'000	YR'000	YR'000	YR'000
Cash in hand and					
reserve balances with					
the Central Bank of					
Yemen	7,086,620	_	-		7,086,620
Due from banks	13,384,851	49,059	919,850	183,970	14,537,730
Treasury bills, net	16,477,406	-	-	-	16,477,406
Certificates of deposit	5,200,000	-	-	-	5,200,000
Loans and advances					
to customers and					1
banks, net of provision	643,208	131,153	448,278	883,516	2,106,155
Investments					
available for sale	-	-	1=	20,697	20,697
TOTAL ASSETS	42,792,085	180,212	1,368,128	1,088,183	45,428,608
LIABILITIES					
Due to banks	43,213	-		-	43,213
Customers' deposits	20,618,331	4,795,820	16,612,156	66,261	42,092,568
TOTAL LIABILITIES	20,661,554	4,795,820	16,612,156	66,261	42,135,781

ASSETS	Less than	From3 to 6 months YR'000	From 6 months to 1 year YR'000	Over 1 year YR'000	Total
	3 months YR'000				
reserve balances with			A. 1		
the Central Bank of	18				
Yemen	4,547,801	-	1-	-	4,547,801
Due from banks	11,637,869	143,453	3,048,464	-	14,829,786
Treasury bills, net	14,936,545	-	-	-	14,936,545
Certificates of deposit	5,450,000	-		-	5,450,000
Loans and advances					
to customers and					
banks, net of provision	99,664	46,986	279,682	1,348,028	1,774,360
Investments available					
for sale	-	-	-	20,124	20,124
TOTAL ASSETS	36,671,879	190,439	3,328,146	1,368,152	41,558,616
LIABILITIES			1		, , , , , ,
Due to banks	28,950		-	-	28,950
Customers' deposits	22,534,169	5,071,013	11,251,851	34,422	38,891,455
TOTAL LIABILITIES	22,563,119	5,071,013	11,251,851	34,422	38,920,405

15 CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

The Bank has filed a number of legal cases with the Public Funds Court and the Commercial Preliminary Court against former employees and customers of the Bank relating to irregularities and default in settlements of amounts due respectively. Although the ultimate outcome of these cases cannot presently be determined, management has fully provided for these assets in the financial statements. However, some of the cases have recently been awarded court judgments and still waiting for enforcement while the other cases are still pending and awaiting court hearings.

16 SIGNIFICANT FOREIGN CURRENCIES' POSITIONS

	30 June 2003		31 December2002	
	%	YR'000	%	YR'000
United States dollar	6.43	213,957	5.24	174,408
Pound sterling	3.52	117,397	3.54	117,918
Swiss Franc	0.01	408	0.05	1,540
Euro	5.26	175,259	4.56	151,727
Saudi Riyal `	5.13	170,724	6.01	200,202
Other	0.00	(66)	0.03	855
Aggregate foreign currency positions	20.35	677,679	19.42	646,650

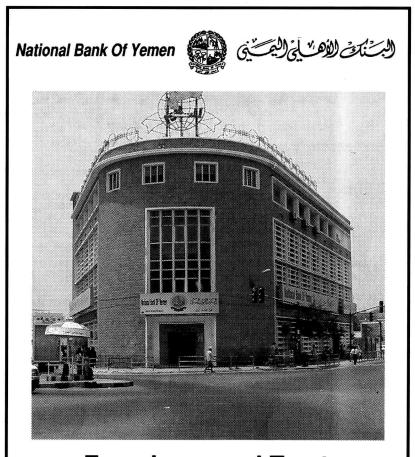
The dollar exchange rate at 30 June 2003 was 183.97 YR/US\$ (31 December 2002: 178.88 YR/US\$).

17 CAPITALISATION OF THE BANK

As part of the Government financial and administration Reform Programme and the preparation of the Bank for capitalization, the Council of Ministers issued in its meeting held on 4 September 2001, resolution No. (243) of 2001 which stipulated the capitalization of the Bank. The latest audited financial statements will be used as a basis of the net value of the Bank which will represent 40% of the capital of the new Bank, of which half will be put for public subscription and half will be maintained by the Government. The remaining 60% will be offered to a strategic investor. The capitalization process will be done through a general offer to qualified investors according to a pre-determined terms and conditions. The capitalization committee, under the chairmanship of the Deputy Minister of Finance, was instructed to implement the above mentioned resolution and to inform the Council of Ministers' on its implementation process.

18 COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain of the prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the presentation in the current period.



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Words of Wisdom



Nations are built with people who are upright, who have self-esteem, and who do not not bow to a few dollars. Citizens with personal integrity and character strength build nations. Nations that with corrupt and weak citizens cannot expect to claim an important world role.

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



OUR OPINION

The USA cannot give us development

ast week, I was approached by a researcher studying the effects of Yemen's anti -war efforts and its cooperation with the USA. She asked me a question about the positive contribution this cooperation has brought forward to Yemen's development. "Yemen has committed itself to cooperate with the USA in security. However, what is there in return for Yemen's cooperation? Is the USA intending to provide developmental projects and financial assistance?" she asked.

