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## U.S. warns against travel to Yemen

WASHINGTON, Aug 20 (Reuters) - The United States on Wednesday advised its citizens against travel to Yemen, warning that al Qaeda was trying to regroup there and that Americans could be targeted for attack.  
The U.S. State Department urged Americans to defer nonessential travel to Yemen and advised those who are there to register at the U.S. Embassy in the Yemeni

capital of Sanaa.  
"The security threat to all U.S. citizens in Yemen remains high due to continuing efforts by al Qaeda to reconstitute an effective operating base. This could lead to possible attacks by extremist individuals or groups against U.S. citizens, facilities, businesses and perceived interests," the State Department said in a travel warning.  
The State Department said U.S. citizens

in Yemen should avoid crowds, keep a low profile and be particularly cautious at public facilities frequented by foreigners.  
In May, the State Department ordered the departure of nonemergency workers and family members at the U.S. Embassy in Sanaa, citing credible reports that terrorists had planned attacks against U.S. interests in Yemen. It also advised other U.S. citizens in Yemen to consider leaving.

## Tribesmen give up their arms



Tribesmen turning over their light weapons to SOHP. This is the first time real disarmament has been reported.



An actor demonstrating deadly consequences of tribal armed clashes in a theatrical act.

In an unprecedented move that brought hope and optimism to Yemenis throughout the country, some tribesmen have started giving up their arms voluntarily in Dhamar governorate last week. This was carried out as part of the program implemented by the Social Organization of House of Peace (SOHP), which is now conducting the second phase of the national campaign to fight random arms carrying in three districts Ma'abar, Anis and Jahran of Dhamar province.  
"We have been impressed by the positive response of many tribesmen who decided to give away their weapons as an indication

that they are fed up with violence caused by carrying arms, and want to start a new beginning," Abdulrahman Al-Marwani, Head of SOHP said.  
The campaign aims at raising awareness about hazards of carrying arms illegally, which is in fact the prime reasons of tribal vengeance clashes that usually result in unfortunate deaths and injuries.  
The themes of the awareness campaign were presented in the form of sketches, fine art exhibitions and other activities. School bags were given to students who lost their fathers in tribal revenge disputes. Teachers and other social dignitaries supporting the

efforts made by SOHP in this respect were honored.  
The SOHP aims by such activities to make people aware of such problems which cripple development in the country. The organization started its first campaign against arms carrying early this year in the provinces of Sana'a, Saadah, al-Baidha, and Dhamar. Preparations to carry out the campaign in other areas with support from private sector are also under way.  
Tribal vengeance and arms ownership are one of the most serious problems that hamper development of the country and its social and economic stability.

## Two killed, 34 injured in an attack on prayers in an Amran mosque

# Another mosque attack

MOHAMMED AL-QADHI  
YEMEN TIMES STAFF  
Sana'a, August 24 - The latest mosque massacre that took place in Amran on Friday

is a third of its kind during the last few years. Observers and decision-makers are concerned that the high number of light arms in the country has started to have severe effects on security even in holy places in the country.  
Two people were killed and other 34 injured in an attack with a grenade on a mosque in Amran last Friday.  
According to official sources, Marish Ali Al-Akhram, 30, threw 2 grenades against prayers at al-Khamri mosque at Hawth district, Amran province 60km north Sana'a, resulting in the explosion of one of the two

grenades, killing 2 and wounding 34 worshippers.  
One of the two victims died after being hospitalized. While some of the injured men left the hospital after treatment, seven others were taken to Sana'a hospitals as they were seriously injured.  
A security official told Yemen Times that the attacker was arrested and taken immediately to the house of Sheikh Abdullah Bin Hussein al-Ahmar, Speaker of Parliament and Sheikh of Hashid tribe for interrogation.  
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# Saudis seize arms at Yemen border every hour-paper

RIYADH, Aug 21 (Reuters) - Saudi and Yemeni arms dealers regularly supply militants operating in Saudi Arabia despite efforts by both countries to fight weapons smuggling, a Saudi official said in comments published on Thursday.

Prince Mohammed bin Nasser bin Abdul-Aziz, governor of the Jizan province that borders Yemen, said Saudi border guards seize arms caches smuggled from Yemen on an hourly basis, but some weapons slip through and are sold to the militants.

"This (smuggling) is no doubt a disturbing phenomenon that threatens our security that is why we are working

with the Yemeni authorities to find and destroy the smuggling ring," Prince Mohammed told the Arabic daily Asharq al-Awsat.

He said he did not have exact figures for the amount of weapons seized but added: "The border guards find an arms haul every hour of the day."

Both Yemen and Saudi Arabia have witnessed a spate of attacks in the past year which have largely been blamed on Saudi-born Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda network.

In June, the two countries agreed to cooperate closely to fight weapons smuggling as part of a widescale crackdown on terror after suicide bombings

at Riyadh housing compounds killed 35 people, mostly foreigners, in May.

Yemen, bin Laden's ancestral home, has also worked closely with the United States in its "war on terror" in an bid to shed its image as a stronghold of militant groups including al Qaeda.

Earlier this week, Riyadh extradited four men to Yemen, including two suspected militants believed to be linked to last year's attack on the French super-tanker Limburg.

Since the May bombings, Saudi authorities have arrested some 240 suspected militants. Washington and Riyadh blame these attacks on al Qaeda.

## Yemen's flag to join GCC's

Sana'a, August 23 - The flag of the Republic of Yemen is to be hoisted up in a celebration ceremony expected to be held by the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) in Riyadh in Saudi Arabia, Dr. Tawfiq Khawjah told the Kuwaiti News Agency (KUNA).

"Organizing the celebration has come as a faithful translation for the Gulf health ministers' welcome to Yemen's accession to some of the GCC

organizations and institutions in accordance with the decision taken by the GCC leaders in the 22nd summit held in Masqat in December in 2001," Mr. Khawjah noted.

"This positive step is considered to be a symbol of the bonds and fraternity established between the GCC states and the Republic of Yemen," he added.

The celebration is to be attended by a number of GCC health ministers

along with the Yemeni health minister Mr. Mohamed A-Nomi.

During the 22nd summit, the GCC leaders agreed to Yemen's accession to four institutions affiliated to the GCC along with executive office for the Gulf health ministers.

Yemen is ambitious to get a full membership in the GCC. However, it is quite clear that there are several prerequisites to be fulfilled before this

## Symposium on Human rights in Taiz

TAIZ, August 23 - Organized by the Women Forum for Researches and Training (WFRT) in collaboration with the Global Woman Fund, a symposium was held in Taiz to discuss the possibilities of coordination and cooperation among civil society organizations, the public freedoms committee and human rights along with other human rights activists at the Taj Shamsan Hotel Hall in Taiz August 24.

Around 40 participants took part in the symposium representing different governmental bodies such as, local councils, security administration, public prosecution, police stations, etc.

NGOs, development and human rights societies, mosque preachers, representatives from, syndicates and unions and a host of human rights activists also took part in the symposium.

During the event, participants focused

on work mechanisms to enhance relations between civil society organizations and the public freedoms committee at the parliament and exchanging experiences for improving and promoting legislation.

"We believe in the necessity to coordinate and keep in touch with civil society organizations in order to promote legislation," Ms. Suad al-Qadasi, the WFRT's chairwoman remarked.

## US to support electronic-education

Sana'a, August 23 - A press conference was held in Sana'a last week by the US Embassy's John Balian along with AMIDEAST Director focusing on the new projects to be implemented in Yemen concerning electronic education.

The E-education project is to be financed by the government of the USA, which will establish about 25 computer labs in a number of cities in the Republic of Yemen including Sana'a, Aden, Mareb, Shabwa, al-Jawf, Sada'a, Amran, Taiz, and Hodiedah.

A new advanced communication network will be set up to enable students in cities or villages to use internet to improve their educational capabilities and to be able to communicate with others and make friendships with students in Yemen and the world.

Special focus will be put on direct communication links between certain Yemeni schools and their counterparts in the USA.

Phase one of the project is expected to be inaugurated in Sana'a on October 5.



## Readers' Voice

### THIS WEEK'S

#### QUESTION:

**Do you truly think that Dr. Kelly did commit suicide or not?**

- Yes, he committed suicide because of the pressure he underwent
- No, he was murdered
- Let us wait for investigation results

### LAST WEEK'S

#### QUESTION:

**How effective do you think is the Iraqi resistance?**

- They are only hurting the Iraqi people. 40%
- They are having negative effects on both the coalition forces and the Iraqi people. 29%
- Quite effective, they will be driving the coalition forces out eventually. 27%
- They have no effect whatsoever. 4%

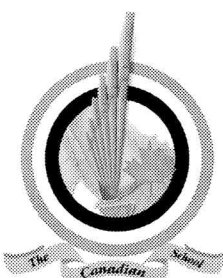
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## Lawyers appeal to Interior Minister

The Yemeni Lawyers Association sent a letter last week to the Yemeni Interior Minister appealing to find and arrest armed men, who were disguised in military uniform. Those men had beaten up and threatened lawyer Mohammed Abdualragheeb al-Saqqaf, the Deputy of the Association. They also kidnapped him in his own car on 18 August on Zubairi St. in the heart of the capital Sanaa. The men took al-Saqqaf out of the capital on the road to Marib and after a while, they abandoned him in one of the highways.

"Nothing can be worse than having such gangsters practice the most brutal inhuman conducts and then simply go unpunished. The president has confirmed to his people that everyone who attacks and violates the security of others or does acts that could lead to instability will be penalized" the letter indicated.

The association's leadership insisted in the letter to have the culprits arrested and brought to justice based on the constitutional laws and regulations. They also stressed on the necessity to bring back the stolen car and its contents.



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# KAP commemorates 34th anniversary of al-Aqsa mosque

YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Sana'a, August 22- On the occasion of the 34th anniversary of setting al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem to fire by the Israeli occupation, a symposium was held by the Kana'an Association for Palestine, KAP in Sana'a on August 21.



Chairman, Mr. Yahya Mohammed Abdullah Saleh talked about the flagrant aggressions against the al-Aqsa mosque by the Israeli occupiers.

"The crime committed against the holy land is not the first and will



Mr. Rabah addressing attendees

certainly not be the last. The Zionists have been performing barbarian crimes that violate all international charters related to sacred holy lands," he said.

The KAP administration stresses that the commemoration comes to confirm once again that Jerusalem will remain an inseparable Arab city.

In his speech, Mr. Yahya urged the Arab as well as Islamic nations to defend the occupied lands and protect them from defacement.

On his part, Palestinian Ambassador to Yemen, Mr. Yahya Rabah delivered a speech focusing on the Israeli conspiracies against the Palestinian case in general and the status of Jerusalem in particular.

Meanwhile KAP's Secretary General, Mr. Abdulkader Assabri delivered a speech, in which he emphasized on the importance of holding such activities and symposiums.

A number of working papers were presented by participants focusing on the following topics:

- Al-Aqsa mosque, connotations and indications presented by Mr. Ahmed al-Kibsi.
- Islam's rights in al-Aqsa mosque presented by Moarof al-Ashhab.
- Israelis to make the al-Aqsa mosque a Jewish property presented by Dr. Noah Abdusallam.

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- Jerusalem in the Arab League's decisions presented by Dr. Abdulaziz Ashoa'ibi

- Jerusalem in the UN resolutions presented by Dr. Jalal Faqera

The working papers were discussed and dealt with in details by participants and attendees.

Since its establishment on 17 April, 2002, KAP has proven to be an active Arab institution to support the Palestinian case and people and to defend their rights using all means possible.

KAP has called upon all Arabs and

Muslims to boycott all kinds of Israeli products and services to pressurize Israel to stop its war of extermination against the defenseless Palestinian people.

The KAP administration believes that this can be achieved through adopting new techniques to boycott the use of the US dollar and replacing it with the euro in offshore commercial transactions, avoiding buying products manufactured by companies dealing with Israel, and looking for new travel destinations where Israeli interests are not served.



Attendees during the symposium on 34th anniversary of al-Aqsa mosque

## Final farewell to Mr. Rabah

Sanaa, August 24 - A dinner party was hosted by HE. Palestinian Ambassador to Yemen and Dean of the diplomatic Corp in the country, Mr. Yahya Rabah at the Hadda Hotel in Sanaa on Saturday amid presence of governmental officials, diplomatic mission representatives, and a host of others.

"It gives me great pride to have lived here for more than 13 years. After so long a period, I have decided that I can only go back to my homeland Palestine," Mr. Rabah said.

Mr. Rabah has been working in the country for more than 13 years. He is the longest serving ambassador in the Republic of Yemen's history. During his mission, Mr. Rabah had made great contributions to the Palestinian issue and promoted Yemen-Palestine relations in an excellent manner.

Mr. Rabah has been known for his energetic and kind character.

"Never have I felt as a foreigner in



this country. I just feel that it has been part of me for so long. I will surely never forget you all," he concluded.

As Yemen Times, we wish Mr. Rabah all the success in his future and thank him for the great contributions he has given to Yemen-Palestine relations.



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## Another masque attack

Speaker al-Ahmar said this prevented any possible counter attack by relatives of the victims against the killer, pointing out that some were attempting to kill al-Akhram.

Investigations with the attacker proved that he suffered from some personal problems with his relatives. Yet, the real reason behind the crime is still unknown as investigations continue at the police station in Amran.

The Minister of Justice and Amran governor gave their orders that immediate trial for the attacker should be

conducted as the crime caused panic and outrage among the people in the area who are in a state of awe.

Last July, Mohsen Munasser killed eight students and their teacher while attending an unofficial summer course on Islamic religion teachings in Yahar mosque, Lahj governorate in southern Yemen. The relatives of the victims have demanded death sentence against the killer who requested the court to show him to a psychiatrist. The primary court of Lahj is expected to pass its verdict against the killer today.

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# Gas shops and stations, a time bomb

BY SALAH SALEH AHMED  
YEMEN TIMES, TAIZ

“I was preparing tea for me and my flat-mate when all at once I was covered with flames” said Fadhil Yahya Qaid who is currently admitted for 50 days now in al-Thawra hospital due to third-degree burns.

This is an example of general phrases we occasionally hear even for various causes though the final result is rather the same. And this man is one of the many victims of liquefied gas leakage from cylinders. These cylinders should have been tested accurately before selling them to consumers. They should be stored in proper places and the gas should be mixed with chemicals emitting distinct smell acting as a warning of gas leakage. What happens is exactly the opposite. There are dependable standards regarding shops selling gas cylinders, cylinders are not filled completely, and there is no distinguishable smell mixed in it.

Dr. Salah Abdulghani Abdullah, a doctor in the burns section of al-

gas-flow controller”. Yearly around 200 patients visit the hospital due to such explosions, this in addition to those who come for follow-up, Dr. Abdullah added.

## Rising record

Situation is getting worse every day. In Taiz alone 200 victims per year, yielding around 5 or 6 thousand affected persons, either handicapped, or mutilated.

Meanwhile, prices of medicines used to cure injuries caused by burns of gas explosion incidents rise quickly and steadily, that is if they are available regularly. So only those who are well-off can afford to get adequate medication or to be admitted to the hospital. No consolation for the poor, they'll just have to live with pain, then the consequences. This is why Dr. Salah Abdullah also beckoned people to donate and help in buying required medicines and medical instruments.

## Stores of danger

To have a cylinder exploding in a home or a restaurant is a big problem, but to have 400 or 500 gas cylinders

follow-up and no investigation that the conditions are satisfactorily safe. Conditions such as good ventilation, paving the ground with sand or small stones, at least 500 meters between each shop, remote location from populated areas, to provide fire extinguishers and many other precautionary measures are necessary measures but there is no follow-up for verifying the existence of such conditions.

Dr. Khalid Mujahid al-Asbahi secretary of the Yemeni Society for Consumer Protection in Taiz said about this issue: “Gas cylinders selling and exchanging shops have spread randomly in the inhabited quarters in Taiz with no regards to safety measures or conditions. Even grocery shops owners decided to try their hands in this trade seeking more profits with no consideration to the dangers that their actions could cause”.

Mr. Najeeb Mansour al-Aoj deputy manager at the Yemeni Gas Company indicated that the company intends to carry out a survey to evaluate the gas cylinders' shops in coordination with the concerned authorities, the municipality and the civil defense etc... and that there is an urgent need to elevate the quality of these shops from all technical aspects and safety measures needed to be ensured according to rules and regulations.

## Service or curse...?

Of the main problems with gas cylinders is the lack of the chemical with distinguished smell in the cylinders. A chemical called the Nitrahydrotheofin is added to the gas so as to warn when leakage. Dr. al-Asbahi points to this fact saying: “Gas cylinders have become more of a curse than a service because without this chemical people choke or get burned without previous notice. For 4 or 5 years and this material is not added to gas cylinders, causing the consumer to panic and worry.” While Mr. al-Aoj said that the company in cooperating with the district authorities is monitoring gas filling, however he pointed out that the consumption of domestic gas has increased rapidly lately and is being used in various applications



Gas shops, lack of safety procedures

other than home cooking.

The Yemeni Gas Company does not do much in this regard. Its supervision is merely words without deeds. The company is demanded to compel gas stations to abide by the regulations and satisfy the conditions and not play around with the filling amount as it disposes half filled cylinders to the market. Dr. al-Asbahi indicted this fact when he said: “Many consumers complain that the cylinder gets empty much earlier than expected. Instead of the 25-30 days in average, the gas cylinder hardly lasts to more than 18 days now, in addition to the rise in price.”

## Gas filling Stations, shameful status

The number of the filling stations has multiplied whereas the quality of service has deteriorated. The most basic safety requirements are missing; you find giant containers that could explode at the slightest spark but not even a single fire extinguisher.

Finding out who's responsible for this degrading situation and all the threats facing safety of the city, forced us to talk to Mr. al-Aoj who replied: “Instructions from prime minister have been issued regarding this case and the distribution of gas cylinders in the inhabited localities all around the

republic. Both the Yemeni Gas Company and the ministry of Petroleum are committed to the instructions and hope that all other concerned authorities are committed as well so that together we could prevent giving license to any station that violates the regulations.”

