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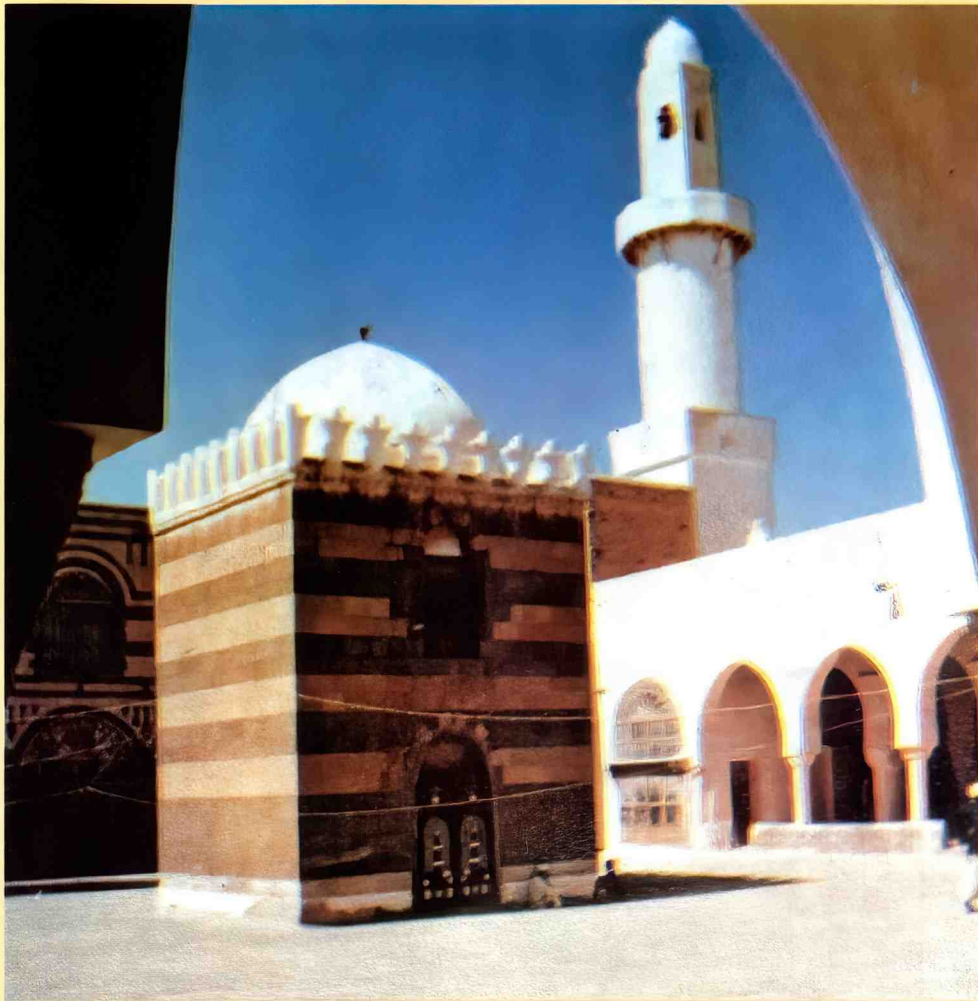
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5 injured, tens arrested in confrontation between police and some: Grand Mosque chaos

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Sanaa, September 6 - Five people were wounded and tens arrested in confrontation between police and people lashing out at the US and Israel after Friday prayers inside the Great Grand Mosque in Sana'a, an eyewitness told Yemen Times. People said that police used clubs and fought with protestors condemning US and Israel occupation while attending the Friday sermon as protestors took the chance of the sermon being aired live on the Yemeni Satellite channel to shout and intercept the sermon preacher, condemning the US policy, saying "death to US and Israel." The protestors and police battled using daggers and clubs in the fight which led to five injuries and tens of arrests. According to sources, police was violent in dispersing the protestors and therefore serious injuries were hospitalized. Among the people who were arrested are: Adel Hadi, Ahmad Hassan al-Qasimi, Yasser Abdullah, Shaheer Ali, Assad Hasan Saleh, Mohammed Ali al-Sayaghi, and Eisa al-Hamdani.

Security arrested over 40 persons in the past few weeks for reasons of protesting against US and Israel occupation after Friday prayers.



The Grand Mosque in Sana'a, the place where the violent incident took place. File photo

Yemeni-Indonesian relations:

Business future streamlined

By ABDUH M. ASSABRI
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Sana'a, September 7— In a Mideast tour, the Indonesian vice-president, Dr. Hamzah Haz, leading a delegation of high-ranking Indonesian officials, is to begin a 3-day state visit to the Republic of Yemen on September 12.

The visit comes in reply to a visit to Indonesia by Yemeni vice-president Abduh Rabu Hadi in August 2002. The Indonesian delegation will also include businessmen in various fields.



Dr. Hamzah Haz

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First regional conference of its kind in the Arab world:

Free media for development

YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Sanaa, September 6 - On Saturday 13 September, a three-day regional conference on "The role of free Arab media in economic development" is to start in Sanaa with the aim of introducing a project to build a bridge between Arab governments and free media towards achieving greater economic development in the Arab world.

The conference, which will be organized by Yemen Times in cooperation with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, will be an opportunity to introduce ideas, programs, and proposals of allowing a liberal and open media sector to assist governments in taking the right decisions that would promote economic development and prosperity. One way according to Mr. Walid Al-Saqqaf, Editor-in-chief of Yemen Times is through "allowing the free media to evaluate the economic situation openly and indicate the cases of

mismanagement, corruption, and inefficiency in the state that hinder economic progress".

Among the topics to be tackled will be the need for professional and transparent economic media which would focus on investment and economic indicators transparently to reflect the true picture of economies of Arab countries. Another topic would be on the need to bring to the attention of Arab government the role free media could play in supporting the economy if given the margin of freedom necessary.

"In a time the Arab world is focusing on the economy and development, I can see that this conference will indeed be a step forward in achieving partnership between governments and the media when it comes to enhancing strengthening Arab economies," said Dr. Mohammed Abdulmajeed Al-Qubati, the Head of the Political Office of the ruling party the General People's Congress.

Representatives from several Arab countries will be participating in the event, including Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Lebanon, and Iraq. A number of informal activities will also be arranged during the three days of the conference.

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Dr. al-Hamedi attacked

BY MOHAMMED BIN SALLAM
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Sana'a, Sept. 6_ Director of Al-Jumhuri public hospital Dr. Abdullah al-Hamedi in Sana'a was attacked by 5 unidentified gunmen last Wednesday while he was leaving his house at al-Asbahi area.

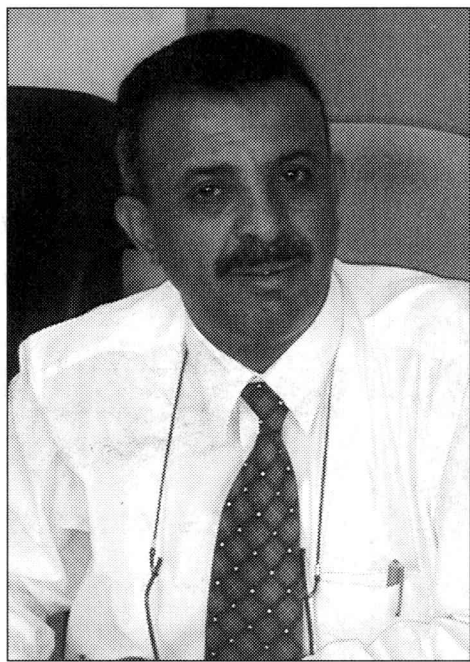
His left shoulder was seriously injured and was also bruised in several parts of his body. He was immediately rushed to hospital for treatment.