I was not sure where to start answering the question, because it touched on an important aspect in US-Yemen relations, and in fact US relations with other countries that expressed their commitment to cooperate fully with the USA to combat terrorism.

When I thought about it for the first time, I realized that the main 'positive' return out of such cooperation is removing Yemen from the list of 'non-cooperative' countries, which are always under threat of repercussions.

On the other hand, there should have also been some other things paid to Yemen in return for its cooperation. Yemen's stance in support of the USA's war against terror in a time hostility and hatred towards the USA is growing amid the local community because of the war against Iraq, is definitely some sacrifice. The USA has pledged to provide Yemen with financial assistance deeply needed for development, yet Yemenis are still waiting to see when and how it will be given.

My answer was simple and straightforward, "Unlike countries such as Germany, the Netherlands, and Japan, the USA is lagging behind in its assistance for Yemen's development."

The USA may have promised to give assistance to many countries in the world, many which are still waiting after they indicated their will to support USA's anti terror efforts, but time is running out, and assistance is not flowing.

In short, the question raised another question that we as developing countries' citizens should think of: Can development come from abroad?

Assistance in development could certainly come from other countries to help, but development as a whole can only be initiated and processed from within the country. Nor the USA, nor any other country could be the ultimate body to rely on for our own country's development. It is the citizens themselves who should work hard in achieving development on all fronts.

The US government is already stuck with so many financial burdens and budget deficits. It has a long list of countries to support financially for their 'positive' role in supporting its war against so-called terrorism and other similar issues.

Hence, it would be foolish to sit and wait until it comes for the rescue. We should start immediately in implementing the plans we have been drafting for so long to achieve overall

The USA wouldn't be as keen in helping other nations if it has its own economy in trouble. AFP had reported last May that a study applying rigorous accounting standards to the US budget suggested the true fiscal deficit - counting long-term pension and health care liabilities - is a whopping 44 trillion dollars (44,000,000,000,000). The study also found the fiscal imbalance includes seven trillion dollars for Social Security retirement costs and 38 trillion dollars for the Medicare health program for the elderly.

This comes in a time of instability in Iraq, which could potentially turn into a 'Desert Vietnam' as some call it. If the US leaves Iraq right now, then it could mark a horrible nightmare for the US economy as all dreams of returned 'investment' in the war will be shattered.

In conclusion, the USA cannot give us the development we aspire. It all comes from within, and will not come until we work hard and dedicate ourselves to achieve a brighter future for Yemen.

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Dream in reality

not got a house, because I still have no

BY ABDUL WAHAB AL SOFI aasofi@hotmail.com

fter midnight I met him. The warmest meeting was description. Actually we burst into tears. We separated since 1980. He is my grandfather. He started to narrate his position, which is not understandable. Then, he asked me to explain everything about my life. He was eager to listen as if he would hear an exciting story. But in fact it is a tragedy story. I have now ten children. My salary increased two-thousand more, but I cannot conceal that the house owner, which I live in, increased the rent five- thousand times as well. My grandfather, please keep your chest wide, because I have opened a painful file. I cannot close it until I relieve my feelings and explain to you everything. He looked at me strangely and said; haven't built a house yet? You still pay rent? Yes I have

stability. I feel I am expatriate in this country, I answered. He started to blame me; you work all the day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and you are unable to make a house? Anyhow, I will build a house when I will get the land. Our government promised some teachers in Hodeidah province to distribute lands around ten years ago. The project is still under negotiation. Hope is there. Haven't I told you that I monthly pay about YR. 5000 for electricity and water bills? I am waiting for the prices to be down but each year comes worse than the earlier. The sack of flour costs YR. 2500. I buy every day 20 loafs of bread to my children. Each loaf costs YR. 5. Moreover, an egg costs YR. 10. We are struggling in order to teach our children, but they are really ignorant in their schools. He was leaning on a rock and sat to say; it is better to get them learn at religious institutes. Alas! My grandfather, they were changed into schools two years ago. It is said that they were bringing out terrorists whom America is fighting. I am sorry my grandfather to grouch you. I have a lot of concerns, debits and a lot of anxiety. Therefore, my grandson it is better to follow me than this torture. Be sure, you will be very comfortable, he said. I feel sleepy. Next time bring to me a bundle of qat. He demanded. Do you still chew gat? Yes of course, I will not sleep unless I don't chew it, I answered. We chew qat to forget about our troubles in the day an also to think at night. He said; after I had died I never tasted qat. If our livelihood is a grouchy, we should improve luxuriously our bed at least. But, nightmares chase us night and day. While I was talking bowed with head incising the ground, I raised my head to notice my grandfather slept and then I got up of deep sleep with braying donkey next to my window. It is my neighbor's donkey. I wish it could have brayed at midnight to break my sorrow