## Unsatisfied safety measures

In Taiz alone there are four gas filling stations whereas the demand could be satisfied with just one and that too not only for Taiz but for 4 governorates namely, Taiz, Ibb, Abyan and Lahj. All of which hardly fulfill the required standards. So where is the “continuous communication between the Yemeni Gas Company with the Station owners and civil defense department at the ministry of interior to enforce rules and regulations?”

We asked what the station thought about the fact that most of fire incidents happened due to the lack of the smell material. What came over the defected gas cylinders that are still in the market place? Why are the cylinders half full? Why is there no supervision from the management of the station on the “automatic” filling process? What authority do you have to enforce a number of security points in the Naqeel al-Ibil road? You said in an ear-

lier interview that you spent around 13 million USD for security measures, what came over that and are they implemented in other stations?

These were the questions asked to Mr. Tawfeeq Abdulraheem owner of two gas filling stations in Taiz who displayed complete carelessness and arrogance in answering and refused to reply to the questions pretending that the responsibility of all above is not his. A reaction that tells a lot about the absence of supervision and accountability to deter such people, a remark we place before the Yemeni gas company.

## In conclusion

What is going on is a direct result of negligence and carelessness, consequences of which are of no benefit of anyone. Immediate action should be taken in order to stop this ridiculous situation. Measures should be taken to ensure adding of the smell chemical and redistribution of the gas cylinder shops should be arranged. Awareness campaigns should be initiated through all media tools. And Station filling owners should be compelled to fully fill the cylinders, otherwise the threat would always remain and next victim could simply be anyone, so let's join forces and do something before it is too late!



Victim of gas explosion

Thawra Hospital commented on this issue by saying: “Most of burns cases are due to explosions caused by gas leakage. This is mostly because the particular smell is not there so the person does not notice the leakage or because of a defects in the cylinder's

exploding in one of the many gas shops scattered in the lanes of Taiz city, is a real tragedy. True that there are standards required by the Yemeni Petroleum Company Taiz branch before granting gas cylinder shop's license. But unfortunately there is no

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# Palestinians say no crackdown until Israel stops raids

RAMALLAH, West Bank, Aug 23 (Reuters) - Palestinian officials said on Saturday it would be hard to heed U.S. calls for a crackdown on armed groups so long as Israel waged military reprisals against militants behind a suicide bombing.

Violence has spiralled in recent days — jeopardising a U.S.-backed "road map" to peace — after Israel assassinated a senior Hamas leader in revenge for the killing of 20 people in a suicide bomb attack on a Jerusalem bus earlier this week.

U.S. President George W. Bush on Friday called on the Palestinians to crack down on militants, a key requirement of the road map, which paves the way for an end to three years of violence and the creation of a Palestinian state in 2005.

"If the Palestinians want to see their own state, they've got to dismantle the terrorist networks," Bush told reporters.

But the Palestinian Authority said a crackdown was impossible so long as Israeli forces continued raids in the West Bank and Gaza Strip unleashed after Tuesday's bombing.

"Now when the Palestinian territories are full of tanks...I think that it will hinder any effort that we will take," Information Minister Nabil Amr told reporters.

Prospects of fresh bloodshed appeared likely as Hamas and other militant groups vowed to avenge Israel's killing of prominent Hamas leader Ismail Abu Shanab in the Gaza Strip on Thursday, and Israel promised to strike more militant leaders.

Vows of revenge by tens of thousands of mourners at Abu Shanab's funeral were joined by a Hamas call to "all our cells of fighters

in Palestine to strike in every corner of the Jewish state".

Meanwhile, an Israeli security official said on Friday the killing of Abu Shanab was "just the beginning" and that Israel planned "serious retaliation on the terrorist infrastructure" following the Jerusalem bus bombing.

But Hamas's head in Lebanon said on Saturday his group was open to discussing a new truce despite Abu Shanab's killing.

"We are ready to discuss any political ideas. But we are not ready to take positions before we know all the details," Usama Hamdan told Reuters.

## Palestinians urge U.S. to pressure Israel

Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat asked senior U.S. envoy John Wolf in a meeting in the West Bank to pressure Israel to halt military reprisals so "the Palestinian Authority can take action against militants", a senior Palestinian official said.

Palestinian officials said they hoped to renegotiate a new three-way truce with militants to replace a unilateral ceasefire they dissolved after Israel killed Abu Shanab on Thursday.

"We want a hudna (truce) between the whole Palestinian Authority and Israel, that Israel commit itself to as much as we do," Palestinian Foreign Minister Nabil Shaath told reporters.

Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas had coaxed the temporary ceasefire from militants to shore up the road map.

But the truce was shaky even before it was torn apart by this week's violence due to several suicide bombings, including Tuesday's blast for which Hamas claimed



Mourners carry the body of a Palestinian militant for a funeral in the West Bank city of Nablus August 23. The man was killed in a shoot-out with Israeli soldiers on Friday, when Israeli forces carried out sweeps for militants in several West Bank cities including Nablus. REUTER

responsibility, and Israeli killings of militants in West Bank raids.

Palestinian officials accused Israel of sabotaging its plans to rein in militants by killing Abu Shanab. Israel says the Jerusalem bombing was a product of the Palestinian Authority's decision to rely on the truce in lieu of disarming militants.

Israeli forces carried out sweeps for militants in several West Bank cities

following the Jerusalem bombing, including Nablus where troops killed three militants holed up on the roof of a hospital during a shootout on Friday.

The United States indicated Israel should show restraint. White House spokesman Scott McClellan said that while Israel had the right to defend itself it should "keep in mind...the effect of those actions on the peace process".

# Islamist chief leaves Algeria for health treatment

ALGIERS, Aug 23 (Reuters) - The leader of the banned Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) has left the North African country for medical treatment abroad for the first time since he was freed after being held for 12 years, FIS officials said on Saturday.

Party chief Abassi Madani, 72, along with his 47-year-old deputy Ali Belhadj were released in July after serving a 12-year term on charges of threatening state security.

Madani had been under house arrest in Algiers since 1997, while Belhadj was being held at a prison 30 km (18 miles) south of Algiers. Madani has signed the release conditions,

including barring him from political activity.

"He (Madani) left for Qatar on Thursday at midday. Authorities gave him a passport last week. He asked for authorisation to travel abroad for treatment while he was in prison," FIS official Kamel Guemezi told Reuters.

"He insisted on this after the release because of the deterioration of his health. He got a positive response from the authorities," the official added without giving details on his health condition.

Guemezi denied reports that Madani planned to leave Qatar for Germany where his two sons live.

# Iran hangs 10 smugglers and armed robbers

TEHRAN, Aug 23 (Reuters) - Iran has hanged 10 drug smugglers and armed robbers in the southern province of Kerman, the conservative Jam-e Jam newspaper reported on Saturday.

Under Iran's strict Islamic law, in place since the 1979 revolution, the death sentence is usually reserved for murder, rape, armed robbery and drug trafficking.

"Ten smugglers and armed robbers were hanged in the cities of Kerman and Baft," the paper said, quoting a statement from Kerman's justice department.

President Mohammad Khatami's

reformist allies argue that public executions present a negative view of the Islamic republic and have urged the conservative judiciary to stop them.

Conservatives say they are an effective deterrent.

European human rights officials last year voiced their opposition to the death penalty and the way in which the sentences are carried out, such as stoning and hanging.

Iran later abolished death by stoning, reserved for men and women convicted of adultery, in an apparent bid to ease European Union concerns.

# U.N. bombing will not stop Iraq food distribution

BAGHDAD, Aug 21 (Reuters) - The distribution of food rations in Iraq under a United Nations humanitarian programme would not be affected by the bombing of the U.N. headquarters in Baghdad, a senior Iraqi trade ministry official said on Thursday.

"I don't see any problem affecting the distribution of food rations to our citizens," Fakhridin Rahan, deputy to Iraq's de facto trade minister, told Reuters in an interview.

The World Food Programme was among the agencies based in the U.N. Baghdad compound hit by a truck bomb on Tuesday that killed at least 23 people including U.N. chief envoy to Iraq, Sergio Vieira de Mello and injured 100 more, many of them U.N. staff.

The WFP has helped the Trade Ministry distribute monthly food rations to 25 million Iraqis since U.N. sanctions against Iraq were lifted in May. The United Nations has begun a "partial evacuation" from Iraq, but says it will not abandon the country.

"The WFP has a useful role in helping us to distribute food, but their absence will not stop the food distribution. We are exerting our utmost efforts to distribute the food rations to our citizens," Rahan said.

"We have the ability to distribute food," he said. "We have been doing so for the last 13 years."

## Food rations

The ministry has been distributing food since 1990 when the United Nations imposed sanctions on Iraq for invading Kuwait.

"The WFP role is to speed up the arrival of food supplies to Iraq through following up contracts with suppliers," Rahan said.

Just one day before Tuesday's attack, a WFP spokesman, Khaled Mansour, told Reuters the agency had recently facilitated the supply of \$1.5 billion-worth of food to Iraq.

Rahan said the Trade Ministry had resumed food distribution only two months after the U.S.-led war that ousted Saddam Hussein's government in April.

"We have distributed the food rations for June, July and August and we will continue for the rest of the year," he said.

Rahan said his ministry was now discussing import plans for 2004 with the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA).

"We are holding discussions with the finance ministry and the CPA to assign a budget for Iraq's import plan for 2004."

Rahan said before the war the ministry had already signed food contracts that would be sufficient at least for the first six months of 2004.

# Three British soldiers killed in Iraq

BASRA, Iraq, Aug 23 (Reuters) - Three British soldiers were killed and another seriously wounded in Iraq's second city of Basra on Saturday, a British military spokesman said.

Locals said a British vehicle had come under fire from another car, veered off the road and crashed.

British soldiers sealed off an area of the southern city and witnesses said they could see a badly damaged vehicle behind the cordon.

"A serious incident took place in central Basra at approximately 0830 (0430 GMT) this morning. We can confirm that three British servicemen have been killed and one seriously injured," the military spokesman told Reuters.

"The casualty has been taken to hospital for treatment and the incident has been contained," he said. He was not immediately able to provide details of the incident.

Basra resident Sabih Naameh said attackers in a car had pursued and shot at a British four-wheel drive vehicle.

"I saw the British vehicle come past me, and another one behind it was firing. They went up on to the pavement, and smashed into a wall," he said.

Before this incident, at least 15 British soldiers had been killed in combat since U.S.-led forces invaded Iraq in March to topple Saddam Hussein's government.

British troops control predominantly Shi'ite Muslim southern Iraq, which has been quiet compared to minority Sunni Muslim areas, where U.S. forces come under almost daily attack.

But tensions have been rising in Basra, where a British soldier was killed when a roadside bomb hit a military ambulance earlier this month, a few days after riots erupted over power and fuel shortages.



A badly damaged vehicle is seen crashed in the side of a building in Basra August 23, following an incident in which three British soldiers were killed and another was seriously wounded. Locals said a British vehicle had come under fire from another car, veered off the road and crashed. The British military was not immediately able to provide details of the incident. REUTERS

# Sudan peace talks seen resuming Sept 10-mediator

NANYUKI, Kenya, Aug 23 (Reuters) - Talks to resolve a 20-year war that has killed two million people in Sudan are expected to resume on September 10, the chief mediator said on Saturday.

Negotiations between the Sudanese government and the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) ended on Saturday after hitting an impasse earlier this week.

The warring sides are unable to agree on how to carve up power and wealth, including oil, in Africa's biggest

country.

"The delegates have presented their need to have more (separate) consultation," Kenyan mediator Lazaro Sumbeiywo said.

"The talks have been adjourned until September 10 to give delegates time to discuss major issues like power-sharing and security," he told Reuters.

Sumbeiywo gave no comment on how long the next round of talks would last.

Sudan's civil war broke out in 1983

and largely pits the Islamic government in the north against rebels seeking more autonomy in the mainly Christian or animist south. Other issues at stake are oil, ethnicity and religion.

SPLA delegates said on Monday the talks had hit an impasse over mediators' proposals outlined in a document, dubbed the Nakuru draft and opposed by the Khartoum government.

The draft proposes exempting parts of Khartoum from Islamic sharia law and splitting the army and central bank

between the north and the south, which critics say would foster disunity.

A statement by the regional Inter-governmental Authority on Development (IGAD), the body mediating the talks, said both sides had reiterated their commitment to the peace process.

Last July, the government and the SPLA agreed to waive Islamic law in non-Muslim areas and to allow southerners a referendum on secession after a six-year transition period.

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## Draining of crude from tanker in Pakistan delayed

KARACHI, Aug 23 (Reuters) - An operation to siphon off thousands of tonnes of crude oil from a Greek tanker grounded off the Pakistani port of Karachi was delayed on Saturday after an oil salvage ship developed technical problems.

Efforts were under way to repair the Fair Jolly salvage ship but it was not known when the operation would resume, said Iftikhar Ahmed, a senior official of the Karachi Port Trust.

"But definitely it will not start before tomorrow morning," he said.

Bad weather and high tides had earlier halted efforts to siphon off the oil from the Tasman Spirit, which was carrying 67,500 tonnes of crude when it went aground outside a channel leading to Karachi port on July 27.

The ship broke in two earlier this month.

The Tasman Spirit has spilled 12,000 to 15,000 tonnes of crude into the sea, killing marine life and polluting upscale Clifton beach in Karachi.

A 16 km (10 mile) stretch of Karachi's eastern coast has been badly affected by the spill and authorities have prohibited people from visiting the area.

The biggest oil spill in Pakistan's history has shaken authorities and environmentalists, who have called for swift action to control damage and stop leaks.

On Friday, the ship spilled more crude after tilting and sinking deeper into the sea but Arshad did not see any immediate danger of more spills as its tanks had been sealed.

Authorities have drained 30,000 tonnes of crude but more than 20,000 tonnes are still on board.

# Kenyan vice-president dies in London hospital

NAIROBI, Aug 23 (Reuters) - Kenyan Vice-President Michael Wamalwa died on Saturday while undergoing treatment in a London hospital, a statement from the president's office said.

"The government has announced the passing away of Vice-President and Minister for Regional Development Hon. Michael Kijana Wamalwa," the statement read.

It quoted President Mwai Kibaki as saying Kenya had lost a "patriot and a gentleman who had served his country with dedication to enhance the democratic space in the country".

Wamalwa had been repeatedly

admitted to hospital in London over the last six months, with newspapers reporting various ailments from gout to kidney problems.

"He went into a coma last night," Kibaki's spokesman Isayah Kabira told Reuters. Wamalwa, born in 1944, studied law and once practised as a barrister before establishing himself as an opposition stalwart during former President Daniel arap Moi's 24-year rule.

However, Wamalwa's own ambitions to become president fell short and he finished fourth in the 1997 presidential race.

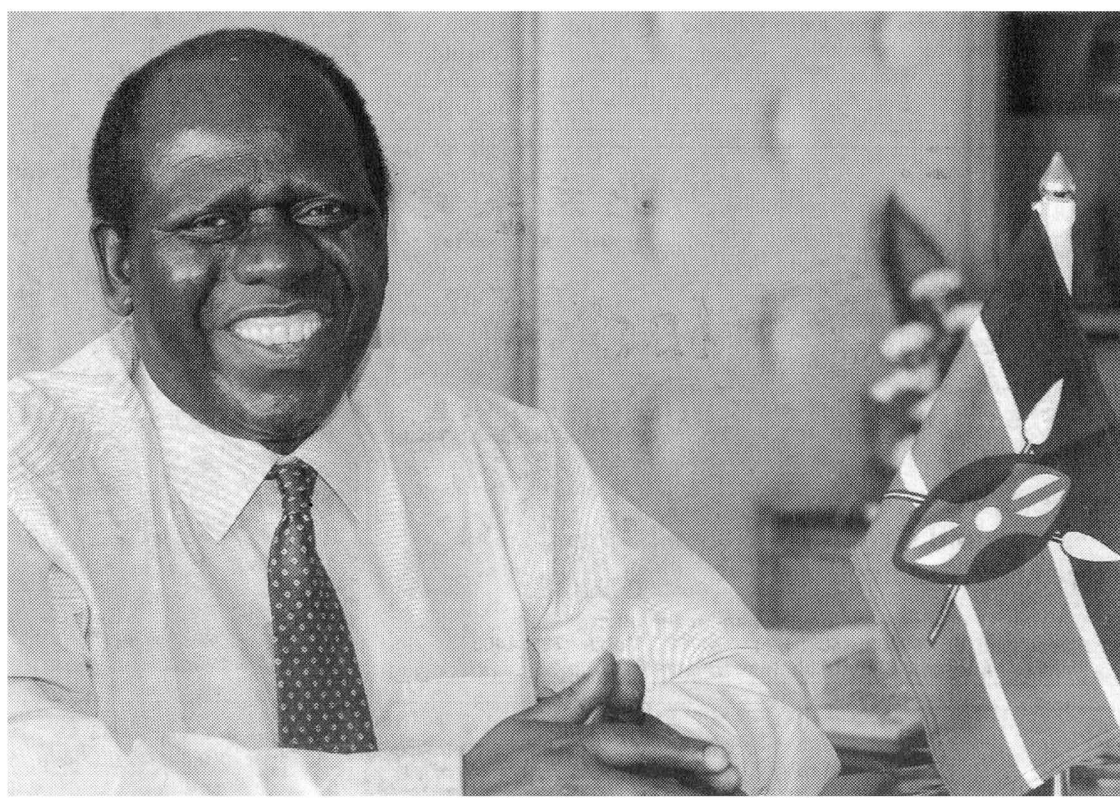
He helped Kibaki's National

Rainbow Coalition (NARC) party to victory in last December's landslide elections, ending 40 years of rule by Moi's Kenya African National Union party.

Well-known for quoting Shakespeare and his eloquence in English, some of Wamalwa's colleagues referred to him as NARC's Englishman.

The death of the vice-president is likely to add fuel to an already heated debate about changing Kenya's constitution and creating the post of prime minister.

Wamalwa got married three months ago.



Kenyan Vice President Michael Kijana Wamalwa speaks to Reuters during an interview in Nairobi in this January 31, 2003 file photo. Wamalwa Kenya's 8th vice president and President Kibaki's running mate in the last December general elections died in London August 23, where he had been hospitalised. REUTERS

# Liberians report fresh fighting, thousands flee

MONROVIA, Aug 23 (Reuters) - Thousands of civilians fled the sound of fresh fighting near Liberia's second city of Buchanan on Saturday as caretaker President Moses Blah sought to cement a peace deal to end 14 years of bloodshed.