Mr. al-Hamedi told the Yemen Times that he was attacked by 5-armed men. "They carried cudgels and light weapons with them. No room for conversing was even allowed. I was also severely knocked with butts of their weapons," he said.

"When I tried to resist, they shot fires in the air just to scare me and to make me surrender under threat of cudgels. I fought tooth and nails, they ultimately escaped," he added.

As for why they attack him, Dr. al-Hamedi said, "It seems that the gang has been incited by an unknown cowardly body. They want to settle an account with me through betrayal and cowardliness. It is by no means an civilized act," he concluded.

Eyewitnesses said the gunmen were



Dr. Abdullah al-Hamedi

big-bodied in their 30s. "They were continuously present in the vicinity in a car waiting for Dr. al-Hamedi to come out of his house. They also tried to hide their weapons inside their car. No one knows what they hiding in their car," another eyewitness said.

Dr. al-Hamedi has not accused anybody for the attack. He had only reported the incident to the police.

Disputes over weapons

Sana'a, Sep 6- Around 150 parliament members signed presented in the parliament a memorandum last week demanding the postponement of discussing a draft law on regulating possession of weapons.

The draft law had been earlier referred to the parliament by the government that set up a special committee to study it and give its remarks before putting it to voting.

Sources reckoned that those who asked for the delay attributed their opinion to the current circumstances the Arab region is leading and developments in Iraq and Palestine.

It is also believed that the situation dictates the necessity of keeping weapons in possession of the citizens in the Arab countries for self defense.

According to latest statistics, more than 50 million different kinds of weapons are possessed by Yemenis, reveal the latest statistics on weapon possession.

In other words, on average every Yemeni possesses three pieces of weapons. A few years ago, the parliament issued a law to curb possession and carrying of arms inside major cities.

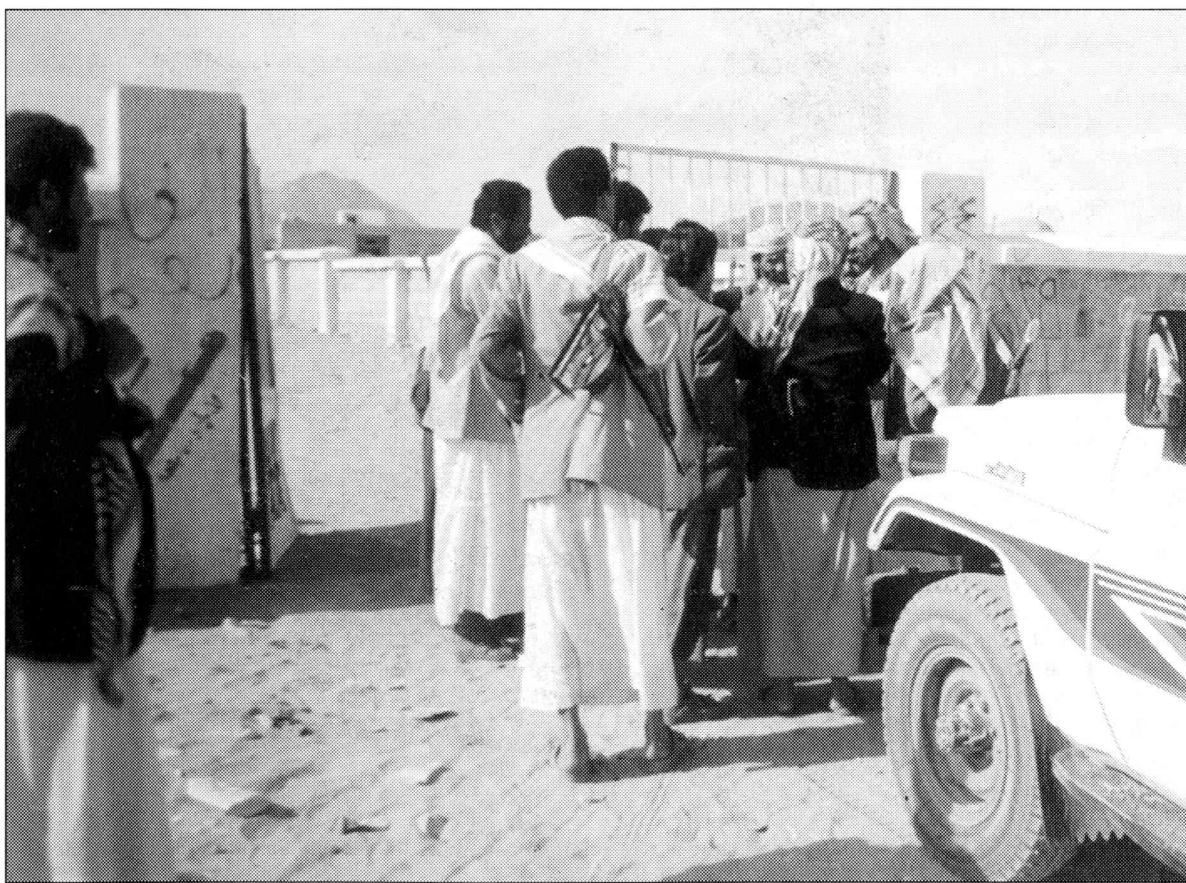
But this law has not been put to

action. Arms market spread all over Yemen just like any other markets of vegetables, spices, etc. The biggest and most famous arms market is the Attalh in Sada'a.

Political analysts attribute spread of weapons to the good number of tribal wars Yemen has passed through.

Social and economic studies confirm that putting an end to carrying weapons and its trade will help the government achieve developmental projects particularly in the countryside. If it is applied, it will reduce smuggling and other illegal trade activities.

Weapon stores and arms possession



Readers' Voice

THIS WEEK'S

QUESTION:

Do you believe that the resignation of Palestinian PM Abbas is better or worst for the peace process?

- It is definitely worse.
- It is definitely better.
- It makes no difference
- It depends on his successor and other factors.

LAST WEEK'S

QUESTION:

If you were a US citizen, for whom would you vote?

- For his opponent of the Democratic Party. 61%
- Definitely for J. W. Bush. 21%
- I will not vote at all. 13%
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Sheikhs kept & tribesmen released

Sana'a, Sep 6- Around thirty-five people from Jaham tribe and A'al Zaidi have been recently set free by the Yemeni security authorities after being detained since the beginning of last August.

Meanwhile, Sheikhs of Jaham tribe were transferred from the military Prison to another one at the interior ministry.

The release measure has been carried out in response to presidential orders following the success of mediation made by sheik Mohammed Bin Naji al-Gader with the president in an attempt to calm down the crisis

between Jaham sheikhs and the authorities.

Security authorities had arrested Jaham sheikhs from inside the presidential building as a result of a dispute, after which they were arrested and ne tribesmen was killed and another injured.

Tribal sources told Yemen Times that the tribe would not accept any mediation as for handing over the killers of one of its sheikhs who was shot dead last May by emergency police.