Letters to the Editor

Taking in mind the society that

we live in where there are no

rules whatever, a country

where you make your own

rules to overcome those tribal

rules and regulations to gain

respect by force from those

When you make your self

an international icon around

the globe, and start making

everything go the way you

want, a man who came over all

those obstacles and proved

himself over the last two

Now is being step by those

ignorant tribal Sheiks, NOW it

has to stop once and for now a

Stop killing American

soldiers in Iraq

have written to your publi-

cation on numerous occa-

sions. While it is truly sad to

celebrate anyone's death, I

think we need to celebrate for

the Iraqi people that Saddam's

sons are now both dead and

Again, what I cannot com-

prehend is why any other

Muslim country would allow

such a horrific regime to rule

over a "Muslim country". We

need the Arab world to work

with us in our positive actions

towards the Middle East.

Please do not forget that it was

the United States who liberat-

ed Kuwait from the torture of

Saddam Hussein and his

Iraqi to help liberate the peo-

ple from this horrible monster

who never cared about the

Iraqi people, the Muslims or

even his own family. Where

are all of Muslim brothers and

sisters from other Arab coun-

tries who care so much about

them? I see no assistance from

Yemen, Saudi Arabia, Iran,

Syria, etc. — only Turkey, the

only Muslim state who is

always willing to help America and their Muslim

My message to Iraq and the

Arab World is to stop killing

American soldiers who are

risking their lives for the Iraqi

We are trying to help and

aid the Iraqi people to live in a

society where they are not

scared to get beaten, raped,

murdered, tortured, and

deceived, etc. I am very angry

that the Iraqi-Saddam-Killers

are still out there killing

your country or any other Arab

country go over to Iraq to help

the Americans liberate your

Muslim brothers and sisters

At this point, I would pull

out every American Troop out

of Iraq and then let us see who

will be there to help their

Finally, I have been an avid

supporter of a Palestine State.

Brothers and

from the Hussein loyalists?

When will someone from

Americans.

"Muslim

brothers and sisters.

The Americans are now in

hopefully gone forever!

Berg Robert

berg@hotmail.com

harsh step has to be taken.

who hate.

decades.

TeleYemen responds

noted the letter (7th August 2003 edition) from a correspondent in Libya regarding problems with making telephone calls to Yemen. As stated in the letter the problem seems to be in Italy. Your correspondent therefore needs to contact the telephone company in Libya or the Ministry of Telecommunications in Libya and advise them of the problem. It will then be for the authorities in Libya to arrange another routing for telephone traffic to Yemen.

Unfortunately TeleYemen cannot help directly with issues at the distant end but we will be happy to agree a new routing with the Libyans if they wish to propose an alter-

> Steve Baker CEO, TeleYemen

Returning to our homeland? No way!

read your editorial on 'Yemenis abroad: Key for development" but I disagree that Yemenis abroad should return in such conditions. Furthermore, I want to ask. Why would any Yemeni ever leave his country from the start if it's good to him? Have you ever been hated or discriminated against? I have! I've been protested and demonstrated against.

I'm breathing when will there ever be a chance to live a better life in this country of

Opportunity is there if you have money. Starting from zero will never work. You should make money or die trying to if you want to return and live in Yemen. Why do my words echo in everybody's ears when they feel down? Wake up, welcome to reality!

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9/11 event killed the Iraqis

The reason "thousands of civilians" in Baghdad were killed was purely for retribution for the attack on the World Trade Center. It didn't make any difference to Bush who died, just so long as they were "Arabs" and as you will note, the number of Iraqis killed were roughly the same number as killed in the Trade Center. That is no coincidence; the Iraqi oil could have been taken with few civilian deaths. These deaths serve to reelect Mr. Bush and keep Mr. Wolfowitz in business. It is as simple as that

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Jahm incident disappointing

was deeply disappointed when I read about the tribal of Jahm incident. Imagine somebody stepping over the Godfather. Godfather somebody from the regular people that became the boss of everyone in a matter of years.

Letters to the Editor Today, President Bush met

with Prime Minister Abbas in which I am very happy.

I now hope and pray that Israel will finally compromise their extreme position, and that Hamas continues their agreement to a cease-fire. If Israel does not meet Palestine half-way in this "Road Map to Peace", Israel should just say goodbye to their country because Hamas and every other Palestinian rebel will now make sure that Israel will be destroyed.

How sad that would be if one more Jew or Arab has to die because of a select number of Jews and Arabs who cannot move their own egos and agendas out of the way so that we can make peace for an entire world.

My prayer is that peace will come between Israel and Palestine. My gut tells me that Israel's ego is too big to give up anything.

I hope I am wrong. . .

In the meantime, please help the Americans who are risking their lives and leaving their families to help YOUR people live a free, loving and safe life.

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A special edition on Qat

would like to suggest that when time permits, you would kindly publish all the articles that appeared in Yemen Times on QAT in any future issue all in one edition. This way, readers can get an overall idea about everything related to Qat and the contributors to this sensitive subject.