Men carrying bundles on their heads and women with babies strapped to their backs streamed along the main road leading from the rebel-held port city to the West African country's capital Monrovia.

The refugees said they left their homes when gunfire and the thud of mortars echoed around an area some 80 km (50 miles) from Monrovia on Friday. "There was terrible shooting. We could hear mortars. Boom, boom," said Benjamin Garkpley, walking empty-handed towards Harbel outside Monrovia.

The reports of fighting underlined the fragility of a peace deal signed earlier this week by Blah's government and two rebel groups, the Liberians United for Reconciliation and Democracy (LURD) and a smaller faction known as Model.

It was not immediately clear who was fighting whom, but some refugees said Model fighters were trying to advance on Monrovia, some 120 km (75 miles) from Buchanan. A number of refugees said they had also heard fighting on Saturday morning.

Small trucks packed with young government fighters sped towards the front



Thousands of Liberian refugees head into Cotton Tree, some 50 km from Monrovia, fleeing fresh fighting east of the capital, August 23. Refugees and government troops said rebels had shelled loyalist positions at Compound Number One, some 70 km from Monrovia, on Friday. REUTERS

line near Buchanan.

"They attacked our positions yesterday," said Lieutenant General "Cuckoo" Dennis, a government militia commander at Cotton Tree, some 48 km (30 miles) from Monrovia's outskirts.

Piece of paper

Fighting inside Monrovia has died down since West African peacekeepers, backed by U.S. Marines, were deployed this month. But for people in the hard-to-reach interior, the peace deal is still just a piece of paper.

A convoy of peacekeepers, including two armoured personnel carriers, rumbled past the refugees towards Buchanan to check the reports.

But a spokesman for the peacekeeping mission, known as Ecomil, said a previous patrol had not seen any rebel movement.

"We sent a patrol there last night to investigate. But they didn't see any Model activities," said Colonel Theophilus Tawiah.

The peace deal cleared the way for the creation of an interim government to be

chaired by Gyude Bryant, a low-profile businessman seen as a consensus builder.

Blah, due to hand over to Bryant in October, succeeded former President Charles Taylor who quit under international pressure earlier this month.

He went on a regional tour this week to push for a lasting peace, meeting the presidents of Ivory Coast, Guinea and Sierra Leone — all accused by former Liberian authorities of supporting rebellion inside the country's porous borders.

Guinea was named in a United Nations report as LURD's biggest supporter. Liberia had in the past accused Ivory Coast of supporting Model and Sierra Leone of supplying LURD.

"The meetings were very fruitful... It was geared towards the peace process," Liberian Foreign Minister Lewis Brown told Reuters on Saturday.

Since Taylor launched a rebellion in 1989 to win power, Liberia has seen little but violence and has been the epicentre of a regional cycle of bloodshed in which 250,000 people have been killed. Taylor is now in exile in Nigeria.

Many Liberians want the peacekeepers to push out from Monrovia and secure the rest of the country.

"They told us that peace was coming, but there is no peace for us," screamed Jacalane Telor as she hurried along near Cotton Tree on Saturday. "Where is Ecomil?"

## Sri Lanka rebels plan next move in peace talks

PARIS, Aug 23 (Reuters) - Sri Lanka's Tamil Tigers gathered 10 rebel leaders and expatriate Tamil experts in Paris on Saturday to map out the next stage of their suspended peace talks with the Colombo government.

The rebels had been expected to respond to a government proposal for a power-sharing body for the Tamil-dominated north and east of the country.

S.P. Thamilselvan, head of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) political wing, declined to confirm the Paris talks would discuss the offer, but said the 10-man group aimed to come up with its own proposals to present to the government.

He declined to spell out shortcomings he said he found in the government proposal and said the rebels wanted to resume peace talks they suspended in April.

"We want the talks to be resumed and it is on that basis that we've gathered here," Thamilselvan told journalists before the meetings began.

The government, dominated by the island's Sinhalese majority, has accused the Tigers of undermining a 18-month peace process being pursued under a Norwegian-brokered ceasefire.

Colombo has proposed granting some local autonomy to the island's Tamil areas, for which the Tigers no longer demand independence, through a provincial council with a majority of members from the LTTE.

The government says that once it gets a response, it expects to restart peace talks with the rebels in late September to end two decades of fighting that has claimed 64,000 lives.

The Paris talks, due to last at least three days, were being held at a central Paris hotel in a small group including a Tiger commander, Tamil academics based in Singapore, Malaysia and Australia and expatriate Tamil economic and legal advisors.

Thamilselvan said they would probably meet Norwegian peace envoy Erik Solheim at the end of the talks.

The Tigers suspended negotiations with Colombo, saying it had failed to deliver on earlier promises. The rebels signed the ceasefire in February 2002.

The Tigers' decision to drop their demand for a separate state was a major concession. But the government has recently accused the rebels of a string of killings of political rivals during the truce. LTTE officials have denied the accusations.

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# Berlusconi, Schroeder draw line under summer spat

VERONA, Italy, Aug 23 (Reuters) - After shying away from an opera rendez-vous, Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi met German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder on Saturday for the first time since his Nazi jibe caused a diplomatic furor.

Italy's billionaire businessman-turned-politician provoked an uproar at the start of July when he likened a German lawmaker to a Nazi concentration camp guard, casting a shadow over Italy's six-month presidency of the European Union.

But on Saturday he stood shoulder-to-shoulder with Schroeder in the medieval Italian city of Verona and both played down the summer spat, and Berlusconi's no-show at the opera on Friday.

"I don't think we can talk about an improvement (in relations) because there was never a worsening," Berlusconi told reporters after their brief meeting.

Schroeder also said the case was closed.

"There's no doubt that there have been minor irritations here and there but this has not affected our personal relationship, nor has it affected the political relationship between Germany and Italy," he said.

Berlusconi said his absence at Friday's performance of "Carmen" in



Berlusconi shake hands prior their meeting at the Prefecture Palace in Verona in Italy, August 23. After shying away from an opera rendez-vous, Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi finally met German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder on Saturday for the first time since he ruffled feathers with a Nazi jibe. REUTERS

Verona's ancient Roman amphitheatre had prevented a disruption by whistle-blowing left-wing protesters. He had said earlier this week he expected demonstrations at the opera.

"If I'd have turned up, I would have created an inconvenience for the

chancellor and (European Commission President Romano) Prodi so I sacrificed myself," he said on Saturday, adding he was upset his music-loving wife had not been able to make a rare public appearance.

Bitter opposition to Berlusconi

from Italy's left-wing parties deepened recently after his alliance approved a law giving the prime minister immunity from prosecution. Berlusconi, Italy's wealthiest businessman, had been on trial for bribery.

Leading newspaper Corriere della Sera said Berlusconi might have been worried that Prodi — a potential left-wing challenger to Berlusconi in future elections — would upstage him. But it said his decision was a "stunning" mistake for a media mogul who made his fortune through savvy presentational skills.

German papers joined the chorus. "Opera summit in Verona — only one couldn't hold his tune," was the Berliner Kurier's headline.

Several others suggested he might have not shown to get revenge on Schroeder for cancelling his summer holiday to Italy. Schroeder spent his vacation on home soil after a junior minister in Berlusconi's government described Germans as "hyper-nationalistic blondes" who invaded Italy's beaches, just days after Berlusconi's Nazi comment.

Schroeder and Berlusconi said on Saturday they had discussed progress towards the EU's first constitution which Italy hopes to have largely finished by the end of the year.

## Six killed in mid-air plane crash in Germany

MUNICH, Germany, Aug 23 (Reuters) - Six people were killed on Saturday in a mid-air collision between two small aircraft over Bavaria, German police said.

A Cessna plane with a pilot and four passengers and a one-man glider were involved in the collision, a police spokesman said. The wreckage landed about 100 metres outside the town of

Lechsend, north of Munich.

"All we know at this point is that the two aircraft crashed into each other in mid-air," the spokesman said. "The wreckage landed in a field just outside of the town. Luckily no one on the ground was hurt."

Police were investigating the cause of the crash but no other details were immediately available.

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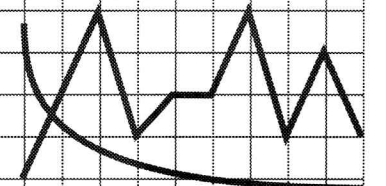
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# YT Business



## Crazy rise in prices of cement



BY ISMAEL AL-GHABIRI  
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According to field sources the prices of cement have seen a drastic inclining during the past weeks from 600 YR to the latest rate of 1000 YR for the 50 kilos sack. Mr. Mohammed Yahya Shunaif deputy manager of the general establishment for cement was approached by the Yemen Times regarding this issue to which he replied

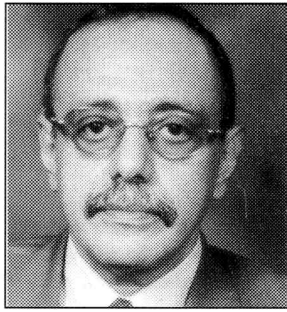
a trend that took place in most of the neighboring countries like KSA where the price witnessed an increase by 62% and other gulf countries as well, he added.

The establishment has agreed recently with minister of trade and industry on procedures that would allow the general establishment for cement to import directly from outside in order to break the monopoly and the private sector, would also support the importing of cement. It is expected that the establishment would start importing in this month according to what Mr. Shunaif had said.

currently has a building under construction thought that the reason for increase in the prices is due to the increase in demand against the limited availability especially that imported amount covers only 50% of the local demand, and the rest is covered from the national production of cement. Moreover the recent international events affected the marine trading and hyped insurance rates, creating difficulties in importing. Not to forget that the local production has decreased lately because of the maintenance activities going on in the cement factories, he pointed out.



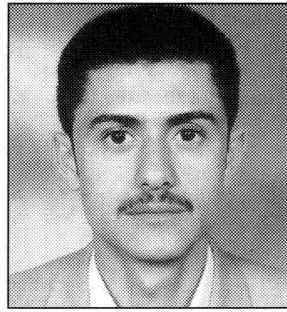
Cement price jumped from YR. 600 to 1000 per bag



Mr. Mohammed Y. Shunaif



Mr. Jamal al-Lawzi



Mr. Abdurraqib al-Udaini



Mr. Mohammed A. al-Harazi

saying: "the establishment has adopted a new mechanism for disseminating and monitoring selling of cement in the market. We will start activating this mechanism soon in the capital secretariat and the rest of governorates as a step in rectifying this price issue. Through this mechanism it is hoped that no monopoly of the material would take place and hence a standard price would be achieved". Apparently this is

When interviewing a number of concerned people, about this topic we came with a number of interesting views. Mr. Jamal al-Lawzi university teacher explained that the increase in price of cement because of its scarcity would yield an increase of the cost of development projects, which in turn negatively affects development in general and on unemployment.

Mr. Mohammed Abdu al-Harazi who

"The increase in the cement prices is because of the halt in some of the production lines in al-Burh, Bajil and Amran factories because of expansion and maintenance projects" Mr. Abdurraqib al-Udaini suggested. In the same time Saleh Ahmed Ali who works in construction expressed his disappointment at this issue because it means that contractors will either postpone or cancel many of the construc-

tion projects hence they would be out of work for many days to come. Concurrently, Mr. Qaid al-Radie'i confirmed Saleh's words by admitting that he had stopped many of the projects he was working on because of the raise in prices until things settle down to a

cheaper rate.

Therefore, many agreed that the reason for this increase in prices is that demand is more than supply. And if things remain as they are then construction trend would fall down causing development to lag behind as a con-

sequence not only that but also investment would take a much slower pace. In the same time unemployment would increase and due to all this the government must take urgent actions in order to see to it that demand is satisfied and development takes a more rapid pace.

### Call

To: Charge d'affaires; Embassy of Singapore, Exterior Minister, and Justice Minister of Republic of Yemen

I am Mohammed Ahmed Ali Al-Tway resident of Al-Mansoorah in Aden, the legal heir. Judge Abdulhafiz Al-Yosifi and authentication qalam altawtheeq Mohammed bin Mohammed Al-Dailami instituted a general power of attorney to a person living abroad so as to authorize him to sell possessions of Ms. Amnah Aboobaker Mohammed Lajam who is more than 102 years old and who resides in Singapore. Assts of the mentioned lady were sold with this attorney which is kept in the High Court in Singapore. I plead taking both men responsible for their act and accounting them before justice also the writer of the attorney Lutf Mohammed Al-Izzi. Yemeni national Lutfi Abubakr Lajam has taken the mentioned attorney and used it to avail the property worth 3 million USD. He has Singaporean nationality or NRIC No. S2644162E. The mentioned man modified the selling documents after three months of the death that took place on 29th September 1999, which is an illegal act.

### Rise in foreign assets of banking apparatus

## Valuation of economic reforms in IMF & WB meetings in Dubai

By MAHYOUB AL-KAMALI  
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Government sources have mentioned that Yemen would be represented by a high-level delegation to attend meetings of Dubai for governors' council of the group of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund scheduled on 20-22 next September.

The sources expected that the annual meetings of the governor's council would discuss the Yemeni economic reforms after the elapse of eight years since the beginning of their implementation through a program technically overseen by the WB and the IMF that carry out a yearly auditing and review. The same sources clarified that the Yemeni delegation, that will compose two deputy premiers, the minister of

finance and the minister of planning and international cooperation and mayor of the Central Bank, would take part with most of world countries in the meetings that are going to be held under the slogan "Road to world and regional economic prosperity...challenges and opportunities". Yemen is a member in the World Bank and the IMF and depends on them in supporting its present economic orientations and seeks their guidance by advices offered by experts of those two establishments.

It is expected that there would be a discussion of working programs of both the WB and IMF in the member states, including the ongoing economic reforms in Yemen and progress of the development programs that are supported by the IMF and the WB in the republic of Yemen.

The Yemeni delegation to the meet-

ings of Dubai would present a review of the present economic situations in Yemen and the government efforts in implementation a national strategic policy for fighting poverty and alleviating it during the years 2003-2005. Those Yemeni efforts have been approved to be funded by the WB and the IMF in the donors meeting in Paris at the end of last year with a fund amounting to around 2.8 billion dollars.

Yemen is currently facing great challenges in human development and its non-possession of scientific means for predicting the volume of social disasters that might happen because of the spread of the phenomenon of poverty in the country.

Official reports indicate that the net amount of banking system foreign assets till the end of June 2003 have increased to around YR 925.5 billion

in comparison with the amount of YR 917.2 billion, i.e. an increase amount of YR8.3 billion equaling a percentage of 0,9 %, according to report published by al-Thawra daily newspaper. The report has made it clear that the monetary supply has increased from YR 699.2 billion to 707.2 billion during the same period. While the government's stand with the banking apparatus till the end of last June amounted to YR 56.4 billion.

On the other hand the economic reforms in Yemen have had negative results and impact on those of limited income who have lost the government subsidies to necessary food stuffs. The government is trying to contain the burdens and consequences through social safety networks and the strategy of fighting poverty that it has embarked on implementing it since the beginning of this year.

### Yemen and foreign private sector,

## Development of relations

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Relations between Yemen and the private sector in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and the United States of America are experiencing a steady development that would contribute to flow of capitals for investment available in Yemen especially in the free zone in Aden and capitalization on oil and gas wealth.

Among the results of this development of such relations has been the conclusion of a 10-year marketing agreement with

the company of Hadramout refineries and the Korean Samsung company. The agreement stipulates the marketing of 8.8 metric tons of petroleum refined by the Hadramout refineries company. The value of the agreement, signed in London last week amounts to \$1.2 billion and would open for Yemen opportunity of entering new markets for marketing its refined oil.

Yemen's prime minister Abdulqader Bajammal has stressed in an address delivered on the occasion that Yemen is keen to encourage investment and the importance of such projects in consolidating bonds of ties between Yemen and

private sector in the UAE, KSA, U.S., South Korea that are parties in this agreement.

Yemen is presently producing about 465 thousand balers a day from many oil fields, a large proportion of which is from Hadramout governorate. The Yemeni government is still hoping in success of the project of investment of liquefied gas by gaining markets for its exportation. Yemen is in possession of gas reservoir amounting to 16.8 trillion metric tons.

Yemen depends on oil revenues by at least 65% for supporting its budget that is suffering from a deficit that in this year reached at more than YR 60 billion.

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



**OUR OPINION**

**Is there trouble ahead for the US?**

A legitimate question, asked by many: Is the USA in a crisis? Perhaps the only ones who can indeed answer this question accurately is the US administration, which received information from the battlefield in Iraq.

But based on mere statistics and information obtained from American sources in Iraq, one can easily see that casualties are on the rise, so is the number of attacks and the feeling of insecurity among Iraqis. This is in total contrast to what Iraqis and other peace loving nations wanted. We thought Iraq would be a place where stability and security will prevail, and Iraq would be a modern state to consider as an example in terms of democracy and civilization.

But this is not happening! Where did the coalition forces go wrong? Numbers are suggesting that there were some serious miscalculations by the USA and its allies when planning for the war and its aftermath. There seems to have been lack of vision to the different possibilities including the emergence of a long-term guerrilla war.

Discussions that I personally had with a number of Iraqis here in Yemen reveal that there is anger and hatred against the American forces in Iraq. This is despite the fact that most American citizens are amazed and shocked for not being appreciated enough for overthrowing the tyranny that devastated them for so long.

On the other hand, there are now some signs of possible divisions among Iraqis themselves not only in Iraq, but even here in Yemen. Some say that the coalition forces have done well in defeating Saddam and liberating Iraq, and say that the current ruling council in Iraq should be given greater authorities. On the other hand, the majority of Iraqis we talked to reject this council and call it a 'puppet' to serve American and UK interests in Iraq.

Regardless of who is right and who is wrong, the facts on the ground clearly indicate signs of a crisis. Coalition forces seem to have gained little from the assassination of Saddam's sons, and they also benefited so little from the temporary ruling council.

Furthermore, the popularity of George W Bush seems to be on the decline as more US soldiers are injured and killed.

'What to do now?' could be a question asked right now at the White House. A quick and urgent solution needs to be found to prevent further loss and avoid total failure in the upcoming Presidential elections. 'Multinational forces in Iraq' could be one alternative. This would bring great relief to US forces because it would save more US lives from death and injury.