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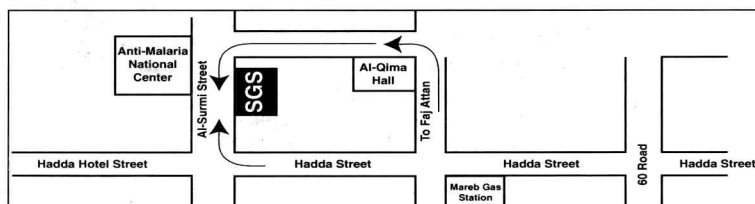
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Top students Honored

Taiz – Organized by the Education office in Taiz, an honoring ceremony was held at al- Saaed foundation hall where top students of the 9th grade and secondary schools students, and distinguished teachers were rewarded. Some local council members, general managers of governmental offices and of education establishments attended the ceremony. Speeches delivered praised the active role of teachers and efforts exerted by the students during the examination period.

Training course on human rights wraps up

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Sana'a, Sept. 6_ Human Rights Information and Training Center, Hritc, concluded on Wednesday a four-day 4th training course dedicated for policemen who received lectures and training on human rights.

Around 50 police officers, from various governorates, such as Sana'a, Aden, Taiz, Ibb, Lahj, Dhamar and Hodiedah took part in the training course.

The training program focused on defendants rights during detention peri-

ods and inspection and Yemeni legislation attitude towards the defendant rights.

Lectures were delivered by the trainers controls of the use of force against the suspects and the legal controls that govern policemen when using firearms against lawbreakers.

The training course also included a workshop on international criteria related to treatment of detainees and the United Nations principles related to men in charge of keeping the law and

principles of human rights.

The training course was permeated with vital discussions on role of policemen in protection of human rights and on experiences on the relationship between judiciary bodies and prosecution with police and lawyers. The course was part the special training implemented by the Hritc for various segments of the society.

Hritc is scheduled to hold a regional level training course at the end of this year.

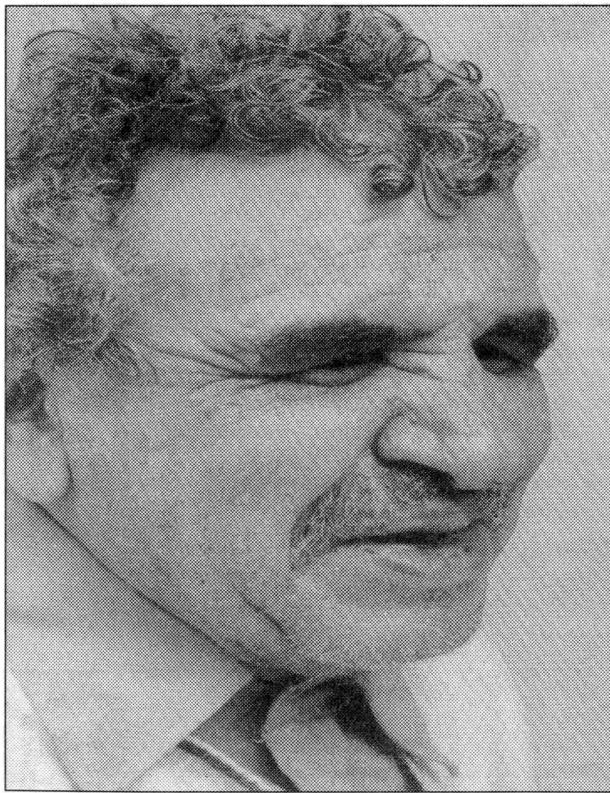
Al Baradoni commemorated

In commemoration of the Yemeni renowned poet Abdulla al-Baradoni's 4th death anniversary, al Saeed foundation for science and culture on September 4 held a lecture-giving ceremony.

The lecturer was delivered by Mr Sameer al-Yousufi, editor in chief of the Taiz-based al- Thakafia newspaper who said disability of the poet al-Baradoni did not impede him from composing poetry and literature. He pointed out the stages of the poet al-Baradoni life for which he had got attention and was honored in and outside Yemen.

Abdullah Al-Baradouni was born in Baraddouni village to the east of Dhamar in 1930.

He caught smallpox and lost his sight consequently while 6.



Al-Baradoni

Despite this, he studied the holy Quran and learned how to read and write. He listened to many poets and began composing at the age of 13.

Many of his articles and poems were published in newspapers and magazines.

He has to his own credit 12 poem collections and a number of studies and researches.

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by diseases, he became the most eminent poet in Yemen.

Cricket back to Sanaa after a 6-year-absence

Sanaa, August 6 - Six years after Sanaa Cricket Game was stopped in 1997, the game returned to Sanaa with more excitement among all teams competing. Five clubs are now reorganizing their teams to start fierce competitions to attain the game's title.

On September 5, a friendly match was played between Pakistan Cricket Club (PCC) and Arabian Cricket Club

(ACC) at the Asbahi Ground on Taiz Road in Sanaa. The PCC came out victorious after it had Bat first and did 221 Runs in 20 Overs for lost five wickets. Chasing this big target ACC did 177 Runs in 20 for lost of two wickets. PCC's win over ACC was by 43 Runs. The next match will also be between the two teams on Friday September 10 at the Asbahi Ground on Taiz Road.

A cricket league series is expected to start with five strong teams in the coming days.

The Sanaa Cricket Game was started by foreign expatriates in Yemen including Pakistanis, Indians, British, and Sri Lankans in 1994. But unfortunately it was stopped in 1997 due to the leaving of some of the main organizers.

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Business future streamlined

During his visit in Yemen, Mr Haz is to meet the Yemeni president of the republic and other senior officials to discuss several issues of common interest and ways to reactivate cooperation in various fields in interest of the two countries and peoples.

The Indonesian delegation is also scheduled to visit Aden Free Zone to get acquainted with the zone's great role in Yemen's economic life.

Both Yemeni and Indonesian sides are to hold meetings to discuss and explore ways and means for enhancing business and economic cooperation of the two friendly countries.

The businessmen forum is the second of its kind to be held in Sana'a. The first one was held in December 2002 during a visit by an Indonesian business delegation to Yemen.

Mr. Sumargo Ali Margono, the Indonesian Charge d'Affaires said in a meeting held at the Indonesian Embassy premises Wednesday that a number of memorandums of understanding and agreements would be signed by the two

countries.

"An agreement between both countries' news agencies and the General Promotion Export Authority are to be signed during the visit," Mr. Margono remarked. Both countries have been showing keen interest to promote and enhance bilateral relations and cooperation in different fields. Exchange of trade between the two countries has been progressing by leaps and bounds and many investors have showed willingness to carry out joint projects to mutually serve the two countries.

Officials and businessmen from the two countries in recent years increasingly exchanged visits aimed at enhancing cooperation in various areas. The increase has been attributed to the good quality and competitive prices of Indonesian commodities compared to similar products of Asian countries like China, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore and India that are available in Yemen's market.

Different types of commodities and goods have been exported to Yemeni

markets such as, power and telecommunications cables, electrical appliances, motorcycles, automotive spare parts, batteries, papers, stationery, textiles, yarns, garments, household equipment, plastic products, wood, furniture, medicines, and other products.

This volume of trade-exchange amounted to USD 75 million in 2002, and to USD 137 million in 2002.

Indonesian exports to Yemen in 2002 amounted to USD 82 million, while the Yemen's exports to Indonesia in the same year amounted to USD 55 million, compared to 2001 where only trade exchange was only USD 1 million worth.