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Dear Haydar, Thank you for your suggestion. However, such efforts are already being done by other specialized newspapers such as "Yemen without Qat" issued by the Afeef Cultural Establishment. In the meantime, we will indeed focus on Oat as one of the main factors behind Yemen's weak econo-

—The Editor

About Somali fishing fleet Because of the Local UNHCR's inability to deal with their problems, there are throughout Yemen thousands of Somali refugees who are in extreme need for assistance most commonly in the form of shelter, food, medical service, education etc. On the other hand, there is also in Yemen a large fishing fleet consisting of 5 fishing vessels and a mother ship and representing what remained of the public property in Somalia. Since ever the tragic advent of civil war in 1991, the fleet has been operating in Yemen by using the port of Aden for

According to very reliable sources, there is a considerable

transshipment of caught fish.

receipt at the end of every fishing campaign (which usually lasts a period of time ranging from 75 to 90 days) resulting in exporting fish to Italy and from there throughout Europe. Except for a little portion of this receipt which often is taken by the most powerful leaders of the Somali factions, no one knows where has been ending up the remaining income of the fleet over the past ten years. Similarly, no one knows about the fate of the previous one.

Nevertheless, what is surprising now is that since the beginning of the crisis in Somalia, the fleet has been at the service only of an assortment of exploiters, who remain indifferent toward the sufferings of the Somali refugees or toward this national tragedy. In addition, those Somali refugees who from time to time are to be employed to make part of the Somali crew on board of the fishing vessels are badly exploited on their own estates and they receive less than the value of the work they've

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Love comes after marriage

would like to say, having L just been married myself the 'old fashion way', that love does come after marriage. With the structure of the society the way it is its very difficult to truly find someone in such a format that you can mingle on a high level. I am currently a university student in the U.S and feel although the process is not the most efficient one; it does in some respects do the job. The issue of personal preferences is quiet interesting in that it's universally sound throughout our culture that an unattainable bar is set when trying to get people married; so many things are said to "close the deal" and that alone can ultimately alter ones decision to get married or not. Ethics are so far forgotten that leave the marriage to chance for the couples to discover things as they get to know each other. More often then not, families tend to complicate the issue by setting high standards for each party thus making it difficult to really base a decision on such 'false' information.

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The community is obscure Why is the society looking for destruction instead of construction? We are ruining our community by letting the horrifying fashion inhabitants annihilating our civilization. This destruction is like a shackle around our necks, even the unexpected broods are following the fashion, and we have to get rid of them. The

COMMON By Hassan Al-Haifi

What can the Arabs do?

ever has a nation with so much going for it been so helpless amidst such trying times. Yes the Arab World is in a pathetically helpless state both as individual states and a community of countries with so much in common, yet so far apart. Danger is lurking everywhere, but all this nation's leader's can do is meet every now and then, bilaterally, regionally or collectively and come out with communiqués that hardly move flies. It is not understandable how our leaders can sleep at night these days, knowing full well that they are now just as much in danger as anyone else and that all the infrastructure they have set up to protect themselves from their people will not protect them against the outside dangers that lurk in the horizon which threaten all of us from Mauritania to the Gulf States. Having said all that, it is clear that there seems to be a feeling of self confidence that our leaders can get by with making a few declarations here and there, depending on how the political wind is blowing in their direction.

Since the fall of Saddam Hussein, we have not heard one Arab leader declare that he is working to correct the mistakes of the past and to turn the government into an open field for all to enter into without fear of repression or arrest. We have not heard of one leader call for genuine bona fide representatives of the people to meet to set up a real genuine democratic constitution that will truly set the limits of political control and return power to the people. We have not heard of one Arab leader who is about to relinquish their tight hold on all the semblance of power and authority and who is ready to step down, if the people wish to elect someone else to take the helms of leadership. Yet the danger is still there haunting all of them and all of us that some outside force might take all that authority from them and from the people altogether. There is so much we have not heard and are truly looking forward to hear it, not just for our sake, but for the sake of our leaders themselves. The Arab people have a right to expect that their leaders will do everything they can to prevent any foreign power from taking over our lives and our resources. After all, that is the first responsibility of the positions they have insisted on holding. After all, they have more to loose accordingly than their constituents. So, what is really the problem? One cannot be assured that placating foreign powers in some ways, will eventually guarantee the status quo. The status quo is now dictated by interests and powers that are not interested anymore of minor placating here and there. We have now a world power that aims to get its way come hell or high water, and regrettably the political analysts working for the present Arab leadership are not providing their bosses with clear indications of the dubious future we should be prepared to meet. We have an enemy in our midst, who can get away with murder, destruction of whole plantations and building territorial prisons, while our Arab leaders are still building repressive prisons for their con-

All the observer can do in such a precarious situation is continue to declare that if the Arab leaders have not seen the light than they and us are eventually doomed. Their only hope can come from their people. They must free them from the past mentality of repression and literally make them masters of their own destiny. There is really no other way. We do not want to see someone from overseas telling us how to govern ourselves, because we really have enough expertise amongst us to come up with a suitable, democratic and open socio-political order that will be able to defend us against the looming threats that are facing us. Our leaders must be assured by now that if the political system is accepted by the people (from the heart), then no foreign power or enemy can stand to take anything away from us, especially our dignity.