Even though it is obvious that the whole world including Arab countries want a stable Iraq, yet which country is willing to sacrifice its sons and pay for the war that other countries have started, especially as day after day, the eminent threat of Saddam is slowly turning to become an illusion?

The USA is trying hard to involve the other UN members in securing Iraq, and the Security Council has started discussions in this regards. It is quite difficult to predict the outcome of such discussions, but if the Security Council decides not to send UN troops, then the USA is not only in a crisis, it would be in deep trouble as well.

*The Editor*

**Minister warns & security violates**

By Hassan al-Zaidi  
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Day by day, flagrant violations against citizens are increasing as a result of unjust security practices adopted mostly by security bodies. Those bodies usually claim that they perform their duties in carrying out orders. Whereas, in reality, they violate orders, a matter which is against the law.

Moreover, there are daily violations committed against citizens and are practiced by some security law-breakers.

This manifests itself in a time in which prisons and cells alike have been swarming with thousands of prisoners and detainees. Strict warnings and instructions are given to police and security bodies and are also informed of applying strict punishment in case of violating or breaking the law against citizens.

All these have been mentioned during a speech delivered by the interior minister, Dr. Rashad al-Alemi to thousands of policemen and officers belong-

ing to the central security forces.

In his speech, Dr. al-Alemi stressed that respecting human rights have become a fixed trend in the state's policy and that punishment procedures are to be applied against policemen in case of violating orders.

But the question which poses itself is the issuance of some direct and indirect orders issued by the interior minister and executed by the security bodies affiliated to the interior minister. Not even a sense of respect has been paid to law, human rights or even morals. I will give a simple example of such violations practiced by some security men.

Orders were given to seven armed men to stay before my home waiting impatiently for me to be detained. This took place on August 6. I didn't reach home at that time. My 14-year younger brother came out of the house and the security men rushed and took him into custody.

Why did they detain him? Nobody knows! Did they issue orders to detain him? Why only the 14-year younger brother was detained? The armed men were entrusted with unlawful mission and returned empty-handed.

Perhaps, they follow such orders which they think are lawful. If they prove to be powerless to detain the convict, they resort to detain his brother, if not, a nearest relative of his.

The second example is when a major colonel and a group of armed security men had stormed into a ward belonging to al-Motawkil hospital where another brother was kept in custody.

What are the reasons behind his detention for about one week in the prison of the Capital Secretariat Investigation?

But the orders issued by the interior minister to set him free have rescued him from death and the state he underwent, while his companion is still kept into custody.

All those violations have been practiced in the full knowledge of the interior minister, despite of warnings and the necessity to respect of human rights.

I have tried several times to inform him of such violations but of no avail.

A friend of mine told me that the interior ministry is unable to do anything, because some top security men have utilized the law for their own benefit.

**Islam victim of Muslims**

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If we meditated upon our forefathers' who conveyed the correct image of Islam to many countries, to which our ancestors migrated, like a storm. One individual of them managed to guide an entire village or country to Islam. They did not go there as soldiers accompanied with weapons of mass destruction. No, they never rode to those countries as soldiers, and the most predominant arms they used was their Islamic manners.

The Yemeni people throughout the previous eras were famous for their calling to Islam with wisdom, the attribute which the Prophet "May Allah bless him and grant him peace" ascribed to them. For instance, our Hadram ancestors traveled to East Asia and other countries as plain traders. They did not carry with them any sword, but influenced people in a very short time. Our ancestors "May Allah be well pleased with them" presented the beauty of Islam, the new taste of Islamic life and the good characteristics of those great forefathers, in all their sacred and profane affairs. Nowadays what Muslims lack is the showing of a beautiful genuine Islamic image. Alas the ill-behavior of Muslims gave the

west an opportunity to ascribe every blameworthy quality to Islam. For instance the reckless attack of the September 11, which had nothing to do with Islam, arranged by some Muslims who have misconceived mindsets and made wide generalization towards the non-Muslims with no distinction between the innocent and the aggressor of them. That despicable attack left ongoing aggression on Muslims all over the world and brought distorted views about Islam. Many Muslims were killed; others were arrested, while others were humiliated.

The Iraqi people's miserable state, deteriorated conditions and the lack of security, is one example of the pitiful consequences of this offensive shelling. In Yemen, the source of calling to Allah "Da'wah", a handful of inhabitants deform the reputation of themselves and Islam through their behavior towards the tourists. Some of them increase the fees of rental cars and hotels to foreigners; others sell some antiquities to them with a very high price. All these aspects of bad treatment leave a negative impression on these foreigners about Yemen, Islam and Muslims. The worst of it is that some drivers and guides for the tourists are heedless to their obligations. They destroy the most important pillar of Islam after the two testifications, which is performing the prayer. Moreover they create many tricks to get as much

money from them as possible in one way or another. There is no doubt in my mind that most of the tourists are searching for the truth and the tranquility of their hearts and most of non-Muslims are in pursuit of spiritual matters which they won't find in any religion other than Islam. Hence they will convert to Islam if Muslims change their behavior for the best and adhere to the Islamic law. We see that simple behavior has great impact on the non-Muslims as they are not accustomed to it. For example, one of the prime means of sheik Noah's conversion to Islam was a simple behavior of a non-religious Yemeni friend who lived in Egypt; when he lifted a copy of the Glorious Qur'an from the floor to a high shelf. Another example that happened in the recent days in Tarim "one of Hadramout areas". It was a conversion to Islam of a Japanese tourist, who passed by a poor child who was selling some light food. The man dropped his wallet with all his money. When that child witnessed it drops, he hurried to that tourist and handed it over to him. It was such an amazing event to him, that a "poor child" did not snatch the wallet, though he is in need for it. It was the Islamic education, which was instilled in that child. To sum up the key ideas, Islam was never spread by sword or violence and will never be the understanding of Islam in its correct form, is the best form of Da'wah.

*Letters to the Editor*

**Being called 'Anti American' is normal**

Regarding the Editorial on American attitude towards its citizens against American policy, I want to say that what is going on today in America (of people not liking Americans who speak out against American policies i.e.. war on terror, Iraq, etc.) is normal. Every nation, every people throughout the history of our human race have grown stricter towards the "minority" of people with opposing views in "times of war". America is at war ... anyone showing feelings for - say Taliban or Fundamental Muslims, for e.g. - would normally feel the heat of the "majority" of Americans who are in line with their government.

In fact, what is happening today in America is unprecedented in mankind's history .. Thank God for their rooted human values they are at least not crucifying anyone showing sympathy for their foes.

If Yemen were to be at war with, (say Christians), the Yemenis would crucify all Christians on Yemeni streets. For God's sake, we saw the hatred and ill feelings for Southerners living in North

Yemen during the Civil War in 1994.

A nation at war "naturally" becomes "extra" sensitive to anyone showing sympathy with the "other" side. No one on this earth can blame the Americans for what we humans naturally do.

To the Yemen Times: "It's about time we all stop playing 'Holier than thou'" Your newspaper used to be a great paper prior to 1999, please try your utmost to carry on the founder's legacy of transparency.

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**You are not alone**

I have read your article and being accused of being 'anti American' and I truly understand your feeling because I went through that too.

I have seen and heard about worse situations in which Arabs and Moslems are insulted, but I believe we can convince those who insult us about our ideas in a peaceful manner and without getting angry at them. When we face them with a convincing and kind attitude, some of them get astonished and apologize, while others remain unfriend-

ly.

*Letters to the Editor*

**A question by Yemenis in exile**

The most concerning thing for any Yemeni living abroad is the question: How much longer will it take for change to come in Yemen? I think that it is about time for a change to take place. The ruling party has been in power for more than 30 years, yet nothing has been done. The standard of living has gone from bad to worse, educated and honest Yemenis find it quite tough to continue living in Yemen because they either need to be corrupt or leave the country.

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**Ethiopian girl tortured?**

News have come up saying that an Ethiopian girl was found hanged in the Ethiopian community compound after seriously beaten up by her Yemeni broker who is supplying maid servants from Ethiopia.

Ethiopians living in Sanaa need your assistance not the case to be hidden. Please send your reporter to Ethiopian community office and collect more information

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**COMMON SENSE**



By Hassan Al-Haifi

**The attack on the UN HQ in Baghdad: The ends justify the means**

The amazing speed by which the attack on the UNHCOM Headquarters in Baghdad was blamed on Islamic militants or Islamic terrorists is more a source of suspicion rather than assurance that the overseers of the affairs in occupied Iraq are really on the ball. The more astute observer is bound to seek deeper and more comprehensible and logical explanations for the horrifying attack. From the outset it appeared far fetched and too self-inflicting to put the blame on the genuine resistance movements in Iraq or "Islamic terrorists" to carry out such a crime.

The reasons for this conclusion actually emanate from a far stronger inclination to associate this heinous attack to factions that would definitely have to gain more from such an attack, at least as they see it. Indeed it would seem much more logical and justifiable to assume that the forces behind the occupation of Iraq would find more reason to undertake such a radical approach to serving their not so transparent interests for being in Iraq in the first place. First of all the occupiers hastily "surmised" that the attack was carried out by Islamists who are "allied with elements of the old regime" etc. This rather fuzzy picture leads one to assume that the occupiers already were prepared to make such hasty accusations even before the attack took place! By following tactics based on a policy of the "ends justify the means", which the Bush War Office has manifested by its notorious disregard for ethical and moral standards in the international arena as well as the domestic front, since the Bush Presidency began. This would be in keeping with the general orientation of the Right Wing-Zionist Alliance holding the helms in the United States (there have been reports of possible Israeli involvement in the bombing).

One might ask why would the "War Office" would be the most likely candidate for promoting such an attack? There are more logical reasons than pointing the finger on fuzzy fly by night "terrorist groups" and accordingly tying the attack to the resistance movement. First of all the resistance movement has been fairly consistent in the way it has conducted its resistance directly against the occupying forces. This was probably worrisome to the Bush "War Office", since this makes the resistance legitimate and worthy of respect for the genuine nature of their operations. Second of all the record of the Bush Administration in the United Nations has been one of failure. First of all the UN inspectors proved to be steadfast in resisting the pressures of the Bush Administration to see it their way, before the war was launched. Then when Dr. Sergio Mello, the former Director of UN operations in Iraq, came along after the occupation, his report to the United Nations on Post-Occupation Iraq was a clear denunciation of the occupation, in well phrased diplomatic language, as any astute observer was able to conclude. On the other hand the efforts of the Bush Administration to convince other nations to join and give some "international" flavor to their adventure in Iraq, for domestic political considerations, also proved to be a flop. Those nations that hinted on possibly participating with a small token force, would only do so with a UN mandate to justify such participation. This mandate was far from coming. On the other hand, the UN refused to grant official recognition to the "Temporary Governing Council", which was clearly a continuing message to the White House that this is just not the way to conduct the business of international affairs. This is understandable when the best man the War Office could find to represent them in the TGC is wanted for fraudulently stealing US \$ 30 Million from a Bank in Jordan that led to the bankruptcy of the bank. Thus, we are already seeing the White House seeking to convince the UN that an international force is needed to "protect international workers" in Iraq diplomatically after showing the proof by a well planned sophisticated deadly attack that was far beyond what the guerrillas engaged in the resistance effort were capable of undertaking. Furthermore, the US forces are fully responsible for the security of civilians and all other parties in Iraq, especially those of the UN who are highly approved of by the Iraqi people. The obvious laxity shown by the US forces in providing the adequate protection that would have prevented such a deadly attack or at least reduced the heavy toll substantially raises many questions. It is worth noting that one did not hear any "eyewitness" accounts by any US soldiers, who might have been in the area, as chances are that these forces were "conveniently" backed off from the area before the attack. To escape with the explanation that a "private security force" was commissioned to guard the UN HQ was just not convincing. Everyone knows that such a force is usually hired to prevent burglaries or minor cases of arson and not to prevent such sophisticated deadly attacks. The tape release of one of those fly by night "Islamic" organizations does not help cover the US forces for their neglect to say the least, since it is well known that many of these organizations are dubious in nature and have strong covert links to clandestine factions that have nothing to do with Islam and are usually employed to harbor a strong media campaign against Moslems and Islam. It is worth noting that Israel has a good track record in undertaking similar types of bomb attacks against friends and foe alike (the bombing of the King David Hotel in Jerusalem in the early days of Israel's "fight for independence" and the killing of many an international dignitary including senior UN officials, who failed to see things the Israeli way (Paul Bremer, the US Administrator in Iraq evaded a direct answer to a question in his press conference regarding possible Zionist involvement).

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# Now, we are the extremists

BY JOHN PILGER  
FOR THE MIRROR

The "liberation" of Iraq is a cruel joke on a stricken people. The Americans and British, partners in a great recognised crime, have brought down on the Middle East, and much of the rest of the world, the prospect of terrorism and suffering on a scale that al-Qaeda could only imagine.

That is what this week's bloody bombing of the United Nations headquarters in Baghdad tells us.

It is a "wake-up call", according to Mary Robinson, the former UN Humanitarian Commissioner.

She is right, of course, but it is a call that millions of people sounded on the streets of London and all over the world more than seven months ago - before the killing began.

And yet the Anglo-American spin machine, whose minor cogs are currently being exposed by the Hutton Inquiry, is still in production.

According to the Bush and Blair governments, those responsible for the UN outrage are "extremists from outside": Al-Qaeda terrorists or Iranian militants, or both.

Whether or not outsiders are involved, the aim of this propaganda is to distract from the truth that America and Britain are now immersed in a classic guerrilla war, a war of resistance and self-determination of the kind waged against foreign aggressors and colonial masters since history began.

For America, it is another Vietnam. For Britain it is another Kenya, or indeed another Iraq.

In 1921, Lieutenant-General Sir Stanley Maude said in Baghdad: "Our armies do not come as conquerors, but as liberators."

Within three years 10,000 had died in an uprising against the British, who gassed and bombed the "terrorists".

Nothing has changed, only the names and the fine print of the lies.

As for the "extremists from outside", simply turn the meaning around and you have a succinct description of the current occupiers who, unprovoked,

attacked a defenceless sovereign country, defying the United Nations and the opposition of most of humanity.

Using weapons designed to cause the maximum human suffering - cluster bombs, uranium-tipped shells and firebombs (napalm) - these extremists from outside caused the deaths of at least 8,000 civilians and as many as 30,000 troops, most conscripted teenagers. Consider the waves of grief in any society from that carnage.

At their moment of "victory", these extremists from outside - having already destroyed Iraq's infrastructure with a 12-year bombing campaign and embargo - murdered journalists, toppled statues and encouraged wholesale looting while refusing to make the most basic humanitarian repairs to the damage they had caused to the supply of power and clean water.

This means that today sick children are dying from thirst and gastro-enteritis, that hospitals frequently run out of oxygen and that those who might be saved can not be saved.

How many have died like this? "We count every screwdriver," said an American colonel during the first Gulf war, "but counting civilians who die along the way is just not our policy."

The biggest military machine on earth, said to be spending up to \$5 billion-a-month on its occupation of Iraq, apparently can not find the resources and manpower to bring generators to a people enduring temperatures of well over the century - almost half of them children, of whom eight per cent, says UNICEF, are suffering extreme malnutrition. When Iraqis have protested about this, the extremists from outside have shot them dead.

They have shot them in crowds, or individually, and they boast about it. The other day, Task Force 20, an "elite" American unit murdered at least five people as they drove down a street.

The next day they murdered a woman and her three children as they drove down a street.

They are no different from the death squads the Americans trained in Latin America.

These extremists from outside have been allowed to get away with much of this - partly because of the web of deceptions in London and Washington, and partly because of those who voluntarily echo and amplify their lies.

In the current brawl between the Blair government and the BBC a new myth has emerged: It is that the BBC was and is "anti-war".

This is what George Orwell called an "official truth". Again, just turn it around and you have the real truth; that the BBC supported Blair's war, that day after day it broadcast and "debated" and legitimised the charade of weapons of mass destruction, as well as nonsense such as that which cast Blair as a "moderating influence" on Bush - when, as we now know, they are almost identical warmongers.

Who can forget the BBC's exultant Chief Political Correspondent Andrew Marr, at the moment of "coalition" triumph. Tony Blair, he declared, "said that they would take Baghdad without a blood bath, and that in the end the Iraqis would be celebrating. And on both those points he has been conclusively proved right."

If you replace "right" with "wrong", you have the truth. To the BBC's man in Downing Street, up to 40,000 deaths apparently does not constitute a "blood bath".

According to the independent American survey organisation Media Tenor, the BBC allowed less dissent against the war than all the leading international broadcasters surveyed, including the American networks.

Andrew Gilligan, the BBC reporter who revealed Dr David Kelly's concerns about the government's "dodgy dossier" on Iraq, is one of the very few mavericks, an inconvenient breed who challenge official truth.

One of the most important lies was linking the regime of Saddam Hussein with al-Qaeda.

As we now know, both Bush and Blair ignored the advice of their intelligence agencies and made the connection public.

It worked. When the attack on Iraq began, polls showed that most



Americans believed Saddam Hussein was behind September 11.

The opposite was true. Monstrous though it was, Saddam Hussein's regime was a veritable bastion against al-Qaeda and its Islamic fanaticism. Saddam was the West's man, who was armed to the teeth by America and Britain in the 1980s because he had oil and a lot of money and because he was an enemy of anti-Western mullahs in Iran and elsewhere in the region.

Saddam and Osama bin Laden loathed each other.

His grave mistake was invading Kuwait in 1990; Kuwait is an Anglo-American protectorate, part of the Western oil empire in the Middle East.

The killings in the UN compound in Baghdad this week, like the killing of thousands of others in Iraq, form a trail of blood that leads to Bush and Blair and their courtiers.

It was obvious to millions of people all over the world that if the Americans and British attacked Iraq, then the fictional link between Iraq and Islamic terrorism could well become fact.

The brutality of the occupation of Iraq - in which children are shot or arrested by the Americans, and countless people have "disappeared" in concentration camps - is an open invitation to those who now see Iraq as part of a holy jihad.

When I travelled the length of Iraq several years ago, I felt completely safe.