In an effort to explore ways of investment in Yemen, a 50-member Indonesian delegation visited Aden on December 19, 2002 and included 15 government top officials and 45 business officials representing 25 different Indonesian companies. The visit aimed primarily at strengthening and boosting commercial and industrial ties between businessmen from Yemen and Indonesia as well as looking for investment opportunities.

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*Attended by the director of the British Council***NCC Education prize draw concluded**

NCC Education Center in Sana'a held a small celebration attended by Mr. Adrian Chadwick, Head of the British Council Office in Yemen on the occasion of the draw of NCC's competition in the Yemen Times.

During the event, Mr. Chadwick pulled out the winning coupon, which was for Mr. Wadhah Al-Haddad. The prize was a complete 6-month computer diploma scholarship, with an internationally approved certificate.

Receiving Mr. Chadwick at the NCC Education office were the center's General Manager Dr. Ibrahim Abdulhafidh, Marketing Manager Mr. Wael Hashem, and Academic Manager Mr. Adnan Al-Harazi.

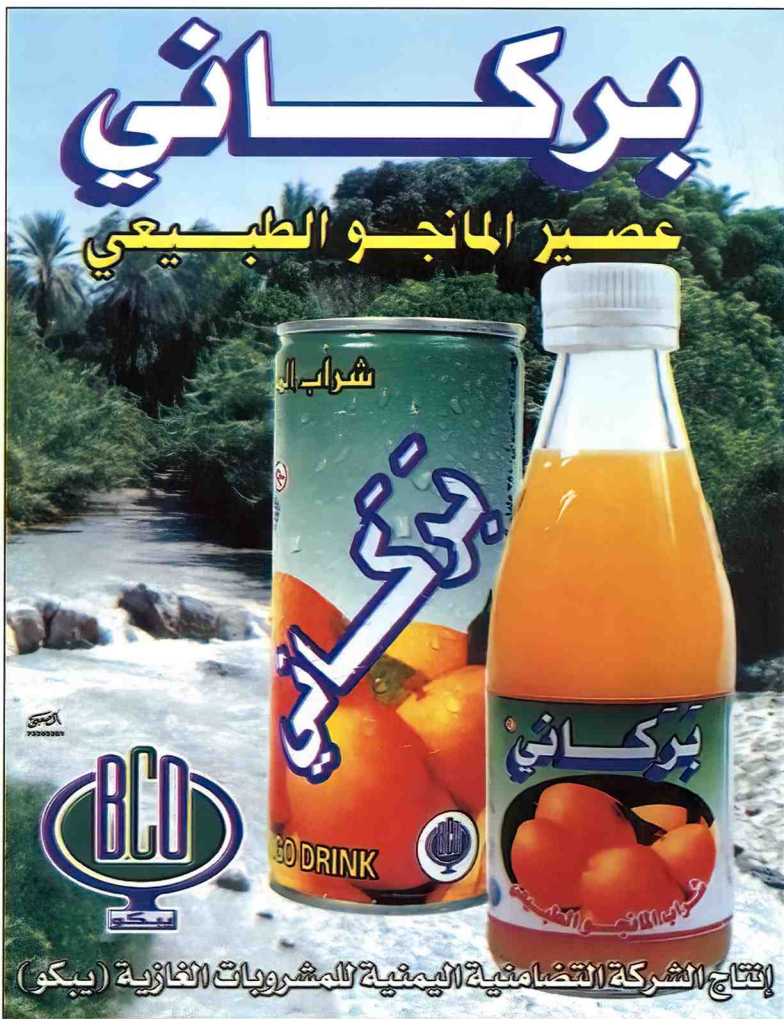
Mr. Chadwick expressed his satisfaction over the quality education given at the NCC Education center in Sana'a and was pleased to know that all students have passed the last academic term of NCC Education.



Wael Hashem

"This indicates that the center has indeed provided quality education that conforms to modern British international standards," he said.

On this occasion, Mr. Wael Hashem, the Marketing Manager of NCC Education in Yemen said that the success of the center in Yemen was due to its quality education and the high standards of the curriculum of NCC Education along with the supreme qualifications of the academic staff teaching at the table. "Not to mention that students were also hard working," he added.



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Why do women get divorced?

By NAWAL ZAYD
FOR THE YEMEN TIMES

“You are divorced” is a very simple phrase verbalized by husbands to their wives, regardless of consequences that accompany their matrimonial life. Divorce signifies serious indications regarding the family and community. Divorce has become so common in our society these days that it is time to ring a warning bell. Sometimes divorce is regarded as the beginning of a life of suffering for the shattered family.

Reasons and factors

There are several factors behind divorce. Marriage arrangements are usually made in a way that would merely please the couples' relatives. This kind of marriage is the most widely adopted in Yemen of today. Both to be husband and wife usually get married before knowing each other well enough.

Couples have to bear huge marriage burdens, which in time and in most cases ends up in divorce.

Even those couples, who chose their spouses by themselves and not by their relatives, usually fall prey to divorce as a result of family disputes.

When happy life becomes impossible

Family disputes and misunderstandings between happy couples grow little by little to ruin their lives and reach the level where they find divorce as the only option available. For them, it is the only cure to all their problems and disputes.

The victims

But, who pays the cost of divorce? It is certainly children, who turn out to be the main victims. Family breakups arise and children face contradictions in their behavior as a result of divorce. Endless and tangled family problems are reflect-

ed on children's present and future as a result of divorce.

Children of divorced couples face difficulties in education and their behavior in the social context reflect everlasting frustration. When the ex-husband remarries another woman, new family problems arise before the child, who find him/herself lost. Lack of love, care and compassion is then felt deeply by the child, who continues to live with one parent only. No sense of motherhood or fatherhood is any longer provided. His life becomes threatened and his future becomes in stake.

Teenagers suffer too

Teenagers, who stay with their fathers as a result of a divorce also suffer tremendously. Most of them would lack the passion of motherhood they used to feel before their parents separated. This is because the adolescence age is quite critical in the live of children. It is the time they need their parents' care and supervision the most.

Other reasons leading to divorce can be attributed to relatives themselves. This manifests itself clearly when marriages are not given the chance they deserve. Relatives of married couples should be held accountable in cases when no opportunity is given to them before marriage to know each other and be fully aware of their future horizons.

Meanwhile, early marriage has its inevitable negative consequences on the family as well. Couples' lack of understanding of the real matrimonial life in an early age is another motive behind divorce. This is because both parents don't know each other well enough and marriage of this type is hastily arranged. Lack of understanding of matrimonial life is usually due to the fact that boys and girls in teenage years are usually ignorant, inconsiderate and

irresponsible. What has become so common these days between early married couples is hurling stream of abuses to each other.

Excessive jealousy is considered to be one of the psychological diseases that cause divorce in many cases. It is true that jealousy is a clear testimony of true love. But if it exceeds its limits, it threatens love and matrimonial life too. All these deface the true meanings of happy marriage.

Another factor that could cause divorce is mistrust between the husband and wife, a matter leading to strict monitoring and naggings between them. This of course differs from one husband to another. Some husbands insist on preventing their wives from mixing even with relatives. Wives in this case feel that their freedom is restricted to intolerable limits as they are not allowed for instance to answer phone calls, mix with strangers, or go shopping because those acts are considered by some, according to Yemeni conservative traditions, to be shameful and should never be practiced.

One of the convincing reasons behind divorce is age difference.