Yet, our leaders continue to refuse even the most minor feedback from their people. Then, how can they expect their constituents to prevent our mutual enemies from carrying out what these constituents themselves have wanted to do for a long time, but have been unable to because of the notoriously repressive regimes that exist in their

The situation in Iraq can only be responded to by first insuring that the same thing does not happen elsewhere in another Arab state. There are plenty of candidate states on the Washington "War Office" list. The only course for the Arab leaders boils down to either open up or pack up. There is really no other safe way for all concerned, leadership and constituency. Once the Arab people know that now they will have it their way at home, one will be surprised what they can do elsewhere!

obliteration is approaching very rapidly. If there is a will there must be a way to protect our new generation before it we run out of time. Hanan S.H Al Sagaaf nunnyz85@hotmail.com

Sport page please! would like to thank every-Lone who is behind this newspaper. As a Yemeni, I felt so proud when I read our first Yemeni English-language newspaper for the first time. All the paper's content is so good but I had noticed that the sport page sometimes doesn't appear. I hope you would have the page come out regularly.

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Art of preventive wars

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he 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 bombarded 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

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 heared 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 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 facmobilized Iraqi Shiites against the Khomeni regime in the eastern region of Iraq to eliminate an ethnic

The quicksand of Iraq K **UN forces** D By Samir A.

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 tion present in Iraq and how Saddam 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 Afghanis immersed in a cultural sympathetic to American needs would appreciate the current aggressive foreign involvement backed largely by the

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

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.





Minister of Water to Yemen Times:

"Water prices in cities will rise"

Health / Environment

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here 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 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-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 con-

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

water pumped is about 24 million cubic eventually will find that it is more

Environmental issue:

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

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 prob-In the Sana'a basin, the total ground lem is with irrigation; if the farmers

attractive to sell water for drinking than growing qat or other corps, 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 achieves a good gov-

ernance of water resources and resolve conflicts over water, the UNDP through 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 if to alleviate the situation and the law will help in preventing the development of con-

Some international agencies and donor countries are involved in support-

Nationwide awareness



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 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.



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ince 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 garbagemen 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 fertilizes. 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

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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
- Al Gore lashes out at Bush's policy n
- Press conference on announcing Sana'a capital of Arab culture
- Pharmacists hold their constituent conference

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 ordinary people of the Yemeni people who are living a state of poverty, despair and unemployment and groaning under the yoke of what the economy has been affected with financial and administrative corruption and deterioration and collapse and monetary inflation, is then possible to be accepted by any reasonable person to say that the economic situation is the responsibility of 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. The Yemeni people did not plunder public properties, did not steal from illusionary projects and did not rob properties of the sea ports and airports. The Yemeni people are outside the game of fraud and lies which some leaders, ministers in government try to hold them responsible for being involved in the economic situation.



Annas weekly, 11 August

Main headlines:

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

Columnist Dr Hosni al-Jawshaie says in his article that Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak has recently said that Sharon was the man of peace and the keys of peace in the region were in Sharon's hands. I think this is a personal opinion of President Mubarak. It may convince some politicians in the Arab

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. Sharon threatened if Egypt would not release the Israeli spy he would marginalize Egypt's role in the peace process in the Middle East. Sharon would not have dared to unleash these statements had not the Egyptian president's statements and gave Sharon an importance bigger than his size. This killer does not understand but the language of violence and disdain of the Arab people. The Arab people see that the keys of peace are in the hands of the Arab countries in general and Egypt in particular and not in the hands of Sharon or Bush or any other leader.



Al-Sahwa weekly, 7 August

Main headlines:

- In an unsightly crime, a criminal kills a teacher and 8 students
- After 20 years, a new leadership for Egyptian Journalists Union
- Supreme court rejects challenges of Islah candidates
- Al-Dalie:Attas, Yassin and Muhsin return soon

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. Until now we do not find the government paying attention or commitment towards thousands of patients carrying medical reports and need to travel abroad for treatment, most of them are from the poor seg-

ment of the people. I do not want in this

Main headlines

- Tense relations between Yemeni government and a Mareb tribe
- 40 horrible crimes panicked Yemen within two weeks
- · Heavy rains disclose government negli-
- A youth kills himself to get rid of poverty
- More than YR embezzled from health min-
- 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 Lahi, 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.

It goes without saying that the state rendering health care for its citizens is a duty and favour. the constitution has guaranteed the right of health care for the citizen If the government would not carry out this duty would else do it? It is the government's duty.



Al-Thawri weekly, organ of the YSP, 7August 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 flourishment 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. But this right could not be dropped as long as the Iraqis are resisting peacefully and politically and if the occupier does not leave the country the just war is legitimate to end the occupation and restore the national sovereignty.