I was received everywhere with generosity and grace, even though I was from a country whose government was bombing and besieging his hosts.

Bush's and Blair's court suppressed the truth that most Iraqis both opposed Saddam Hussein and the invasion of their country.

The thousands of exiles, from Jordan to Britain, said this repeatedly.

But who listened to them? When did the BBC interrupt its anti-Christ drumbeat about Saddam Hussein and report this vital news?

Nor are the United Nations merely the "peacemakers" and "nation-builders" that this week's headlines say they are.

There were dedicated humanitarians among the dead in Baghdad but for more than 12 years, the UN Security Council allowed itself to be manipulated so that Washington and London could impose on the people of Iraq, under a UN flag, an embargo that resembled a mediaeval siege.

It was this that crippled Iraq and, ironically, concentrated all domestic power in the hands of the regime, thus ending all hope of a successful uprising.

The other day I sat with Dennis Halliday, former Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations, and the

UN in New York. Halliday was the senior UN official in Iraq in the mid-1990s, who resigned rather than administer the blockade.

"These sanctions," he said, "represented ongoing warfare against the people of Iraq. They became, in my view, genocidal in their impact over the years, and the Security Council maintained them, despite its full knowledge of their impact, particularly on the children of Iraq."

"We disregarded our own charter, international law, and we probably killed over a million people."

"It's a tragedy that will not be forgotten... I'm confident that the Iraqis will throw out the occupying forces. I don't know how long it will take, but they'll throw them out based on a nationalistic drive."

"They will not tolerate any foreign troops' presence in their country, dictating their lifestyle, their culture, their future, their politics."

"This is a very proud people, very conscious of a great history."

"It's grossly unacceptable. Every country that is now threatened by Mr Bush, which is his habit, presents an outrage to all of us."

"Should we stand by and merely watch while a man so dangerous he is willing to sacrifice Americans lives and, worse, the lives of others."

## War foes were right

BY DON WILLIAMS\*  
FOR KNOX NEWS

The French were right. The liberals were right. The peaceniks were right. True conservatives were right. Veterans opposed to the war - I hear from more of them than you might imagine - were also right. They said this war was based on lies, and it was. They said this war, like most wars, would lead to more chaos and killing, and it has.

Now some in the Bush administration are telling the world that the car bombing of United Nations headquarters in Iraq is evidence that our policy is right.

How illogical can you be? Insurgents blow up oil pipelines and water mains; American soldiers get killed or maimed almost daily. Demonstrations are ongoing. And the biggest blow from the Iraqi resistance so far - destruction of U.N. headquarters in Iraq - is presented by the Bush team as evidence that our policy is correct because - because - because this proves terrorists are really, really bad.

Duh. We all know terrorists are really, really bad. That's why it's best not to give them more chaos in which to thrive. That's why it's best not to stir up new nests unnecessarily as we did by invading Iraq.

The Soviets couldn't win in Afghanistan, and I'll be surprised if, in five years or seven, American-style democracy has taken hold in Iraq. Like Afghanistan under the Russians, Iraq has become the rallying point for a growing jihad.

It all makes for mesmerizing news, and I've spent lots of time tuned to the daily media looking for evidence to support my gut feeling that this war,

like most wars, was based on lies and misconceptions from the start. You don't have to look very hard these days. It's like shooting fish in a barrel.

Every public argument for making war on Iraq has broken down. Let's start with the biggest:

Weapons of mass destruction: None has been found. I'm sure that, at some point, evidence will mysteriously appear to show Iraq had a weapons program, but we already knew that, and to prove they had a program is a far cry from finding the tons of anthrax and chemical bombs, the armed missiles and mobile labs, the remote drones and nuclear components the Bush team scared us with almost daily in its drive to war.

Speaking of nukes, Bush's allegations were based almost solely on documents he apparently knew were forged. What could be more damning? Bottom line, if WMDs existed, they're now in the hands of terrorists or unfriendly governments or they're up for grabs in the Iraqi desert some place. Either way, it's a bad result.

The link to al-Qaida: The myth that Iraq had significant ties to al-Qaida was based on a hospital visit to Iraq by one man and another meeting in a third country that likely never took place. No evidence has surfaced for an Iraqi-al-Qaida link. Ironically, Bush's misguided war now has forged just such a link. Osama bin Laden recently called on all Muslims to oppose our occupation of Iraq, and they appear to be responding.

Iraq would welcome us as liberators: It happened only in a few places, and some of those appeared stage-managed. Now Iraqis are criticizing and demonstrating and shooting Americans. We've become occupiers. In the process we've killed, maimed, destroyed the Iraqi infrastructure and

caused the loss of priceless cultural artifacts from the dawn of civilization. Some of our actions can be justified, but being justified and being wise are different things.

We'd be out in 60 days, leaving behind a democracy that would take root, then blossom across the Middle East. Well, if majority rule flowers in Iraq, Shiites will run the place, as they do in Iran. That's who the majority is.

Saddam Hussein is an evil man who must be destroyed. As this is written, he's still at large. All thinking people hope he's brought in, preferably alive, so he can shed more light on those who helped him in his rise to power, including some now serving Bush.

Now, as I say, the car-bombing of U.N. headquarters in Iraq is being used as proof we're in the right. Two points: One, like several thousand others, those U.N. workers would be alive today except for the will to empire by Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld, Condoleezza Rice, Paul Wolfowitz, Richard Perle and a few others who are pulling the strings.

Two. If, in Country X, the power is out, the water's out, the oil pipeline is burning, unemployment tops 60 per cent, murder and rape are daily occurrences, the treasury is looted, the museums are looted, official history is a tool for propaganda, and U.N. headquarters are bombed, then the ruler of Country X should be held accountable, right?

Well, Iraq is Country X. Bush is its ruler.

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## Pakistan seminaries still breed holy warriors

BY ZEESHAN HAIDER

QUETTA, Pakistan, Aug 20 (Reuters) - Mohammad Sharif wants to join the Taliban's 'jihad', or holy war, against U.S.-led forces in Afghanistan.

Sitting on a prayer mat on the mud floor of his madrassah, or religious seminary, in Pakistan's southwestern city of Quetta, the 18-year-old Sharif says he has been taking Koranic lessons for four years.

"During the Taliban government, I was not allowed to fight the jihad because my beard was not grown," he told Reuters.

"But I will definitely go for jihad whenever I get an opportunity," said the black-turbaned 'Talib', or religious student, who now sports a thick beard.

Sharif is one of thousands of young Afghan refugees studying in madrassahs run by pro-Taliban Islamic clerics in southwestern Baluchistan province, of which Quetta is the capital.

In Quetta alone, there are about 7,000 madrassahs where up to 30,000 young men are studying the Koran, according to clerics.

Rising poverty, unemployment and growing anti-American sentiment over the U.S.-led war in neighbouring Afghanistan and in Iraq have added to the popularity of religious education in Baluchistan and Pakistan's other conservative regions.

"We have seen a rising trend for religious education in recent months," said Maulvi Abdul Qadir Luni, who runs an Islamic seminary on the outskirts of Quetta.

Luni said his madrassah provided food and accommodation for up to 150 students, about a sixth of whom are Afghan refugees.

"A large number of students of the madrassahs have hired private rooms in the city or are living in mosques

because we cannot provide accommodation for them," he added.

### Breeding grounds

Pakistan's religious seminaries served as breeding grounds for the Taliban in the early 1990s and provided volunteers for the hardline militia's war against the opposition Northern Alliance. Most Taliban officials graduated from the schools.

Pakistan's military President Pervez Musharraf, who became a staunch U.S. ally by shunning the Taliban in the wake of the September 11, 2001, attacks, last year proposed reforming madrassahs to rein in rising militancy.

But the move has largely failed because of strong opposition from hardline groups.

Huge gains by Islamic parties in 2002 elections in Baluchistan and neighbouring North West Frontier Province raised concern that they could undermine the U.S.-led hunt for the Taliban and their al Qaeda allies blamed for the September 11 attacks.

A recent surge in attacks in southern Afghanistan further bolstered fears in Kabul and Washington that Pakistani religious seminaries were once again offering sanctuary to Taliban guerrillas.

U.S.-backed Afghan President Hamid Karzai says remnants of the former Taliban regime have been infiltrating from Pakistan to launch attacks on U.S. and Afghan forces, a view that is shared by the U.S. military.

Zalmay Khalilzad, the U.S. special envoy for Afghanistan and Iraq, said last month the Taliban was "planning in Quetta".

Pakistan denies accusations of allowing the Taliban to regroup on its soil or cross into Afghanistan, and says it has arrested hundreds of al Qaeda militants.

Afghan religious students express outrage over the presence of "alien forces" in their country but say they are not involved in cross-border military activity.

"I feel bad seeing American troops occupying my country and wish to join the jihad there, although I have not yet done so," said Umeedullah, a 21-year-old Afghan student.

### Challenge

Officials from Pakistan's pro-Taliban Islamic groups and Baluchistan's provincial government say madrassahs along the Afghan-Pakistan frontier only provide religious education.

"I challenge the U.S. and Afghan governments to point out a single madrassah where we are imparting military training or where we have provided sanctuary to the Taliban," said Maulvi Noor Mohammad, a member of Pakistan's National Assembly.

He is also head of the Quetta branch of the pro-Taliban Jamiat-e-Ulema-e-Islam, or "Party of Islamic Clerics".

"Thousands of Afghan refugees live here and we give only Islamic teachings to their children," he told Reuters in his madrassah in Quetta, as hundreds of turbaned students memorised Koranic verses outside his room.

"But we don't give any military training to our students."

Pakistani hardliners deny links with Taliban guerrillas but do not mince words about supporting the cause of the radical Taliban who ruled Afghanistan until late 2001.

"We may have differences with the Taliban about the way they implemented their policies but we support their ideology and their system," Maulvi Abdul Wasih, a senior minister in Baluchistan's provincial government, said.



## Which must the Yemeni student choose from?

# Understanding or memorization

BY RAYAN MOHAMMED  
FOR THE YEMEN TIMES

It is 3:30 a.m., a wave of tiredness covers your head like a tsunami. The notion of getting half an hour of sleep comes to mind, but then a voice in your head echoes 'you are going to FAIL'. For most working men and women, this is a distant memory but for most students this is a reality of preparing for examinations.

Yet, less than half of current students actually remember most of their studies a week after their examinations.

Though reasons may vary from inadequate teaching to lack of teaching resources available to specific schools, this is occurring among many students in private schools where tuition fees may start at \$500 to a whopping \$10,000.

Therefore placing the blame on the poor teaching at such prices definitely means that the students are not getting their money's worth.

Also, blaming the lack of resources in private is also a poor excuse since at these prices the availability of teaching resources should be in abundance. Most of the tuition fees seem to be used for the owners' personal profit, rather than the welfare of the students.

A recent ground of debate among Yemen youth is about the method of testing and learning that students are groomed to adapt. No longer does a Yemeni student have to know the difference between a chemical formula, as long as he can memorize it well enough for his exams?

The way students prepare for exams is saddening thought. It is insulting for the youth's intelligence to memorize pages and pages of data like a computer, neglecting the capable, smart human beings they are and can further become. In reality, schools don't aim to achieve that, but rather simplify

their workload, whilst complicating the student's work to the point that the only choice is to memorize and cram the work. A survey of 15 students shows that within a few weeks 10 students don't remember what they have taken in the academic year despite high marks.

What is even more upsetting is that many students choose to do so, since the method of learning is so degrading that the thought of what they learned, spurs feelings of agony and stress.

When asked how they passed the year some say 'I memorized my notebook the night before, went into the exam, unloaded everything I memorized and forgot it just as quickly as I memorized'.

However, some may blame the subjects themselves, with only one exception, which are Islamic studies.

With the subjects of Islamic studies, it is required to memorize passages from the Holy Quran and the Prophet Mohammed's sayings. It is disrespectful and incorrect to misquote any of the above. However, in Arabic language, memorization is the only option. For example, in analyzing poetry, you are expected to memorize how other poets have analyzed a specific passage.

They memorize as many poems and their listed interruptions, without actually understanding the poem itself. Though it is good to gain a basic outline, the student isn't allowed to interrupt Arabic poetry in his/her own unique style and draw his/her own conclusion.

A method used in Egyptian schools allows students to be taught how to interrupt poetry and then asks them to analyze a poem, which they may have never encountered before.

The reality of how memorization takes precedent over understanding is further proven in subjects like Math and Physics, where students are more likely to succeed if they memorize as many possible questions rather than



understand the methods of solving the problems.

It is very unlikely that exams are going to change, since the Arab community favors the idea of rigorous and lengthy studying hours rather than a few hours of learning.

It is clearly evident when talking to the older generation, who will tell how lucky the newer generation are, and how much harder they had to study to succeed? Yet, is the current youth really LUCKY for being expected to cram information, and what can we do to prove that memorize a book isn't the only measure of knowledge.

A possible solution would be to test the level of understanding through projects and experiments.

It is proven that science isn't taught through a notebook in a classroom, but rather through experiments in a laboratory. Experiments can show the student how scientific principles such as electricity, which otherwise they are expected to memorize, are applied into real life. With languages, both English and Arabic, writing and debates would stimulate the mind.

Poetry seems to have a deeper meaning when the students are allowed to write their own poetry, and

try to extract what they learned from famous poets and apply it to their own work.

Also, debates about novels and stories spark an interest in the theme, plot and characters inside the students. With subjects like History, making models and presentations would give the student a feeling for the historic period.

It would make him/her interested in the events and lives of the past, rather than require him/her to memorize a list of names and dates.

In conclusion, it goes without saying that a student is expected to mem-

orize some of his/her work. However, it would more fascinating for the student to be tested on skills that he/she must develop like writing and innovation rather than cram as much notes as possible into his/her head the night before.

It would also have a positive effect on the teachers, as their work would become less monotonous, and their teaching would be more inspiring.

This may help assess a belief among students that schools really are a place of learning, rather than a hoop that the youth must jump through to succeed in their adult life.

## The eagle's nest

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Everything that we have had is made out of the earth; the bowls we eat from and the beds we sleep on. We had no spoons because we loved to eat using our fingers. We did not have the luxury of silverware or fancy tables. The house was made of clay and it stood opposite to what many tourists thought were sewers but really it was the toilet for the whole village. The smell made me sick in the mornings and it smelt worse when the rays of the Sun hit the village. Each week, the men who needed money badly would get paid to put all the excrements in tins and carry them on their shoulders for miles, and dump them far away into the fields.

The house I lived in had one large room downstairs which was also the living room, the kitchen and the bedroom. The stairs were situated at the end of this room, leading you to walk to the small door, taking anyone to the top of the flat roof. I still remember the bed that was weaved out of straw. You could just lie down and stare at the stars without thinking of any worries of what's happening in the world. Sometimes in the late evenings it would get far too cold to enjoy a moment of solitude. Most of the time the room I slept in was always the bedroom for mum, my dad, my grandma and I. All of us slept on the floor. In our city called Aden, the rich got richer and the poor had no one to complain to but the One God, Allah.

We had no Television or Radio.

With all the struggles we went through, we still have one thing that made us happy. We had a lot of love in our home and as a child I felt at peace even when I had to sleep with just a bowl of lentils my grandma cooked. I was lucky. Sometimes I went to bed with an empty stomach. No dream or some worldly pursuits ever troubled me then. We were so content with what we had and if we had it really hard then the whole village would pull together and help. If my father refused because of his pride, they'd leave it on our doorstep in the night, while we were all asleep.

I remember lying on the hard floor, covering myself with just one thin grey blanket. It was a cold and calm night and the crickets were like a jazz band, flowing with high pitch stabling tones. My concentration was broken when I heard footsteps and then the whispering of my father and mother talking to my grandmother. From the corner of my eyes I saw my parents sneak off. My mother kissed my grandma on the cheek and embraced her. My father was carrying a large suitcase. I wanted to get up and stop them because I had this feeling they won't be coming back. I wish I followed my instinct that night. I turned my head a little more to see them step onto the taxi; a cart pulled by a donkey. Mum began to cry and my dad comforted her for a while. My heart was beating fast that night and I felt my body trembling. My grandma waved goodbye as the driver snapped his whip at the donkey. I heard the wheels move and for sometime I listened to the motion of the wheels turn until the rhythm slowly faded away. My grandma threw her shawl over her

shoulder and walked back into the house. I closed my eyes, pretending to be asleep.

I was glad the crickets played their music louder than ever that night because I didn't want my grandma knowing I was awake. I bit on my lower lip, tightened my grip on the blanket and did what my father taught me 'men don't cry.' Even if I wanted to, the world wouldn't have known and who cared enough to wipe my tears away? Not my grandma. She was one tough woman and her heart hardened through the many years of bringing her own children up through poverty and famine.

That night was one of the longest nights of my life. Every sound alerted me to open my eyes. First it was just a ball of bush that was carried by the cool breeze. Then a dog ran passed chased by another dog. An hour or so later I heard voices of two farmers, who were walking back from a night shift. Even the wind itself tricked me to think my parents have come back as the wooden window was unhooked by the strong wind, and started slamming on the side of the wall. My eyes were burning, my eyelids were getting heavier and I lost hope. I slowly drifted to sleep just when the Sun began to break the sky into a thousand colors. My destiny was shaped there and then by two people. A father and mother that had their own dreams but they never told me, and I slept with anger and an unforgiving soul. I know, they were building a future for me but I was only a child then. I didn't know the purpose of anything never mind the real reason why my parents left me in Aden. I was seven years old and no one heard me cry that night.

## In an Island

BY MANSOUR HASSAN AL-WALLY  
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I used to go there lonely where there is no life at all. An island of isolation. There I found myself in exile. I can see only short distances of land because it is surrounded by the sea, I soliloquized a lot and mumbled a few words but I felt tongue-tied. I can talk to no one. I have thoughts

and images of real life full of living creatures.

She is still in my mind and in my imagination. She is a beautiful young girl and a brilliant one soaring in the sky of infatuation. She has overwhelmed me with her kindness and charmed me with her smooth voice tone. She is a human being but a weak kind of human. She refused to tell them the truth and step by step I discovered more than the truth. The problem is that she is weak but she

has strong devices of fascination, and catching eyes, minds and emotions. I do confess that I have not been there alone. She was with me on the Island with her ghost, which appeared calm in front of me. Whenever I attempt to catch it, it runs a way. Suddenly, I got back to the town and decided not to think about the weak creatures such women who can distract or construct individuals' life. Astonishingly, I woke up of deep sleepiness looking for the ghost.