When a man for instance gets married to a girl, who is much younger than him, this leads to a contradicting attitude between the couples resulting in the collapse of the whole marriage. Some elderly men seek to get married to much younger girls when for instance his former wife died or because he divorced her for being infertile.

All the afore-mentioned reasons to divorce have their negative consequences on matrimonial life.

Some modest advices given

In order to avoid divorce and to put an end to long-term family disputes, the following tips should be taken into consideration.

- Both the wife and husband should not take hasty decisions when offered a marriage opportunity. They should only select a good spouse-to-be that is capable of shouldering matrimonial responsibility in a complete manner.
- Outdated traditions which create obstacles to a happy marriage should be abandoned.
- Early marriages should be avoided.
- Relatives should give more freedom



to their daughters and sons when it comes to the issue of marriage. They should exchange opinions and ideas with them so as when the decision is taken to go forward, they would all share responsibility in future.

the family where he/she is raised.

- The exchange of insulting words between wife and husband should be avoided, especially in front of children.
- Adhering to Islamic principles in polygamy.
- Sharing responsibility between wife and husband in order to protect children from loss and vagrancy.

Society and conformity-

Reasonable boundaries or confining barriers

By SAM ASHURAEY
FOR THE YEMEN TIMES

Society, for as long as can be remembered, has played a key role in history and human behavior. Whether it is a lenient or restrictive society, it has determined, in many cases, the boundaries of nearly everything, from dress to music to literature. It has been argued that society plays a negative role in that it restricts free thought and does not allow for anything seemingly rebellious to survive which may be a threat to the current society. On the other hand, if there was no society, wouldn't humans be granted the right to do whatever they please- such as immoral acts- without the threat of public opinion?

Society, no doubt, breeds conformity. For if a society wishes and strongly encourages humans to become what they consider their ideal members, and sets standards for those members, would it not leave everybody striving to become part of that homogenous mold they have created?

Those who do not try to fit this mold, along with their ideas, are ridiculed and sometimes even shunned by the society. In other words, if members of this society do not show support, agreement, and conformity to the aspects of their society, they are considered the enemy of society. History has taught us that drastic change within in a well-established society is nearly impossible.

However, many of those who have tried to incite this change are regarded today as truly great and unique individuals, even though during their time they were ridiculed and treated as enemies of the people. A prime example of this is Galileo. When he proposed the idea of the earth revolving around the sun it was considered to be complete flagrant hearsay. Today of course, we label him as a genius of science and the man who recognized that the earth revolves around the sun. Perhaps society is doing the same to the geniuses of today, subjecting them to hostility because their thoughts and beliefs happen to not go along with those of society.

This rejection by society of new

and unique ideas creates a cycle of "rebels" of today becoming the great men of tomorrow. Through this cycle, society has been proven wrong time and time again because the people it so strongly disapproved of during their time are the people we so fondly approve of during our time.

We must remember that nearly all great men were at one time controversial, and to present new ideas, they must be.

Of course I am not saying that society should be done away with and anarchy should be let to rule; society is a strong force that keeps people in order. People limit their immoral behavior because they have the plugging eye of society and public opinion peering over their shoulder constantly.

I do not mean it to sound so intimidating, but if this constantly watching public eye was not there people would probably do many of the things they do not do because of its absence, and because the image they were trying to protect within that society is invalid.

We mustn't forget that a society's origins are based on moral and virtuous ideals, and if those simple morals and virtues were followed, it would result in a utopia. But, rather unfortunately, these ideals are distorted and used by many groups of people for their own benefit.

In Yemen where society holds an undeniably strong place with its people, it is difficult not to feel the prevalence of the deep-rooted society; it creates a pressure to conform and to stay behaved, but can in some cases be too extreme. As young people, we feel the overwhelming power of the society most because it is a time of rebellion and experimentation; but as we become older and rebellion and ideals were down, we find ourselves to be conformist; no matter how much we like to think of ourselves as not. This reoccurring conformity is what allows society to keep its prodigious grip on its members.

Society, if its ideals are properly and moderately followed, can be a positive force - in some cases more powerful than the law. However, as it is human tendency to exaggerate most things, society will continue to be a prison and source of ridicule for some and a weapon for others.

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Rumsfeld hails "wonderful start" to new Iraq

BAGHDAD, Sept 6 (Reuters) - U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld lauded the "wonderful start" to rebuilding Iraq on Saturday even as guerrillas attacked his troops and hundreds of protesters marched to demand jobs.

Meeting U.S. and Polish soldiers in the ancient ruins of Babylon, Rumsfeld acknowledged reviving post-war Iraq was a tough task given the poor state of services and daily attacks.

But he said that almost five months after the toppling of Saddam Hussein, U.S.-led occupiers had set the country on the right path to an eventual hand-over to Iraqis.

"The work here will be difficult but a wonderful start has been made," Rumsfeld said. "The (Iraqi) political leadership is in place and assuming more and more responsibility, (but) the economic circumstance has to improve still more."

"The security situation, we all recognise, is a difficult one in the sense that there are terrorists, there are former regime Baathists, there are criminals, and there are people willing to attack and kill innocent men, women and children, not just coalition forces."

With Washington eager to get more troops from other nations into Iraq, Britain said it was sending 120 more soldiers from Cyprus over the weekend.

British media reported another 2,000-3,000 British soldiers may be sent to Iraq, boosting its force to about 11,000

troops.

The U.S. military has about 150,000 soldiers in Iraq. It wants other nations to send an extra 15,000.

In the latest attack on U.S. troops, a Humvee military vehicle was burnt out after driving over an explosive in the northern town of Mosul on Saturday. There were no serious injuries, the U.S. military said.

Underlining the threat to Iraqis working with the Americans, attackers fired rocket propelled grenades at a police station in the town of Ramadi, west of Baghdad. Five officers were injured, witnesses said.

Protests in Basra

In the British-controlled south of Iraq, hundreds of demonstrators gathered in front of the local government office in the city of Basra to demand work. The protest passed peacefully.

Last month, three people died in two days of violent protests in the city.

At another demonstration in the nearby port of Al Maqal, hundreds of soldiers from Saddam's disbanded army — some accompanied by wives and mothers — marched to demand stipends promised by the occupiers, witnesses said.

In Babylon, whose ruins near the Euphrates river date back to one of the earliest human civilisations, Rumsfeld shook hands, chatted and took photos with U.S. and Polish soldiers.

Polish commanders lead a new 9,000-strong multinational division controlling a south-central area of Iraq.

Rumsfeld also visited a mass grave at Mahawil, south of Baghdad, containing remains of several thousand bodies said by locals to be mainly Shi'ites killed in Saddam's crushing of an uprising after the 1991 Gulf War.