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. Yemen has assumed its new position and acquired a new dimension in the political impact on the issues that serve its interests and its regional neighborhood and those of its nation. Upon this orientation came the initiative of the president for reforming the Arab order represented by the Arab League. This step is considered an early one the events the Arab nation has experienced 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. The initiative takes into consideration the executive characteristic in a more practical form giving it the power of action to take her out of the state of weakness to which she has reached and to express interests of the Arab peoples at present and

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



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

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-Maqaleh 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". Each country complains of its neighbor after it had already offered its complaint first to the world empire, the United States which is the reference for some Arab regimes. The present realities and events do not resemble what had been happening at any time before and quite different from the setbacks the nation had suffered from in her old and modern history.

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Egypt

Al Gomhuria

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

Burns said the 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 smokingrelated 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 environment.

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

France

Le Figaro

Liberian President Charles Taylor handed over power to Vice President Moses Blah and flew 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 condi-

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-

Yomiuri

tem into service as early as 2006.

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

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.

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The Washington Post

Liberian President Chales 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 flew 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 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 near 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.

TIMES

An introduction to the Internet

Basics of HTML (5)



eferring 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 nonlinear 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-

g 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>THE SECOND CELL FIRST ROW</TR>

<TR><TD> THE FIRST CELL SECOND ROW <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 CELLSPACING and CELL-PADDING attributes: as follows:

<TABLE BORDER=4 ALIGN="center" CELLPADDING=10 CELLSPACING=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

The site was designed by YemenTimes reader:

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

between the content of the cells and the

rife new code I added to the fittil 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:

<able border="1" cellpadding="10"
cellspacing="12" bordercolor="#111111" width="100%" bgcolor="#00FFFF" height="280" background="ayatp.gif" >

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

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

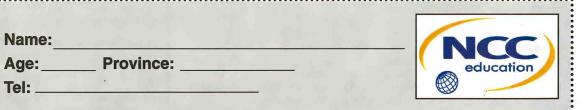
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Notice about NCC Education's competition

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.



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

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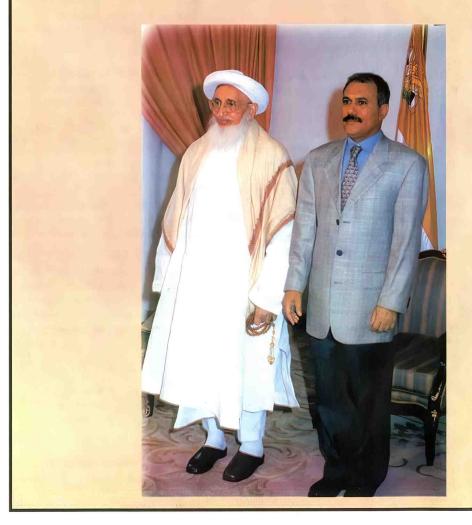
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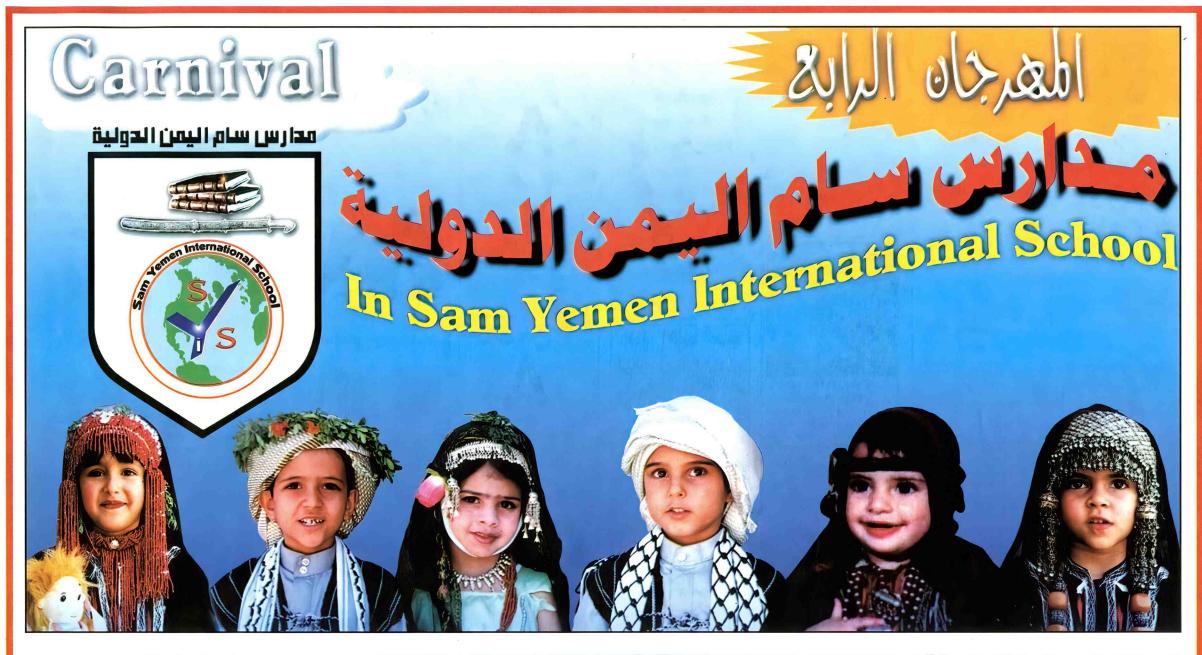
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A congratuiation Message