## World of human beings

BY RAHMAT ELAHI

It is the world of humanitarianism. Where prevails the nepotism. Which causes the demoralization.

This world doesn't need any 'ism'

It runs through only dedication. Every one faces inequality here. No one can find tranquillity here. It is against the law of nature. It is not a code of nature.

But the dilemma of this world. No angel can rule this world. How can we heal this situation? By putting our deeds in right direction.

## Depending

BY BUSHRA GAILAN  
FOR THE YEMEN TIMES

Depending is to need the support, help, or existence of someone. Some people depend on others for all of their material needs. It is to trust or to have confidence in someone or something you know well. It may be a situation in which you depend on the help and support of someone in order to exist or be successful. When you feel that you need someone it means that you are depending. Needing someone or something else in order to exist, be successful, and be healthy is a depending. It is a formal to change according to whether something else changes. But while we are

Independent this means that we are confident and able to do things by ourselves in our own way, without wanting help or advice from other people. But still even though we need someone to depend on, no one in life can go on alone because life is a long journey and it cannot be walked alone. We are always in need for others to stand by us, to feel safe, to have our basic rights, to help and to support. Independent inquiry opinion, advice; something that is done or given by people who can therefore be trusted to be fair in judging it. Existing separately and not connected to or influenced by any others. Therefore, if you are in need please do depend on people that you trust well, but don't take it as a habit. Depending sometimes is good and it is building and sometimes it is bad and also destroying.



## Fighting Malaria in Yemen

# Needs help!

BY YASSER AL-MAYASI  
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**M**alaria is considered one of the main health problems in Yemen. Yemen has been classified into tropical-Africa group in which the most dangerous malaria settles. This kind of malaria causes about million and half cases and about 15 thousands annually die.

The government preparation to fight malaria is represented in the national program for fighting malaria that has implemented many projects in this field.

Yemen is classified into the tropical -African group such as Somalia, Sudan and Djibouti due to the similar kinds of malaria spread in these countries.

The annually recorded cases of malaria in Yemen are about million and half and 1% of these cases die and this is a hazardous indicator in Yemen.

According to results of studies, malaria in Yemen spreads in all governorates and varies from governorate to another.

The national program for fighting malaria has adopted a second five-year plan of 2001-2005 in which it aims to reduce the death cases caused by malaria and its complications.

The plan that is being drawn up in cooperation with the WHO, has attempted to find perfect different means for fighting malaria that are economical and effective, as well as

safe. The most important and common means used over the world are chemicals due to their rapid results through short term as well as effectiveness.

Eradicating malaria from Socotra Island is one of objectives of the national program for fighting malaria to be achieved by 2005.

The plan of eradicating malaria from the island has been initiated

since September 2000 and has made laudable strides.

The Yemeni government has exerted great efforts to facilitate the procedures related to malaria fighting as well as paid attention to such importance topic by the local councils.

WHO is considered one of the organizations that supports Yemen technically and financially to fight

this disease and it has adopted several programs to assist Yemen via supporting the malaria-related studies and researches and makes this issue among its priorities.

The neighboring countries such as Oman and Saudi Arabia also have been playing a role in giving different types of support to fight malaria in Yemen.



Fighting malaria seminars

## Journal backs angioplasty for heart attack victims

BY GENE EMERY

BOSTON, Aug 20 (Reuters) - Using surgery to reopen clogged arteries should be the standard treatment for heart attack victims, the New England Journal of Medicine said on Wednesday as a new study showed that the technique is more effective than giving clot-busting drugs.

The Danish study, published in this week's Journal, found the surgical technique known as angioplasty was the best treatment even if patients have to travel up to two hours to get it.

Angioplasty uses an inflatable balloon to get blood flowing through arteries clogged by heart disease, but its availability is limited — especially on an emergency basis.

Even in the United States, most hospitals do not perform the operation, Boston University Medical Center's Alice Jacobs said in an editorial that accompanied the study.

Given the latest findings, Jacobs said, it is time for hospitals that perform angioplasty "to offer it 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

In a summary, the Journal said angioplasty "should be considered the stan-

dard method" of unblocking arteries in heart attack victims.

The new study found that it's usually worth the extra time to get heart attack patients to hospitals that are ready to perform angioplasty on an emergency basis.

The study involved 1,572 patients sent to 29 Danish hospitals and found that patients benefited if they could get angioplasty within two hours, even if it meant being transferred from another hospital.

Angioplasty reduced the risk of a follow-up heart attack by 75 percent, and the research team, led by Henning Andersen of Skejby Hospital, calculated that for every 18 patients who received angioplasty instead of the drugs, one follow-up heart attack, disabling stroke or death would be avoided.

The results were so clear-cut that the study was stopped early because it became unethical to continue treating the patients with the drugs when angioplasty was available.

In all, while 8.5 percent of the patients in the angioplasty group died, suffered a stroke or had a second heart attack soon after, the rate was 14.2 percent for patients who were transferred and were given a clot-dissolving drug instead.

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# Local Press

Prepared by Mohammed Khidhr

**Al-Wahdawi weekly organ of the Nasserite Unionist Organisation, 19 August 2003.**

- Main headlines:**
- For two months arrests continue, FBI in the Grand Mosque in Sana'a
  - Companies monopolize work in Aden seaport
  - Corruption at Taiz University
  - International committee evaluates security at Yemeni ports
  - Manipulation with state-owned lands continue
  - 13 persons killed, 20 others injured in a passenger bus road accident in Hudeida
  - One person killed, two others injured in clashes between Wa'ila and Daham tribes

Columnist Mohammed Shamsan says in an article that the Arab people from in the entire Arab homeland are now facing two projects; the first is the American project that bears hostility to the Arab nation and the other one is that of resistance embodied by resistance groups in Palestine and Iraq and Hisbullah in south Lebanon. The two projects are contradictory, each of which tries to undermine the other. The first project is that of the American arrogance and the neo-colonialism which was the cause of the existence of the resistance project gained by the nation as a result of dangers and conspiracies against her.

So the Arab citizen is before two projects; either to choose the road which the Arab regimes have followed, i.e. the road of supporting the American project and thus he would have given legitimacy to these regimes to confiscate what has of freedom and dignity and work for rendering them to people without civilization or identity. The Arab citizen's other option is to adopt the way of resistance to take vengeance for himself against domination and tyranny of the American-Zionist policy and weakness and cowardice of the Arab regimes that are considered the other aspect of colonialism and the actual inlet for the Zionist-American policy.

Undoubtedly the Arab masses have suffered greatly from humiliation and deprivation as a result of the American project and would choose the road of resistance as the ideal one for preserving their identity, freedom and dignity, as well as preserving their rights and sovereignty over their land. The Arab people would not be deceived again

with rhetoric words unleashed by those promoting for the American project. The old colonialism had intentionally divided the Arab homeland into small political entities and separated them with artificial borders and then handed over each part to certain groups and forces that consolidated the division of the Arab homeland.

**Al-Ihya'a al-Arabi weekly, organ of the National Arab Baath Socialist Party, 21 August 2003.**

- main headlines:**
- Tribal armed attack on wedding ceremony in "al-Uoud" district, Dhlie governorate
  - The president follows up problem of al-Badha' local council
  - Jordanian Fatwa: Iraqi Governing Council illegitimate as dominated by infidel will
  - American-British troops commit the worst crimes in Iraq

Mr Lutf Mohammed al-Kastaban says in his article that the occupiers would not hand over Iraq to international supervision or the United Nations or even to the Iraqi people as we may deludingly believe. The will of the Iraqi people would remain hostage to the American administrator Bremer as he had stated this week at a press conference that drawing up the constitution in Iraq might need three years and then there would be preparations for parliamentary elections. That statement clearly indicates the intention of the occupying forces to stay in Iraq for long years despite the daily heavy losses they sustain at the hands of the Iraqi resistance. It is now urgently required, under the circumstances of instability and insecurity in various Iraqi cities, to hold free and direct parliamentary elections under supervision of international legitimacy that approved the legitimacy of the occupation. And then the parliament would draw up the constitution and the formation of a government because the daily actions of the Iraqi people would not be waiting for long.

**Al-Sahwa weekly, 21 August 2003.**

- Main headlines:**
- In a letter to the syndicate council, Journalists: we waited for overcoming the failures
  - In a sitting with Lahj killer, victims families discuss motives of the crime

## Main headlines

- **The president: No peace in the region but with a full peace with Lebanon, Syria, Palestine**
- **Seven thousand security elements deployed in 125 districts**
- **Malaysian prime minister envoy arrives in Sana'a**
- **Warnings against imported products**
- **Official source: JMP, qualitative development and bigger momentum for opposition**
- **YSP: Formation of a committee for solving problems, a positive step, the meeting did not specify time span for implementation**
- **Terror suspects exchange between Yemen and Saudi Arabia**
- **In Guantanamo, 125 Yemeni detainees Yemen has nor defended**
- **Al-Muhra coasts complain of pirates**
- **Human Rights Watch appeals to the president for honest and comprehensive investigation into killing of Jarallah Omer**

- Military men stage demonstration demanding their rights
- Suspected killer of al-Dhabri arrested in Amran

Columnist Zaid al-Shami says in an article that all of us dream to see the capital Sana'a as the most beautiful Arab city. We look forward to see it clean and tidy, with gardens and parks, wide streets and many public utilities.

In all cities of the world there are old popular residential quarters that are included in city planning and those of limited income find opportunity for living in them. The sight of these residential quarters does not degrade the status of these cities, even in the cities belonging to big powers. Our officials should prepare comprehensive plans

for the capital in a way accommodating all the areas included in the law on the capital secretariat. By such a plan the problem of land plots would be lessened, the random and unplanned building would come to an end and the state would spare much time and effort it is exerted to terrorize the citizens in order to demolish their illegal building.

**Al-Ra'ie al-A'am weekly 19 August 2003:**

- Main headlines:**
- Sheikh Mohammed ba Naji al-Ghadir succeeds in solving dispute between the state and Jahm tribe
  - Due to absence of successful mar-

keting policy, Yemeni company for marketing oil products heading for collapse

- GSM practices piracy in Yemeni space
- 1388 students deprives of sitting for examinations

Dr Issam Ghanim writes an article saying that the armies that achieve military occupation using regular forces are not necessarily capable of destroying the popular resistance, but the nature of resistance is the major axis. If it was a party-related one it would collapse after the defeat of the ruling party, but if it was based on an ideology it would be very difficult to take out the ideology from hearts of those who have preferred death to life. To describe the mujahidin against an occupation that violated the international law as being outlaws is something very stupid because they are fighting the law of the jungle. The real purpose of fabricating a war against terror is a justification of occupations before the western peoples and also to exercise pressure on the Arab rulers to normalize relations with Israel. Thus the fight on terror is a terrorist policy.

**Al-Thawri weekly, organ of the YSP, 21 August 2003.**

- Main headlines:**
- YSP calls on authority to stop pursuing wrong policies in preservation of the national unity and sovereignty
  - YSP general secretariat congratulates al-Makaleh
  - Bakeeli tribes gather to face injustice against them
  - Seminar on the decease anniversary of Batheeb

Columnist Ali Yassin says in his article it is almost no month passes without a threat of or carrying out a strike witnessed in Aden against practices of the authority and its followers in Aden. All these are means of peaceful confrontation and peaceful struggle. The great city of Aden is used to this kind of struggle since the time of the British rule and colonialism. The fifties period can be described as the time of the peaceful struggle in Aden and was led by trade unions. But now the situation is different because the Adeni suffering comes at the hand of the relatives not the British colonization. The leadership of trade unions in facing the present suppression by the authority must be taking priority in the

thinking and interest of those interested in the trade unionist work inside Aden. This could not be realized unless the people are capable of establishing and choosing trade unionist leaderships representing them and their suffering.

The situations are deteriorating day by day and month by month, the people do not receive their wages and land Mafia is so active and the administrative and financial corruption has become the rule preferred by the authority. This situation calls for the establishment of real trade unions and honest leaderships elected by free election.

**Al-Wahda weekly, 20 August 2003.**

- Main headlines:**
- Foreign undersecretary: Yemen did not receive a request to send forces to Iraq
  - Yemeni- Saudi symposium for tourist investment in Yemen
  - Yemen sends its initiative to Arab leaders
  - Islah assistant secretary: Easy majority broke the bones of opposition and created political recession
  - Beginning to set solutions to the returnees problems

Editor in chief of the newspaper says in his front-page article that the escalation of resistance operations against the Anglo-American occupying forces in Iraq in Baghdad and other Iraqi cities instigates a state of great astonishment accompanied by continued wondering about the source of these operations, both by the occupying forces and the Iraqis. At the time the sources of the occupying forces propagate that the armed groups launching those attacks belong to remnants of the Iraqi regime, the nature of the attacks indicates they are field scattered groups and disunited in terms of organization. They do not have a united central leadership or a military strategy.

Regardless of the sources of these operations or the identity of their elements, the existing scene appears to be dark both in the eyes of the Anglo-American occupation and perhaps to the same extents for the Iraqi political and popular opinion. It is especially so when taking into account that the interim governing council has no power with regard to what is happening now or later.

# World Press

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

## USA

### The Washington Post

US President George W. Bush contended Friday that a "foreign element" of terrorists has moved into Iraq and is carrying out some of the violence that continues to jar that nation nearly four months after the end of major US military operations there.

The US Environmental Protection Agency's internal watchdog says White House officials pressured the agency to prematurely assure the public that the air was safe to breathe a week after the World Trade Center collapse.

The agency's initial statements in the days following the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks were not supported by proper air quality monitoring data and analysis, EPA Inspector General Nikki L. Tinsley said in a 155-page report released late Thursday.

### The New York Times

When an overheating electrical transmission line sagged into a tree just outside Cleveland at 3:32 p.m. on Aug. 14, the events that would lead to the greatest power failure in North American history began their furious avalanche, according to the most extensive analysis of the blackout yet.

US President Bush ordered the Treasury Department Friday to block and freeze the assets of six top leaders of the militant Palestinian group Hamas and five charities based outside the United States that administration officials said help finance Hamas.

American law enforcement officials are monitoring the activities of at least six groups in the United States they suspect are linked to Al Qaeda, senior government officials in the United States and Europe said this week.

## France

### Le Figaro

Seventy French athletics eye a minimum of three medals at the ninth world athletic championships to be held in Paris on August 23-31.

### Liberation

Successful world athletic championships will give Paris more chance in winning the bid to host the Olympics in 2012.

### Le Monde

In an interview with Le Monde, French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin commented on the situation in the Middle East. For the Iraqi issue, the logic of occupation must be replaced by the logic of sovereignty, and for Palestinians and Israelis, both must get out of the cycle of violence and make peace credible, he said.

## Britain

### The Guardian

Osama Bin Laden, the leader of Al-Qaida international terrorist group, is said to be hiding in northern Pakistan guarded by a 120-mile ring of tribesmen whose job is to warn of the approach of any troops.

### The Independent

Britain's ramshackle rail network was facing a fresh financial crisis Friday as it emerged that train operators have been handed an extra 1.5 billion pounds (some 2.45 billion US dollars) in state subsidies.

### The Times

British diplomats in Iraq were moved out of the embassy compound in Baghdad the day after the bombing of the UN headquarters there, after a "credible threat" of attack.

### Financial Times

Nurseries and childminders in Britain are to be inspected and given a quality rating by Ofsted, the country's education watchdog, a move that prompted a furious reactions from carers Friday.

### The Daily Telegraph

British Prime Minister Tony Blair returned from his Caribbean holiday Friday to prepare for his appearance at the Hutton Inquiry after two weeks of evidence damaging to his government.

## Nigeria

### Weekend Vanguard

The warring sides of Ijaws and Itsekiris in Nigeria's southern state of Delta have restated their commitment to the ceasefire agreement brokered by Governor James Ibori after an enlarged State Security Council meeting with the governor in the oil city of Warri.

### This Day

Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo has pledged his administration's commitment to put a stop to the importation of cement into the country before the end of the present administration in 2007.

### Saturday Punch

The Nigerian federal government has threatened to close the country's borders with the Republic of Benin again as a result of the failure of the Beninese authorities to release suspected stolen cars.

## Japan

### Mainichi

Japan will bring up the issue of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's abduction of Japanese at the upcoming six-party talks next week.

### Yomiuri

The Japanese government plans to introduce from 2005 biometrics technology at airports to prevent terrorists from entering Japan.

## Philippines

### Philippine Daily Inquirer

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo on Friday warned Filipinos to brace for possible attacks from terrorist groups following the recent bombings in Baghdad and Jakarta.

### Manila Bulletin

President Arroyo turned down Friday the resignations of Customs Commissioner Antonio Bernardo and four of his deputy commissioners as she

assured that the ongoing lifestyle checks on government officials and workers will be done with impartiality and due process.

Bernardo and four of his deputies earlier tendered their resignations in protest over the way the government's anti-corruption campaign was being carried out, notably the way suspected government officials and workers were subjected to what seemed to be "trial by publicity."

## India

### The Indian Express

A 15-member Joint Parliamentary Committee was set up Friday to probe the reported high percentage of pesticide residues in Coca Cola, Pepsi and ten other soft drink brands.

### The Hindu

Total loans outstanding on government account to world financial bodies and on bilateral assistance stood at 41.57 billion US dollars as on July this year, Finance Minister Jaswant Singh told the Lower House Friday.

### The Hindustan Times

With the situation in war-affected Iraq showing no signs of improvement, Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi is rushing to New Delhi on Sunday on a day-long visit to discuss the international situation with Indian leaders.

## Pakistan

### Dawn

Pakistani Foreign Minister Khurshid Mehmood Kasuri on Friday called on Kabul to share intelligence to help thwart the Taliban's stepped-up insurgency in Afghanistan at the conclusion of his two-day visit to Kabul.

### The News

Prime Minister Mir Zafarullah Khan Jamali has said Pakistan desires peaceful, cooperative and friendly relations with India.

### The Nation

Pakistan told the United Nations Thursday that "India's persistent refusal" to resume bilateral dialogue and agree to a serious, substantive and sustained engagement for peaceful resolution of all issues, notably the Jammu and Kashmir dispute, "should be a cause of concern for the international community."