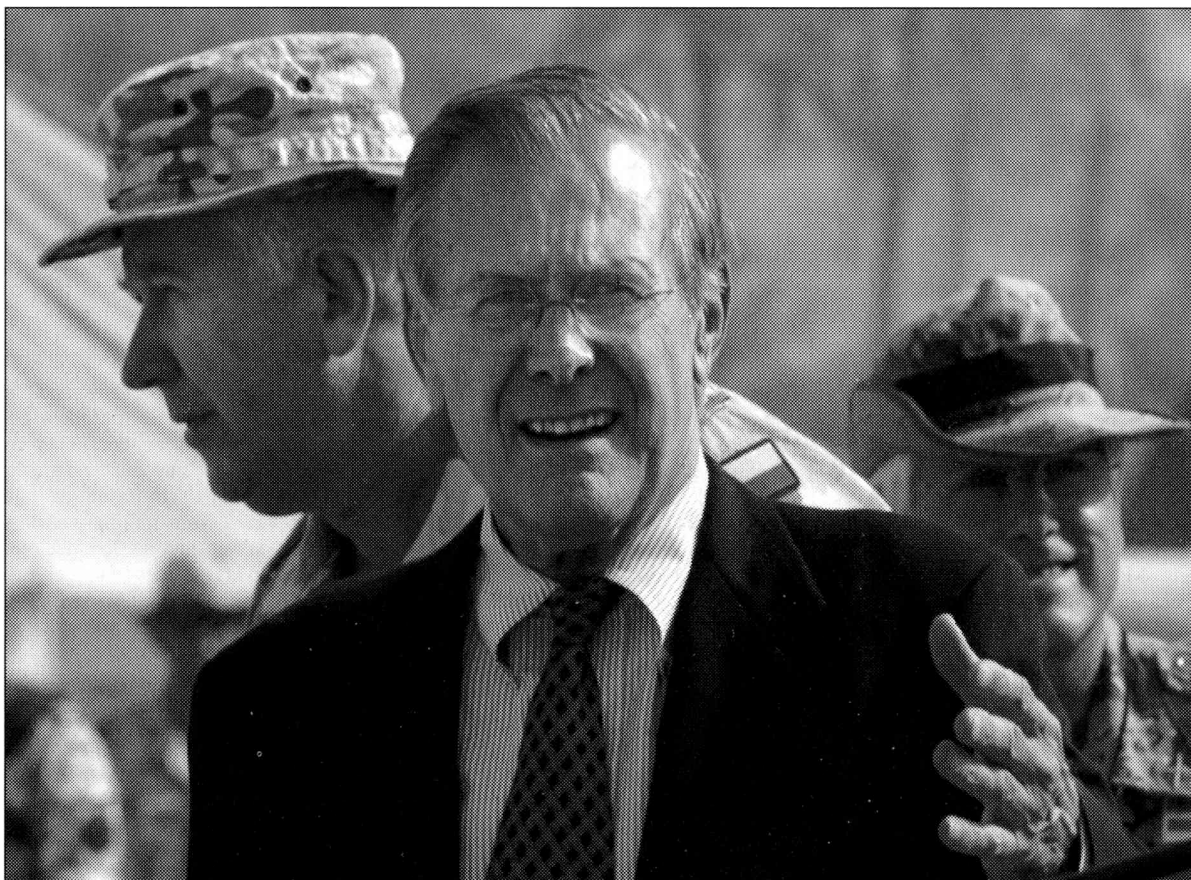
And he saw an execution room in one of Saddam's most notorious former prisons, at Abu Ghraib west of Baghdad. The site is now used as a U.S. military detention centre.

"Your work is dangerous, it is difficult," Rumsfeld told U.S. troops in Baghdad. "I'm here to look you in the eye and to thank you and express the appreciation of the American people."

With 67 U.S. soldiers killed since major combat was declared over on May 1 and the financial cost of occupying Iraq also spiralling, Washington is pressing for a U.N. resolution to get more troops and cash from other countries.

That has run into opposition from Russia and France — both veto-wielding Security Council members — as well as Germany, although diplomats have hinted an accord may be worked out.

U.S. President George W. Bush, taking increasing flak from political rivals over his handling of postwar Iraq, is due to discuss Iraq in a television address on Sunday night.



U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld speaks to soldiers in front of Polish Major General Andrzej Tyszkiewicz (L) at Camp Babylon, around 80km south of Baghdad, September 6. Rumsfeld met Polish commanders controlling a central sector of Iraq as he wound up a three-day tour on Saturday encouraged by news of small reinforcement of British troops. REUTERS

Hamas founder Yassin hurt in Israeli air strike

GAZA CITY, Sept 6 (Reuters) - Israel wounded Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, the spiritual leader of the Islamic militant movement Hamas, and about 14 other people in an air strike in the Gaza Strip on Saturday, medics said.

Hamas officials said the wheelchair-bound Yassin, a co-founder of Hamas,

had left a house moments before a missile struck it in a densely populated area in Gaza City and was treated in hospital for a slight hand wound.

They said they believed Yassin was the target of the attack and that Marwan Abu Ras, a university lecturer who is also a Hamas official, was also

among the wounded.

It was not clear whether a helicopter gunship or a fighter jet had carried out the attack, the latest in a series of military strikes against Hamas since a suicide bombing killed 22 Israelis on a Jerusalem bus on August 19.

Israel launched the attack hours after moderate Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas submitted his resignation. President Yasser Arafat was considering whether to accept it.

Israel has said it is attacking and killing Hamas militants because Abbas and Arafat have failed to carry out pledges to rein them in — an obligation under a U.S.-backed peace plan.

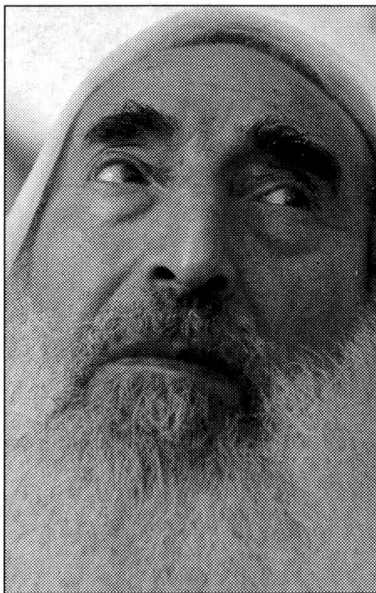
Hamas is opposed to the state of Israel and has carried out suicide bombings that have killed hundreds of Israelis since a Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation began almost three years ago.

As the wounded were rushed to the hospital, hundreds of supporters of Hamas gathered outside and chanted demands for revenge attacks against Israel.

Abu Ras told Reuters the missile struck his home just moments after Yassin and another Hamas official, Ismail Haniyeh, left after hearing Israeli fighter aircraft overhead.

"We heard a loud noise and then everything went black and then red before my eyes," Abu Ras said.

Israel has killed 12 Hamas members



Hamas leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin listens to Friday prayers at a mosque in Gaza in this June 6 file picture. Hamas spiritual leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin was slightly wounded in the hand in an Israeli air strike in Gaza City on Saturday, Hamas officials said. REUTERS

since the bus bombing on August 19. The 12th Hamas victim, Khalid Masoud, died on Saturday of wounds sustained in a helicopter gunship missile strike on August 26, Palestinian medical officials said.

Palestinian PM submits resignation in power struggle

RAMALLAH, West Bank, Sept 6 (Reuters) - Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas submitted his resignation on Saturday in a power struggle with Yasser Arafat and the Palestinian president was considering the offer, a presidential aide said.

The departure of the moderate Abbas could spell the end of a U.S.-backed plan for peace with Israel and plunge the region into a new spasm of violence.

It was not clear whether Arafat would accept the resignation of Abbas, who is widely known as Abu Mazen. Arafat wants to limit Abbas's powers but also wants to avoid provoking Israel into trying to expel him if he ousts his reformist premier.

"President Arafat is still studying Abu Mazen's resignation," Palestinian national security adviser Jibril al-Rajoub told reporters. Palestinian officials had earlier said Arafat had accepted Abbas's resignation letter.