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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 modern, and a traditional CONSISTED **MANY** Ahmed Al-Jinde a song plays, historical and A1.

OF costume show. A musical activities, presentation was given starting with a recital of by Pak Ayang a gifted the gracious Qoran by seventh grader and also a "SAM" seventh grader, through presented by students of





WHILE

EVENTS WERE TAK- large resting area was pieces, and at a dis-ING place in the main provided with a live tance more students theatre, other- not less- musical band and a were displaying their er entertainment was cafeteria. Whilst in the horsemanship on elebeing presented else- open, athletic activities gant well trained horswhere on the grounds; took place; the karate es.

THESE In the second theatre, a team presented





MAYBE ONE OF THE Jamal AbdulNasser Alfrom the school administration, the most distinguished of whom was bers of the faculty.

MOST AWAITED items Zedani, holder of the First of the program was recog- Rank in Yemen/ Science nizing the most distin- Dep./ English Medium, guished of the students and and that is indeed somegracing them with prizes thing to be proud of, then presenting gifts to the more distinguished mem-







ALL DAY the merchandise of a num- esting. ber of reputable compasnacks from both oriental

nies in a bazaar out in the AT THE END OF A PARTICIPANTS open air. That accompa- VERY SATISFYING day happy families, alike, head nied with appetizers and ... Yet more satisfaction! the presenting of exciting and European cuisines prizes on Lucky Entrance be better??

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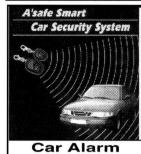
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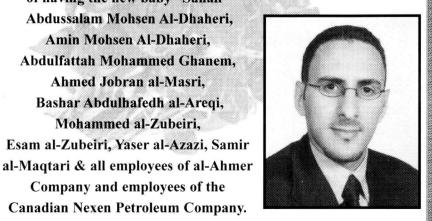
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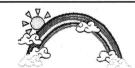
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🖿 فيلا للإيجار مكون من دور أرضي، دور أول 🛢 مطلوب شراء سيارة كورولا بحالة جيده جداً 🔳 للبيع باص تويوتا هالس ١٤ راكب جديد موديل ٢٤١٧٦٧ بجانب شركة جروب فور، للإستفسار يرجى الإتصال وبسعر مناسب ت: ٧١١٠ ٤٧٣٣

■ للبيع سيارة مونيكا ٢٠٠٣ لون فضي بسعر ٢٣٢٢٠٣٠، أو ٧٣٥٥٥٢٩١ 🗖 محلات الإيجار في مركز الصبري باسعار مغريه، مناسب جداً الإستفسار الإتصال على ت: 🖹 للبيع باص تويوتا هالس، موديل ٩٦، الون ابيض 📑 للبيع: ثلاجة عرض أيس كريم نوع (هايو Hair)

في الرور الثاني الإستفسار الإتصال بالشيخ/ ٧١٧١٢٧٥٥ ■ للبيع سيارة إسعاف GM.S موديل ٨٢ الاون ٦١٦٢٩٢ أحمد الحيمي عبدالحكيم هزاع ت: ٧١٩٠٣٠٤٩ ■ للبيع منزل في حده، على شارعين، مكون من أبيض للإستفسار الإتصال على ت: ٢٠٠٨٢٠/٢٢ ■ للإيجار شقه مفروشه، غرفة نوم، صالون وسفره، دورين، مبنى على ١٣ لبنه، للإستفسار يرجى

ديوان، تلفون، ستالايت، حديقه وجاراج، الموقع الحي ■للإيجار والبيع فلا في شارع الأصبحي، دورين مع السياسي، الإتصال على ت: ٩٨٣ ٤٤٠ حوش مزروع ۲۰ لبنه مربع، كل دور يتكون من ٥ 🗨 مطلوب سيارة كرسيدا لون أبيض، أجره رقم ١، 🖿 للبيع ادوات حمام فرنجي جديد ت: ٦١٢٩٩٢ قيس

> غرف وحمامين، البناء حجر، لمزيد من الإستفسار موديل ٤٨ نظيف السعر مابين ٤٠٠,٠٠٠ عبدالجبار مثنى ٤٣٠,٠٠٠ التواصل على ت: ٦٣١ ٧٣٨٩

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يرجى الإتصال على ٧١٦٦٦٦٥٢ فهمي العودي