# Improve Your English



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## I. What to Say

Situations and Expressions (55):  
Emotional Reactions (VII)

Poetry has been defined in many ways. One of them is that poetry represents best thoughts in the best language. Basically, poetry is characterized by simplicity, sensuousness and passion. John Dryden defines poetry as 'articulate music'. According to Dr. Johnson 'Poetry is the art of uniting pleasure with truth by calling imagination to the help of reason'. Emotional composition is poetry. Emotion is its essence. Let's try and discover some of these salient features of poetry, particularly, its special use of language to convey emotional response, in the following lines:

- For we, which now behold these present days,  
Have eyes to wonder, but lack tongues to praise.  
*Shakespeare: To His Love*
- Do not call it sin in me  
That I am forsworn for thee  
*Shakespeare: Love's Perjuries*
- My thoughts hold mortal strife;  
I do detest my life  
And with lamenting cries  
Peace to my soul to bring ...  
*W. Drummond: Madrigal*
- ... Fly away, fly away, breath  
I am slain by a fair cruel maid.  
*Shakespeare: Dirge of Love*
- No longer mourn for me when I am dead  
Lest the wise world should look into your moan  
and mock you with me after I am gone.  
*Shakespeare: The Triumph of Death*
- A smile or kiss, as he will use the art,  
Shall have the cunning skill to break a heart.  
*J. Shirley: The Last Conqueror*
- This man is freed from servile bands  
Of hope to rise, or fear to fall;  
Lord of himself, though not of lands;  
And having nothing, yet hath all.  
*Sir H. Wotton: Character of a Happy Life*
- Yet let him keep the rest,  
But keep them with repining restlessness  
Let him be rich and weary, that at least,  
If goodness lead him not, yet weariness  
May loss him to My breast.  
*G. Herbert: The Pulley*
- Happy those early days, when I  
Shined in my Angel-infancy!  
*H. Vaughan: The Retreat*
- Then be not coy, but use your time;  
And while ye may, go marry:  
For having lost but once your prime,  
You may for ever tarry.  
*R. Herick: Counsel to Girls*
- My passion with your beauty grew  
While Cupid at my heart  
*Sir c. Sedly: Child and Maiden*

## II. How to Say it Correctly

Correct errors, if any, in the following sentences

- Do not approach to him.
- I tore up my shirt on a nail.
- This boy is elder than that one.
- The wind has almost stopped to blow.
- My friend shared me his book.

- Suggested answers to last week's questions**
- He is **handsome**.  
*Note:* The adjective 'beautiful' is used for females.
  - Do you **require** extra help?
  - English is studied **all over** the world.
  - He **loved** her, but now he **doesn't love** her.  
*Note:* the verbs of emotion such as 'love', 'hate' don't take the -ing form.
  - The sun is shining **through** the window.

## III. Increase Your Word Power

- A) How to express it in one word**
- Give political independence to.
  - Reduce the pressure of or on something.

- A medicine that reduces swelling and blocking, especially in the nose.
- Remove dangerous, impure substances from.
- The ornamental furnishing and arranging of a room.

- Suggested answers to last week's questions**
- Increase the speed of: **accelerate** (vt)
  - To cause to go slower: **decelerate** (vt)
  - Wooden floor built across a ship: **deck** (n)
  - The act of giving the different forms of a noun, pronoun or adjective: **declension** (n)
  - To discover the meaning of a message in a secret language: **decode** (vt)

- B) Foreign Phrases**  
Give the sources of origin and simple meanings of the following phrases:
- literati;                      2. litterateur;                      3. loco citato;
  - logogram;                      5. macrology

- Suggested answers to last week's questions**
- homophone** (Gk. 'same sound'): A word which is pronounced the same as another, but has a different spelling and meaning. Ex 'foul/fowl', 'wood/would'.
  - hubris** (Gk. 'wanton insolence'): A sense of pride in the tragic hero that leads him to ignore the warnings of the gods and to violate their laws and transgress their commands. Eventually, hubris brings about his downfall and nemesis.
  - ibidem** (Lat. 'in the same place'): The term indicates a reference to or quotation from the same place.
  - icon** (Gk. 'image'): An image of a holy person, used in the worship.
  - jeu de spirit** (Fr. 'play to the mind'): An epigram, witticism, or brief flight of fancy, urbanely expressed.

- C) Words Commonly Confused**  
Bring out the meaning differences in the following pairs of words
- dose, doze;                      2. cook, cooker;
  - cynical, snobbish;                      4. drench, wet;
  - dead, deed

- Suggested answers to last week's questions**
- incidence** (n) (the rate of happening): The high incidence of SARS spread panic in China.  
**incident** (n) (an event): This is a dramatic incident.
  - cord** (n) (twisted threads, thicker than string): He tied the sticks to a bale with a cord.  
**chord** (n) (straight line that joins two points on the circumference of a circle): She drew a chord.
  - collage** (n) (a picture made by sticking various materials or objects on to a surface): The students decorated the hall with funny collages.  
**college** (n) (a school for higher and professional education): There is a College of Pharmacy in Sana'a University.
  - coma** (n) (a state of long, unnatural, deep unconsciousness): The patient has slipped into a coma.  
**comma** (the mark ', in writing for showing a short pause): Put a comma between the two words.
  - comity** (n) (friendly, polite, and respectful behavior and manners): He is esteemed for his comity.  
**committee** (n) (a group of people chosen to do a particular job or duties): The Estimates Committee of the Parliament is touring the drought affected areas.

- D) Idioms and Phrases**  
Use the following phrases in sentences
- work of art;                      2. under arrest;                      3. arrange for;
  - get round;                      5. get around to

- Suggested answers to last week's questions**
- antithetical** to (directly opposed): His statements are antithetical to each other.

- antithesis of** (complete difference): The story illustrates the antithesis of death and life.
- antipathy against** (a deep dislike or hatred): His antipathy against the destitute is well known.
- sympathy for** (the ability to share the feelings of another): I have sympathy for your opinion.
- sympathize with** (feel pity): I sympathize with him on his misfortune.

## IV. Grammar and Composition

- A) Grammar**  
Choose the best answers
- She is — charming that everybody likes her.  
a. so                      b. such                      c. very                      d. too
  - Before going to India, my father — for an American bank for three years.  
a. has worked                      b. has been working  
c. worked                      d. works
  - You'll never — who I met in the street today.  
Mrs. Jackson!  
a. suppose                      b. guess  
c. know                      d. find
  - Jane is a very good friend. I — her for a long time.  
a. have known                      b. knew  
c. know                      d. had known
  - He was going to reply to her letter, but for various reasons he never got — to it.  
a. upto                      b. round to  
c. over                      d. out of
  - They tried to prevent me — going with them because they thought I had measles.  
a. to                      b. from                      c. by                      d. for

- Suggested answers to last week's questions**
- I thought this dress looked really nice in the shop, but now I wish I **hadn't** bought it.
  - The good thing is that the village is very quiet, but on the other **hand** there aren't any shops.
  - The **quicker** we get going, the sooner we'll finish.
  - Sheila succeeded in getting the manager's approval for the new project.
  - There's a man standing on the **street** corner who looks very suspicious.

## B) Composition: Paragraph Writing

Expand the idea contained in the proverb

**31: A STITCH IN TIME SAVES NINE**

**Last week's topic**  
**30: A BAD WORKMAN BLAMES HIS TOOLS**  
Some people find it convenient to overlook their own limitations and blame others for their own mistakes. They would refuse to admire the truth if it amounts to admit their own limitations and if it affects them adversely. This is true of a bad workman who has not mastery over his craft and obviously has shortcomings. But he wouldn't admit his failure and would tend to attribute it to some other agency. He would ascribe the cause of low quality of work to the poor quality of material provided to him. This is clearly a case of evasion, self-deception and tendency to pass the buck. On the other hand, a person who is honest, sincere and truthful would first try to improve his craftsmanship. However, if there is any lacunae or pitfall, despite best of his efforts, he would be upright and straightforward to own responsibility for it and not take recourse to lame excuses to escape accusations. Moreover, a skilled craftsman knows how to turn disadvantage into advantage and make the best use of the resources available to him.

**V. Pearls from the Holy Quran**

"And Allah has power over all things"  
S3: A165

**VI. Words of Wisdom**  
"Do thy duty that lies nearest thee; which thou knowest to be a duty!  
The second duty will already become clearer."  
—Thomas Carly

## A LETTER TO THE TEACHERS OF ENGLISH: 23

# Let your students read for communication also



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Dear Fellow teachers,

This is yet another letter on reading. Don't get tired of it, will you? All of us aim at developing reading skills in our learners for understanding whatever they read. That is the main objective of reading and this objective can be achieved if our students have enough practice in silent reading in the classes. In addition to reading for understanding, you can train your students in reading for communication also, which is nothing but making use of the information they get from what they read. In fact, this should be the goal of any reading. After all, why do we read? To get information. Why do we need information? For doing something. We read an announcement in a newspaper about an exhibition of books, and we visit the exhibition; we read a notice on the school or college notice board about a meeting and we attend it; we read the examination timetable on the notice board and we get ready for the examinations. In other words, we not only read for comprehension (= understanding), but also for communication. If we do not make use of the information we get from the materials we read, there is no purpose for our reading at all. How do we develop the skill of reading for communication? It is not very difficult and is an extension of the silent reading activity. I had said in my

earlier letter that every silent reading activity should be necessarily followed by checking the students' understanding; this can be done through questions on the text they have read or asking for the meaning of some words in the text, or asking them to summarize in Arabic what they have read. In addition to this, if you design an activity in which they make use of whatever they have read, it becomes an activity for reading for communication. For example, imagine that your students are asked to read a text containing information about the interesting places to visit in Taiz. One of the activities you can design for your students to do after the silent reading is "Write a letter to your friend inviting him/her to Taiz for a holiday. Tell him/her the interesting places he/she can visit there." Or imagine that they read the examination timetable for the whole school; the communication activity can be "Prepare the timetable for your class or for your friend who is in another class". Reading for communication is a necessary extension of reading for comprehension. This can be better done with extra reading materials that are collected from other sources such as newspaper cuttings, advertisements, announcements, notices, timetables, maps of the countries etc. than with the texts in the Pupil's Books. Reading for communication is an essential activity in higher classes, because this is closer to real life reading and will prepare your students for reading on their own in college classes. Do let your students read for communication also. Good luck.

Yours fraternally,  
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# Nick Adams: A central and recurring character of Ernest Hemingway



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A close study of Hemingway's novels and short stories reveals a lot of thematic and philosophical grounds. In fact, his characters are cast in a world of natural and human violence of wars. They are not only involved in the phenomena of violence, but also in what violence does to man, and in violence of death. His heroes are under tension, pressure of life and circumstances. Nick Adams is a major character that represents Hemingway himself who abides by the values to remain "undefeated". Life is not an easy game to play. One should know how to live life without surrender or defeat. In this respect, one should be pragmatic about the realities of life to understand its threads and live it as it is. Nick feels a sense of alienation from the roots and values shadowed with a vision of tragedy. Nick is an outdoor man, so he learns a lot of this outdoor life. He learns the knowledge of good and evil, of right and wrong and a sense of abandoned world to man. Nick is a good representative of human plight and his life is a conflict between the individual and society. "In Our Time" introduces us to a collection of stories that deals with the condition of man in a society upset by the violence of war. Man is the focus of Hemingway and life is governed by dark forces. Nick Adams all throughout the stage of his growth from a child into a man senses life as it is without false pretensions. He feels that there is no peace in life. It is a struggle between the pow-

erful and the weak and between the good and the evil. In "Indian Camp" Hemingway reveals things about Indian camps in those days. The story is about a doctor, Nick's father, who delivers an Indian woman with simple tools and even without anesthesia. This dismal scenario had its effects on Nick who was only a young boy, not interested in the shocking events. He was rather interested in their effects and outcomes on the little boy Nick watching such a painful scene. Then the father and son discussed death because the boy is curious to know more about death. Critics say that there are a number of key events in the life of Adams tied up with the life of Hemingway. In general, Nick Adams's is an outdoor, honest, virile, and very sensitive character. Nick is the Hemingway type of a hero of which he dies thousands to times before his final death. In this sense, Nick knows how to live with his trouble and sufferings. With all his shocks, hurts, and struggle he remains essentially an "individual man" and an isolated, severed largely from his family, society and community, and even oblivious of political, social and community life around him. The greatest significance of the character is that when Nick conducts himself with courage and fortitude, with duty and dignity, with grace under pressure, his acts move towards the heroic. Philip Young finds him a sick man, wounded physically and psychologically. He is the central and recurring character of Hemingway's early short stories. He is trapped in a dull life, crippled by a terrible knowledge, vitalized thin dreams of high impossible romance. It would be no exaggeration to say that he represents the ironic vision of human situation in the twentieth century.

## WONDERWORD

by DAVID OUELLET

## DREAM HOUSE

Solution: 9 letters

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- CLUES**
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|-----------|------------|----------|----------|-------------|
| Angle     | Country    | Heat     | Paint    | Structure   |
| Apply     | Cover      | Helmet   | Panel    | Stucco      |
| Attic     | Crew       | Hole     | Parapet  | Style       |
| Backyard  | Debris     | Interior | Patio    | Suburb      |
| Base      | Design     | Iron     | Pile     | Tarp        |
| Beams     | Details    | Joint    | Plan     | Terrace     |
| Blocks    | Digs       | Keys     | Plaster  | Tiles       |
| Bolt      | Dimension  | Kitchen  | Plumbing | Tools       |
| Brick     | Door       | Knob     | Rate     | Tractor     |
| Carpentry | Draw       | Land     | Ruler    | Trees       |
| Ceiling   | Drill      | Lever    | Sealant  | Truck       |
| Cement    | Dust       | Light    | Side     | Veneer      |
| Circuit   | Elevation  | Lumber   | Size     | Ventilation |
| City      | Floor      | Mastic   | Space    | Wall        |
| Clean     | Foundation | Measure  | Spot     | Window      |
| Coating   | Glass      | Metal    | Stairs   | Wire        |
| Compass   | Gutter     | Mind     | Steel    | Wood        |
| Concrete  | Hammer     | Mortar   | Step     | Work        |
| Cost      | Hand       | Nails    | Stone    |             |



# Olympic champion Edwards to retire

By JOHN MEHAFFEY

PARIS (Reuters) - Olympic triple jump champion and world record holder Jonathan Edwards will retire after the world championships opening on Saturday.

Edwards, 37, who injured his right ankle at the London grand prix this month, told reporters on Friday he would compete in Paris but then retire. The qualifying round is scheduled for Saturday with the final on Monday.

"It's a miracle that I'm fit enough to compete after my ankle injury," he said. "That miracle has told me it's time to call it a day and retire."

Edwards, who has won Olympic, world, European and Commonwealth titles, took triple jumping into another dimension in 1995.

The Briton, who had previously refused to compete on Sundays because of his religious beliefs, jumped past 18 metres at the European Cup with a following wind above the allowable limit of two metres a second.

He set a world record of 17.98 metres in Salamanca before competing at the world championships in Gothenburg where he achieved the unprecedented feat of setting world records with his first two jumps. Edwards recorded 18.16 and 18.29 metres, breaking the 18 metres and 60 feet barrier.

### Unbeaten run

His unbeaten run of 22 victories was ended by American Kenny Harrison at

the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, who took the gold medal ahead of the Briton.

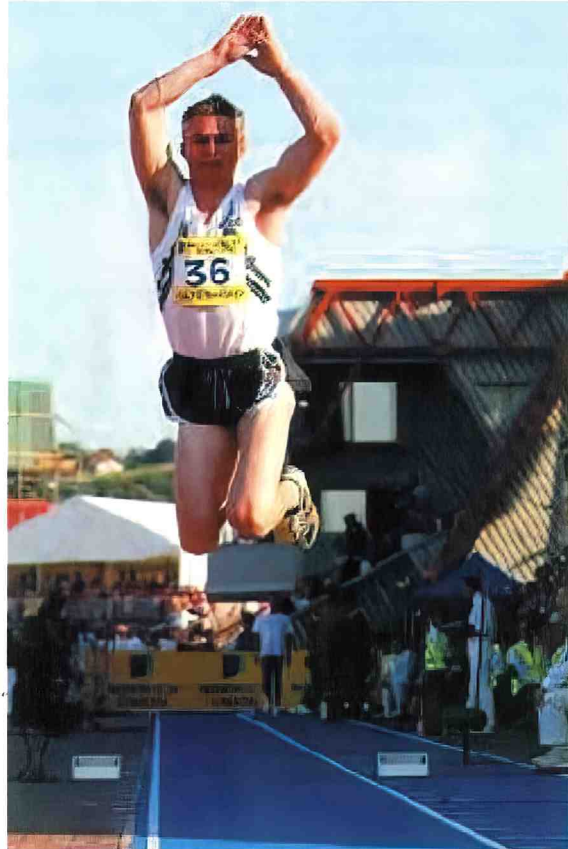
Edwards finished second and third at the 1997 and 1999 world championships before returning to the top of the podium at the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

In the following year he won the world title in Edmonton, Canada. Last year he won his first Commonwealth title in Manchester.

Harrison is the only other man to jump further than 18 metres and Edwards has recorded six of the top seven marks in the record books.

"I believe it is the right time for me to retire and now I have made the decision I feel happy with it," Edwards said. "I feel quite emotional now but there will be no coming back."

"The question when I would retire has dogged me for the last two years but now the decision has been made I am peaceful about it. As I come into



Olympic triple jump champion Jonathan Edwards — shown in a file photo — will retire after the world championships opening on Saturday. REUTERS/Paul Sanders

the world championships it is still exciting and I will miss it because the sport has been great for me."

# Inter will cope with Crespo loss

MILAN (Reuters) - Inter Milan captain Javier Zanetti says he is saddened by the impending departure of Argentina striker Hernan Crespo to Chelsea but believes the Serie A side will be strong enough to challenge for the Italian title.

Crespo is expected to complete a move to premier league club Chelsea in the coming days — news which has infuriated Inter fans but which fellow Argentine Zanetti says will not affect team spirit.