The United States, which backs Abbas and no longer deals with Arafat, said it did not know whether Abbas had quit or Arafat had accepted. "We are not certain that this is true and that this is the end of it," a U.S. official said in Washington.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's office said in a statement that Israel would not accept control of the Palestinian Authority being returned to Arafat, whom it has sought to sideline.

The peace plan, known as the "road map", has already been seriously damaged by the collapse of a truce declared by Palestinian militants and a relentless Israeli military campaign to kill or capture their leaders.

Abbas, 68, was appointed by Arafat only four months ago under international pressure for reforms of the Palestinian Authority and an end to almost three years of Palestinian-Israeli bloodshed.

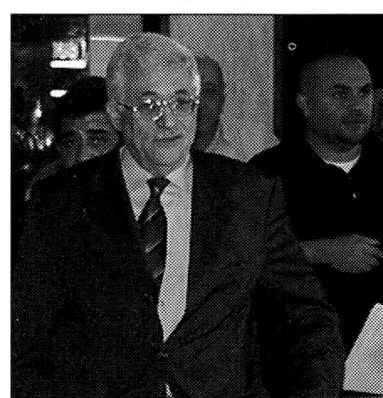
But Arafat has tried to limit Abbas's powers. Their struggle focused on control of the security forces, which is vital to the road map and Palestinian efforts to rein in militants. Arafat and Abbas have resisted a crackdown, fearing a civil war.

International concern

The European Union said it was extremely concerned by Abbas's resignation.

Italian Foreign Minister Franco Frattini told a meeting of EU foreign ministers that the bloc was "deeply worried by the serious risk of dangerous instability at the head of the Palestinian executive".

Abbas had told members of parliament on Thursday to sack him if they would not back him in his bid to obtain more authority from Arafat to carry out democratic reforms and subdue the militant factions hostile to negotiated



Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas leaves his office in the West Bank city of Ramallah September 6. Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas submitted his resignation on Saturday in a power struggle with Yasser Arafat and the Palestinian president was considering the offer, a presidential aide said. REUTERS

peace with Israel.

Both steps, along with Israeli withdrawals from occupied territory, are mandated by the road map.

A senior Palestinian official told Reuters: "Abbas's problems (in part stem from) the continuation of Israeli incursions and assassinations. In addition to that the American administration has done little to make Israel comply with the road map."

On Friday, U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell promised that the United States would work harder on peace between Israelis and Palestinians and backed Abbas against Arafat.

"Unfortunately Chairman Yasser Arafat has not been playing a helpful role. He has not been an interlocutor for peace over the years. His actions do not move the parties farther down the road to peace," Powell said in a speech.

A senior Palestinian official said an intimidating demonstration against Abbas outside parliament on Thursday by members of a militant faction loyal to Arafat had been one factor in the premier's decision to quit.

Arafat, 74, has led the Palestinian independence movement since the 1960s.

Israel has been demanding Abbas disarm the militant groups and says the ceasefire, which they declared on June 29, disintegrated because of a suicide bombing by Hamas on August 19 that killed 22 people.

Palestinian officials and militants blamed the lurch backward into violence on Israeli army raids on militants. Israel has killed 11 Hamas men and four civilian bystanders in helicopter missile strikes in Gaza since August 21.

Palestinian officials say Arafat's key motive is to stay in power and show the world he is not irrelevant despite U.S. and Israeli attempts to sideline him over accusations, which he denies, that he encourages violence.



Smoke rises after an Israeli missile hit a Palestinian house in a densely populated area of Gaza City on September 6, and caused heavy damage, witnesses said. It was not immediately clear whether anyone had been killed in the air attack but Hamas say spiritual leader Sheikh Yassin was the target and was lightly wounded. REUTERS

Sudan rebel chief, govt to start 3rd day of talks

NAIVASHA, Kenya, Sept 6 (Reuters) - Sudan's main rebel chief was due to enter a third day of talks with the country's first vice president on Saturday to try to avert the collapse

of efforts to end the 20-year civil war, officials said.

John Garang, head of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), and First Vice President Ali Osman

Mohamed Taha were due to meet at a new venue because their original one, a secluded luxury resort in Naivasha, a town 90 km (55 miles) northwest of Nairobi, had prior bookings for the weekend.

"For me it is good news that the parties are relocating because it means they want to continue talking," Lazaro Sumbeiywo, the chief mediator in the Sudan peace process, told Reuters.

The two leaders met for the first time on Thursday to try to shore up the shaky peace process aimed at ending their conflict in Africa's largest country.

The talks, initially between Garang and Taha, were expanded on Friday night to include three other officials on each side, Sumbeiywo said.

Kenyan Foreign Minister Kalonzo Musyoka on Friday described the talks as "very cordial". He said then that Garang and Taha were to discuss the possibility of concessions on thorny issues by either side.

Sources close to the talks said on

Iran rejects US charge over fighters in Iraq-IRNA

TEHRAN, Sept 6 (Reuters) - Iran's Foreign Ministry dismissed as baseless on Saturday a U.S. charge that Iran was not doing enough to stop anti-American fighters crossing into Iraq, Iran's official IRNA news agency reported.

U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said on Thursday that Iran and Syria's efforts to stop foreign fighters were "intermittent, uneven".

Rejecting the remarks, Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi said: "The increase in terrorism

results from America's performance and behaviour, and now it is completely clear that America is looking for excuses and is producing propaganda to show others are to blame."

U.S. officials blame supporters of ousted President Saddam Hussein and foreign Islamist fighters for continued bloodshed in Iraq after Washington announced an end to major combat on May 1.

Washington has accused Iran of meddling in Iraq's internal affairs, a charge Iran denies.

Seven killed, 36 wounded in Kashmir blast

SRINAGAR, India, Sept 6 (Reuters) - A car-bomb aimed at an army convoy killed at least seven people and wounded 37 wounded at a fruit market in Kashmir, where a surge of recent violence is threatening peace moves between India and Pakistan.

The Pro-Pakistan Hizbul Mujahideen group claimed responsibility for the blast.

Police said a senior army officer and five soldiers were among the wounded in the explosion in Kashmir's main city, Srinagar. They said an army convoy, which was passing through the highway near the market, was the target of the blast.

"The bomb was planted in a car and parked near the gate of the fruit market," K. Rajendran, Kashmir's Inspector General of Police, told Reuters.

The market located on Muslim-majority Kashmir's major highway, is one of the main fruit markets in Indian-controlled Kashmir, which is a major apple-growing region.

A Hizbul Mujahideen spokesman called newspaper offices in Srinagar and said the group also set off explosions in the Pulwama and Doda areas of south Kashmir.

"We inflicted heavy casualties on the Indian security forces," the spokesman said.

Scores of men and women wailed at the scene of the car-bombing, which was littered with blood-soaked footwear of the victims.

Six vehicles, including one belonging to the army, were damaged in the powerful explosion.

"There was a big bang, and after a second, I saw people lying in a pool of blood," said Mohammad Aslam, a fruit vendor, nursing his wounds. "Beyond that, I don't know what happened. I opened my eyes in the hospital."

Elsewhere in Kashmir, 12 people including five rebels and two soldiers were killed in separate shootouts across the region since Friday.

The escalating violence follows last month's car-bombings in India's financial centre of Bombay that killed 52 people.