■ يوجد عماره للإيجار مكونه من ١٨ شقه وبدروم، 🗨 مطلوب شراء سيارة مرسيدس موديل ٨٦-٨٤ ت: ٢٧٢٥٠٠ عبدالله العدائي. اليوبي أس UPS لمزيد من المعلومات الإتصال VIVETATE ■ مطلوب شراء سيارة موديل فوق ٩٠، بسعر

> لايتجاوز ٨٠٠,٠٠٠ وبحالة ممتازة، للتواصل سيار: ■ للإيجار عماره على شارعين شارع رئيسس ■ للبيع باص تويوتا هالس لون ابيض موديل ٩٣ مكينه ديزل وكاله، ١٤ راكب، للإستفسار الرجاء الإتصال على ت: ٦١٦٢٩٢، محمد الحيمى. شارع الجامعة العربية، جوار ورشة النقل البرى،

أروبي، تقع في الحي السياسي، للإستفسار الإتصال ٥٨٠٥٧٠ جميل شريم. ■ للبيع سيارة جالنس متسوبيش، موديل ٩٧م ■ منزل للبيع مكون من أربع غرف وحمام وصالة خليجي كاملة التحسينات، بسعر مناسب،

ديزني لانسد لبيع جميع أنواع الألعاب والدراجات الهوائية قسم خاص للعدايا والتحف وأدوات الزينة والأعراس



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أثاث، أدوات كهريائية، تليفونات. وأشياء أخرى. ■ للبيع: جهاز كمبيوتر بانتيوم] بحالة جيدة. للتواصل: على النزيلي ٢١١١٦٧ ■ للبيع طاولات تنس للإستفسار بيجر: ٥٨١٩٠٢٥ ■ للبيع جهاز كمبيوتر محمول صنع دل، رام ٥١٢، 🔳 للإيجار فيلا مكونه من دورين مع حوش مبلط 🕒 للبيع سيارتين نوع كروزر بوكس بترول، موديل 🗨 شركة الجزيرة لتقنية الغاز تعلن عن وجود أجهزة 👚 سرعة ١٧٠٠، جديد إستخدام شهرين فقط. ١٤٠٠\$ بالحجر جزء منه حديقه، يتكون كلا الدورين مِن ٨٠ -٨٩-٨٨ بسعر مناسب للتواصل ت: ٧١٢٩٩٤٤٨ لتحويل السيارات على نظام الغاز، وباسعار مناسبه، قابل للتفاوض، الرجاء الإتصال على ٢٢٤١٧، أو دفع تقسيط لمدة سنة كامله، ت: ٧١٢٢٠٢٥٠، ترك رسالة على ٧١٢٨٦٧١٦ علي صالح علي

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■ للبيع مكتبة تحف وهدايا وادوات مدرسيه، تخشيبه ٢٠١١٤٧ – ٧٣٧١٥٦٧٧

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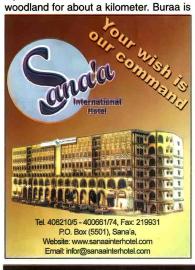


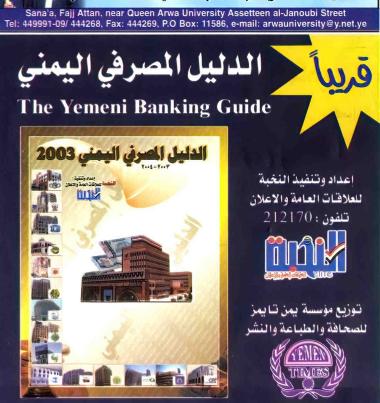
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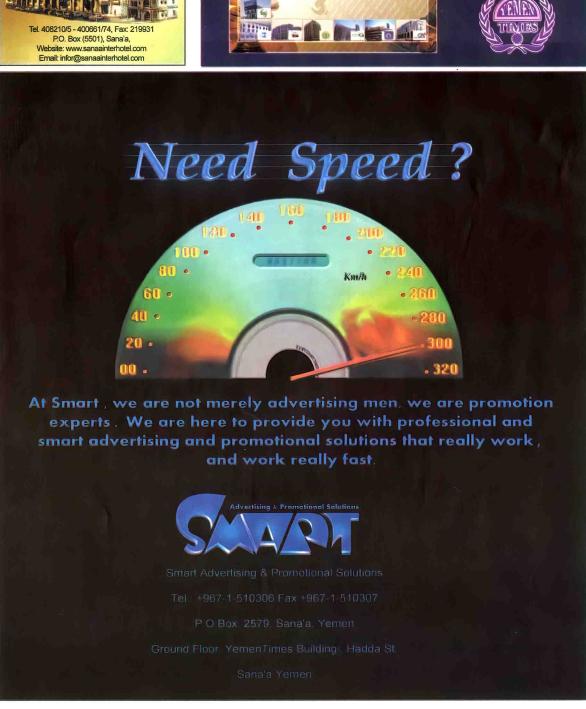
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