"The squad's morale is good," Zanetti told the club's website. "We're sorry that Hernan has gone because a great friend as well as a great player is leaving Inter. These are the choices the club has made."

Crespo's strike partner Christian Vieri has strongly criticised the decision to sell Crespo but Zanetti says the team remain focused on the upcoming campaign.

"Since the beginning of the pre-season retreat we've been working with a precise objective in mind — to be among the front-runners and get right to the end in the competitions we will contest."

"I believe the club is thinking of getting another player to improve things even more. In the meantime, we're just thinking about working hard towards the opening game against Modena. The club and the team are aiming at success," said Zanetti, who is the longest-serving player in the Inter squad.

Inter, who finished runners-up in Serie A last season, have not won the

Italian league title since 1989 and last summer lost world player of the year Ronaldo to Real Madrid.

Crespo was brought in from Lazio as a replacement for the Brazilian and although injuries restricted his appearances in Serie A to just 18 games, he scored nine goals in 12 Champions League matches as Inter reached the semi-finals.

The 28-year-old has scored an impressive 108 goals in 188 Serie A matches since joining Parma from Argentine club River Plate in 1996.

Zanetti said he had no doubts that Crespo would also be a success in England.

"I'm sure he'll do well because he has the qualities to do great things. We all wish him the best of luck," he said.

Should Crespo complete his move to Chelsea he will team up with former Inter striker Adrian Mutu of Romania, who joined the London club from Parma, one of several big-money deals the London outfit has made since Russian billionaire Roman Abramovich took over.



Inter Milan captain Javier Zanetti says he is saddened by the impending departure of Argentina striker Hernan Crespo (pictured) to Chelsea but believes the Serie A side will be strong enough to challenge for the Italian title. Crespo is expected to complete a move to premier league club Chelsea in the coming days. REUTERS/Stefano Rellandini

# Alonso takes Hungarian pole for Renault

BUDAPEST (Reuters) - Spain's Fernando Alonso, seeking to become the youngest race winner in Formula One history, has put Renault on pole position for Sunday's Hungarian Grand Prix.

The 22-year-old roared to the second pole of his career as Ferrari's championship leader Michael Schumacher slumped to his worst showing in five years before a race that could prove crucial to his hopes of a record sixth title.

The German qualified eighth, behind his three closest rivals, at a circuit that witnessed his fourth championship success in 2001.

Alonso, who secured his first pole in

Malaysia in March this year, lapped the hot and dusty Hungaroring in one minute 21.688 seconds.

He will share the front row with Williams's Ralf Schumacher, who had been due to start 10 places further down the grid before his punishment for causing an accident at the last race was switched to a \$50,000 fine.

Ralf was the highest placed title contender, but he must start on the dirty side of the track going into a tight first corner.

His Colombian team mate Juan Pablo Montoya, who needs to beat Michael Schumacher by seven points to secure the overall championship lead, starts on

the second row alongside Jaguar's Australian Mark Webber.

Schumacher has 71 points, Montoya 65, Raikkonen 62 and Ralf 53 with three races remaining after Hungary in one of the closest championships for years.

### Alonso confident

"It didn't work out very well today. I assume I was trying too hard to do too much and that's why it didn't work out," Michael Schumacher said.

"It was a disappointing qualifying," said Ferrari sporting director Jean Todt.

"We can expect a difficult race, considering that despite the changes to the layout there are few overtaking opportu-

nities."

Webber was third quickest, 0.339 slower than Alonso. "Tomorrow is more difficult but here I have been confident all weekend," said Alonso. "I hope to finish on the podium because I haven't since Barcelona and I want the same feeling again."

"Hopefully our 'launch control' will work as usual and I hope to arrive at the first corner in first place."

Sunday's race will tell what fuel levels drivers qualified on, but it was still an impressive performance from Alonso, who turned 22 on July 29 and finished second to Ferrari's Schumacher in his home Spanish Grand Prix in May.

If he wins on Sunday he will be younger than New Zealander Bruce McLaren, winner at Sebring in the United States in 1959 aged 22 years and 104 days.

American Troy Ruttman won the Indianapolis 500 in 1952 aged 22 and 80 days when that event counted towards the world championship.

Ralf was happy to be ahead of Montoya but disappointed to miss what would have been his fourth pole of the year.

"Certainly I'm not so happy with being second," he said. "Being on the inside here, on the dirty line, is not the best place to be but hopefully Fernando

will be nice and kind and open the door tomorrow and then it will be a nice race."

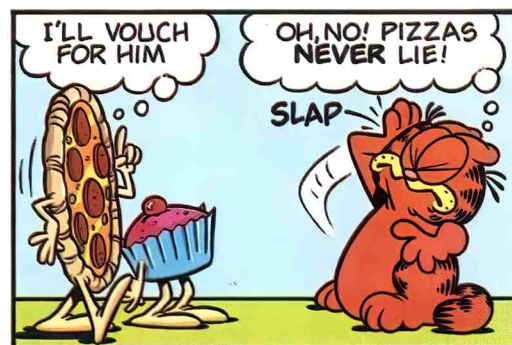
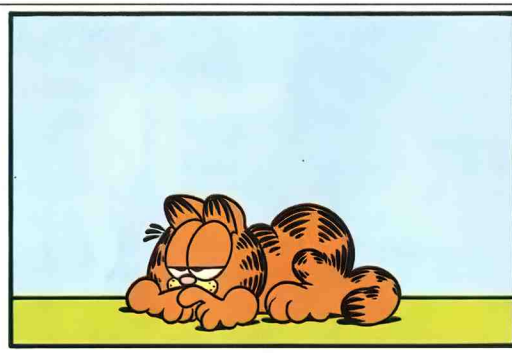
Brazilian Rubens Barrichello, last year's winner in Hungary in the second Ferrari, starts in the third row as the highest-placed driver on Bridgestone tyres. Alonso's Italian team mate Jarno Trulli is alongside.

Zsolt Baumgartner, Hungary's first Formula One driver, qualified 19th on his grand prix debut as a late stand-in for injured Briton Ralph Firman of Jordan.

Firman was ruled out after crashing heavily in morning practice, suffering concussion and an ankle injury.

## 7-Day Weather Forecast

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
<b>Sana'a</b>	Hi 28 Lo 1	28 11	29 11	29 11	29 11	28 11	28 10
<b>Aden</b>	Hi 37 Lo 25	37 26	39 27	39 26	38 26	36 25	37 24



## THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

BY Eugenia

**Aries** (Mar 21 - Apr 19)  
Get organized so that you can make the most of your time. Focus on the financial aspects of your life. Don't go out and have fun until you've finished your work.

**Taurus** (Apr 20 - May 20)  
Don't get overly emotional today, and don't overspend. Concentrate on the changes needed to make your life better. Take action.

**Gemini** (May 21 - Jun 20)  
Don't be influenced by friends pressuring you to spend money. Your thriftiness will bring you added respect and could lead to an offer you least expect.

**Cancer** (Jun 21 - Jul 22)  
Things won't go according to plan, especially where financial matters are concerned. Tuck some of your cash away in a safe place. Lending cash to someone will cause stress.

**Leo** (Jul 23 - Aug 22)  
Before you make any final decisions, run your plans by someone with more experience than you have. Get involved in competitive activities.

**Virgo** (Aug 23 - Sep 22)  
Don't trust anyone with your money matters or your health. Get a second or even third opinion. A problem with a large corporation or institution is apparent.

**Libra** (Sept 23 - Oct 22)  
You can make a difference that will catapult you into the limelight if you get involved in a worthwhile cause. Do not promise more than you can deliver. You will meet noteworthy people today.

**Scorpio** (Oct 23 - Nov 21)  
Don't be discouraged by someone who is trying to upset you. Fighting for a cause you believe in will put you in a favorable position. Anyone who is trying to put you down should be dealt with.

**Sagittarius** (Nov 22 - Dec 21)  
You are on the right track and you could make some money if you go out on a limb. Don't be lured into using your own money to get a project off the ground.

**Capricorn** (Dec 22 - Jan 19)  
Don't get involved in joint ventures. People trying to entice you to join in will not be trustworthy.

**Aquarius** (Jan 20 - Feb 18)  
Following your true feelings may initially get you into trouble, but once you clear the air you will be that much further ahead. Your desire to do your own things will lead to your success.

**Pisces** (Feb 19 - Mar 20)  
Put your efforts into making improvements. You may need to put in long hours and take on extra work in order to prove yourself.



# Brazil space rocket explodes, kills 19

BRASILIA, Brazil (Reuters) - A Brazilian rocket exploded on Friday and killed 19 people after an engine ignited by mistake days before a planned lift-off from a jungle launch site.

The disaster ended Brazil's third attempt to fulfill a long-held dream of becoming a space power.

Another 20 people were seriously wounded in the explosion, which sent a huge plume of smoke into the air above the tropical headland jutting into the Atlantic Ocean where the Alcantara launch base is situated.

"Nineteen people died and there are about 20 seriously wounded," said Raimundo de Souza, a Public Security spokesman for the northeastern state of Maranhao.

In Brasilia, Defense Minister Jose Viegas said "apparently" 16 were killed but a full count was not yet ready.

Viegas said the explosion was caused when one of the rocket's four engines ignited by mistake. The blast was heard dozens of miles away in the town of Sao Luis.

"The president profoundly laments the death of the officials at the Alcantara base," President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva's spokesman said. "Brazil's space program, an important scientific program for our country, is today in mourning."

Nearly 800 people were preparing the \$6.5 million, 65-foot rocket for its scheduled launch next week. The unmanned rocket was to have carried two satellites into space.

Officials said the rocket was going through final tests up to Aug. 24, after which it would have been ready to start the launch sequence at any point.

It was sitting in a large structure on the launch pad when the accident happened at 1:30 p.m. local time (12:30 p.m. EDT).

Brazil had been hoping to make the first successful venture into space by a Latin American nation. Rockets launched by Brazil in 1997 and 1999 were destroyed shortly after lift-off because of technical problems.

Experts worked since the beginning of July to assemble the so-called Satellite Launch Vehicle. The rocket was to have transported two small satellites, carrying positioning equipment, a communications transmitter and energy source.

They were to have been released

into low orbit about 470 miles above the Earth less than eight minutes after blast-off.

The launch pad is situated in a heavily guarded section of the huge space base equipped with ambulances and fire engines.

The base is a central part of Brazil's space programs, which were initiated a generation ago by the country's then military rulers.

In recent years the programs have suffered from underfunding, which the new government has sought to correct.

"The government wants to reaffirm its efforts for Brazil to have its own space technology," Singer said.

First word of the accident reached Brasilia at the same time as the head of the Brazilian Space Agency was holding a news conference with his Ukrainian counterpart about a deal to launch Ukrainian Cyclone rockets from Alcantara.

"This sad accident should not and will not influence relations between Brazil and Ukraine," said Valeriy Komarov, the head of the Ukrainian Space Agency.

Brazil has aspirations for Alcantara to become a major international commercial satellite launch center.

The base is close to the Equator, allowing rockets to use less fuel to reach orbit and carry larger payloads because they catch a ride on the Earth's centrifugal forces.



An accident has destroyed a Brazilian rocket that was due to blast-off into space in coming days, the Brazilian Air Force command said on August 22. Reuters

# Gadget lovers seek reliable power after blackout

NEW YORK (Reuters) - High-tech New Yorkers who sport the latest electronic devices like haute couture fashion are reconsidering the value of lower-tech emergency gear after the recent meltdown of a major chunk of the U.S. electrical grid.

Gadget addicts who were literally power-less for 24 hours or more are revising their checklists of must-have features so they will never again be left in the dark, cut off from friends, family, colleagues and reliable information or news.

"Maybe we consumers will need to have communications options because we don't have a clue what will work in an emergency," Tom Wolzein, a Wall Street media analyst at Sanford C. Bernstein, mused in a note to clients after the blackout.

Cellphone networks, overflowed by frantic callers eager to communicate their difficulties, initially failed from the sheer volume of calls rather than any specific electrical problems. Rechargeable computers gave out within hours. Network equipment petered out as back-up battery supplies wore out.

One by one, feature-packed gadgets faded to black as power died. The high-speed high-tech world ground to a halt from Detroit to Toronto to New York, as the modern conceit of limitless, cheap and pervasive electricity found its Achilles Heel.

"As consumers, our focus may well shift from the deal in a bundle to affordable redundancy," Wolzein said of the unexpected failure of the most sophisticated phones, wireless devices and computers.

As power returned, a steady stream of consumers flocked to electronics retailers, hardware stores and supermarkets to stock up on batteries, flashlights and transistor radios.

"Everyone wants to know where the batteries and flashlights are," electronics salesman Carlos Zabala, 22, said as he directed shoppers at the entrance of an office supply store in Manhattan on Monday. "They can think of nothing else."

A mini-maglite flashlight that runs on two "AAA" batteries offers an adjustable light beam and can be converted quickly into a free-standing electric candle. It carries a back-up lamp inside the tailcap and retails for



The Niagara River Gorge cuts through Ontario Hydro(L) and the Robert Moses Power Plant(R) at the United States-Canadian Border on August 15. Fears of blackouts loomed over Ontario on August 20, as electricity consumption rose, causing a dip into reserve levels of power, and higher temperatures this week threaten to keep alive the likelihood of rolling outages. Power supplies in U.S. cities, however, were fully recovered five days after the worst outage in North American history. Reuters

around \$10.

SharperImage.com offers light-emitting diodes for \$15. The size of a piece of candy, they can fit on a key-chain and throw off a beam up to 30 feet. In contrast to old-fashioned light-bulbs, the Mini Torch is meant to last 100,000 hours.

There's also the "five-in-one" rechargeable radio and spotlight hybrid for \$40. It features an AM/FM radio, a spotlight, and a siren. It recharges by solar cell in the sun or hand crank in the dark.

### Make your own power

The most industrious geeks sought to manufacture their own power during the crisis. When one Manhattan technologist's cordless phone failed, he taped together six "AAA" batteries to reproduce the 12-volt power supply necessary to run the phones. By fiddling with the wires he was able make calls.

Power inverters and battery charg-

ers typically are sold in camping stores. These convert the direct current of batteries into the alternating current rechargeable devices require.

Chicago-based Tripp Lite has a portable model for around \$30 that allows high-tech gadget users to plug into a car cigarette lighter like any AC office outlet.

An industrial-strength version of the Tripp Lite inverter sells for \$300 that can run whole appliances off a car battery as long as the motor is running and gasoline is available.

With the lights out, automobile batteries emerged as distributed power generators for city blocks. Neighbors turned to car owners for help recharging appliances. Car stereos became the center of impromptu street parties around the city.

A few were far better prepared than others.

"I've got everything I need," Julio Carmona, a New York Stock Exchange trading clerk, boasted last

Thursday as he stood on 42nd Street after commuter trains stopped running to his home in Poughkeepsie, 80 miles north of New York City.

Carmona carries an emergency kit with flashlight, face mask, whistle and first aid items with him as he commutes to Wall Street and back each day. It is a precaution he said he has taken since the September 11 attacks nearly two years ago.

Also part of his kit is a handheld Casio television with a 2.3 inch screen that he used to keep tuned in to local news updates. For a time, Carmona may have been the best informed pedestrian among the many thousands left stranded along 42nd Street after power failed.

For a detailed discussion of what devices worked and which ones didn't during the blackout, Gizmodo (<http://www.gizmodo.com>), a New York-based Web site devoted to the latest high-tech gadgets, featured a lively discussion on Monday.



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**Songs on the sidewalk**

By YASSER AL-MAYASI  
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The Yemeni artist, Rasheed al-Hourabi, is a talent in singing field. He was famous and prominent singer, however, he has been in recent seen wandering the streets carrying his lute and bearing a sign reading "Pay a hundred, listen to a song".

Thus, he earns meager sum of money in order to survive in this merciless life. This cruel life that has badly treated many talented people, especially artists renowned in various genres of art. Some of them are neglected and fought during their life and their works rejected for various reasons, mostly intentionally. But after their death some fair and just people would remember them and appreciate their skillful works and they get honored while dead instead of while they are alive.

In Yemen there is Rasheed al-Hourabi who brings his art from the darkness of theatres and recording studios to the street light as a result of unjust conditions and reality that do not respect or pay due attention to genuine art and artists.

I purposefully approached this creative artist to know much about him and shed light on his life and the misery he is experiencing.

About his beginning, he assured that he was a star and prominent artist in the mid sixties in Aden. His songs were broadcast on radio and on TV. He also went to Abu Dhabi in UAE.

**Q: How come you have decided to go on signing on streets?**

A: When I came back from Abu Dhabi 1991 and applied to a job at the ministry of culture, they asked for qualifications and certificates most of which were lost and burnt. So they did not accept me.



Al-Hourabi "I feel free & independent when i sing on the street"

Because of the need of money I was forced to sell everything even my lute and to sit on the pavements. Because of my bad financial situations I started singing in return for small sums of money.

**Q: Are the financial conditions the only reasons behind singing on the street?**

A: No, of course not. There are many other reasons forced me to go to the streets and sing to the passers-by. One of these reasons is the stand of the government to not employ me as well as stop broadcasting my recorded songs.

I did not hesitate to sing in the street because it is the only way to get money and continue living.

**Q: How do people look at you when you sing on the street?**

A: The audience of the street is different from the audience of theater and cassettes. So when you sing on the street, you will find different people. One admires the way of your singing the other mocks and hurt you.

Some society members behave spontaneously and some behave ignorantly. Thus, I deal with all people wisely and patiently. Some people treat me as a crazy because I sing on the street and other respect and sympathize with me.

**Q: Who is your audience that listens to your songs?**

A: My audience is normally from students and educated people as well as uneducated people such as workers, peddlers and jobless people. They love to taste fine art.

**Q: How do you feel when you sing on the streets? And how do you look for future?**

A: When I sing on the street, I feel free and independent, as there are no conditions and control when I sing. I sing when I want and stop when I don't. I also feel comfortable when I move from place to another. These are the positive things.

About future, I am optimistic and there is no place for pessimism. I do not think of being neither rich nor famous. I like simplicity. Today I have got diabetes.

**Q: When will you leave the street?**

A: When my financial circumstances get improved and have a secured income, having government salary or a work contract, then I will leave the street as I get tiresome with it. I do not think I will leave the street in near future.



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