Militants have stepped up attacks across the Himalayan region since Indian Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee's visit to the valley on August 28. At least 92 people have been killed in rebel violence across the strife-torn region since then.

Mostly Hindu India accuses Muslim Pakistan of arming and training the guerrillas, while Pakistan denies the charges.

A dozen or so Muslim separatist rebel groups have been battling Indian security forces in the area since 1989 and at least 38,000 people have been killed in the insurgency.

The South Asian rivals have fought three wars since 1947, two of them over Kashmir, and nearly went to war again last year after a late 2001 attack on the Indian parliament that India blamed on Pakistan-based rebels.

New Delhi and Islamabad have recently restored full diplomatic relations and cross-border bus services but India has linked fresh talks on improving ties to a cessation of separatist attacks.



Indian policemen remove the body of a civilian killed in a carblast in Srinagar, September 6. At least four people were killed and 25 wounded, some of them seriously, in a powerful explosion at a busy fruit market in Kashmir's main city on Saturday, police said. REUTERS

Hunt for Taliban expands in southern Afghanistan

KABUL, Sept 6 (Reuters) - Afghan and U.S.-led troops have expanded their hunt for hundreds of Taliban militiamen in southern Afghanistan, after killing scores of rebels in more than a week of heavy fighting, a senior commander said on Saturday.

After flushing the Taliban from their stronghold in the Dai Chopan district of Zabul province, Afghan fighters and a small group of U.S. soldiers have moved to Zabul's Mizan and Naw Bahar districts as well as in areas along the Pakistani border.

General Saifullah, who led Afghan troops in the Dai Chopan battle, said Afghan soldiers had also arrested a top Taliban commander, Mullah Abdul Salaam, in Naw Bahar. Salaam, who was wounded, had apparently fled from Dai Chopan, he said.

"The operation against the Taliban has expanded," Saifullah told Reuters by satellite phone on Saturday.

"We have American troops, their helicopters and other planes chasing the Taliban with us in Mizan, Naw Bahar and in areas close to Pakistan where they are likely to escape."

The Taliban force in Zabul province, which numbered up to 1,000 men, was the largest concentration of forces from the Islamic militia since it was ousted from power in late 2001. The battle that began on August 25 was the biggest in at least 18 months.

Saifullah said they were trying to block possible escape routes to Pakistan, where many of the Taliban rebels are thought to be based.

He said U.S. warplanes killed nearly two dozen Taliban fighters in Naw Bahar on Wednesday but added there had not been any major engagements since then.

The U.S. military said on Saturday 84 to 95 "anti-coalition" forces had been killed in and around Dai Chopan since "Operation Mountain Viper" began.

Taliban commanders say their losses have been much lower and claim to have killed some 50 Afghan government troops in Dai Chopan.

The expansion of the operation in the south, the Taliban's former bastion, coincides with a visit to Afghanistan of U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, who is expected on Sunday.

In May, Rumsfeld said most of Afghanistan was secure, and the United States had moved from a period of major combat operations to one of stabilisation and reconstruction.

Since then, the resurgent Taliban forces and allied rebels have staged almost daily attacks on government posts, aid workers and U.S.-led forces.

More than 220 people have been killed mostly in violence attributed to Taliban since August 7, making the month the bloodiest since the U.S. and its allies overthrew the Taliban in late 2001.

Ethiopia calls for \$40 mln as drought hits 13 mln

ADDIS ABABA, Sept 6 (Reuters) - Ethiopia on Saturday raised the number of its people affected by drought to 13.2 million and appealed for \$40 million to feed them until December.

The Horn of Africa country, facing its most serious drought in nearly two decades, had previously put those worst affected by food shortages at 12.6 million people.

"Late rains during the belg season (short rains) and prolonged dry spells during the main rainy season in many cropping areas, hailstorms and flooding had

caused serious damages to fields covered with crops," a report by the country's drought prevention agency said.

The state-run Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Commission (DPPC) told representatives of donor nations and organisations it made the appeal for new assistance after a recent drought assessment conducted by multi-agency teams composed of the government, U.N. agencies, donors and NGOs.

The total amount required would be spent on health care and food support programmes, water provision, agricultural

development and transport, the DPPC said.

Aid agencies have warned that Ethiopia is sliding toward a famine in what they have described as a "silent emergency" that has evaded the world's attention partly because of the crises in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The crippling drought began in 2001 and Ethiopia's government has repeatedly appealed for food assistance.

It is also trying to resettle thousands of peasant farmers in more fertile areas in the country of 67 million people.

Singapore urges residents to store bio-terror kits

SINGAPORE, Sept 6 (Reuters) - Singapore's civil defence force urged residents on Saturday to store emergency kits at home to protect against a chemical attack, the latest effort to ramp up security in the tightly controlled island state.

Unveiled at a "Community Bonding" ceremony held by the Singapore Civil Defence Force, the "In-Place Protection" calls for every household to prepare a kit that includes masking tape, trash bags, scissors, and a battery-operated radio.

Singapore, a predominantly ethnic Chinese state with a large Muslim population, has increased security in the aftermath of last year's Bali bomb

attacks in neighbouring Indonesia and following last month's car bomb in Jakarta that killed 12.

Now residents are being told what to do in case of a bioterror attack at home.

"They should go to a pre-selected room with the least number of openings, ideally one with a toilet, seal off all the openings in the room with masking tape, use plastic sheets or trash bags to cover these openings and seal them again with masking tape," a report in the Straits Times newspaper said.

The government will broadcast reports on TV from Monday and run advertisements in newspapers to teach people how to use the kits.

Singapore, a major base for Western businesses in Asia, has also cordoned off some roads near areas popular with expatriates. Soldiers patrol the airport and border crossings with Malaysia. About 100 bomb-sniffing dogs are employed at border check points.

The government is holding 31 suspected Muslim militants associated with Jemaah Islamiyah, a Southeast Asian network of Islamic radicals accused of planning to blow up the U.S. embassy and other Western targets in Singapore.

About 300 representatives from hotels, shopping centres and property companies were urged last month to tighten security.

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As a reflection of their friendship and commitment to assist in Yemen's human resource development, Canadian Nexen Petroleum Yemen, and its Masila Block Partners, Occidental Petroleum and Consolidated Contractors International Ltd. (CCC) are pleased to announce a further 10 scholarships for post secondary study in Calgary, Canada. The Canadian Nexen PetroleumYemen scholarship program was originally initiated to celebrate their 10th anniversary in Yemen. This highly successful initiative received a third extension in 2002 to include an additional twenty scholarships (ten scholarships a year over a two year period) will be awarded by the Scholarship Steering Committee to deserving post-secondary graduates.

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Fischer offers Powell Germany's ideas on Iraq

RIVA DEL GARDA, Italy, Sept 6 (Reuters) - German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer said on Saturday he gave U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell the specific proposals he asked for from Germany on the future of Iraq on Friday night.

Fischer declined to reveal the proposals, saying he did not want to discuss diplomatic issues with Powell through the media.

He told journalists that he told Powell the details of Germany's concrete proposals during a telephone conversation.

"He heard them all," Fischer said on the sidelines of a European Union foreign ministers meeting in Italy.

France and Germany — strong opponents of the war on Iraq — on Thursday rejected a U.S. proposal for a U.N. resolution seeking international help in Iraq, saying the proposals did not yield enough responsibility to Iraqis or to the United Nations.

In remarks that risk rekindling the diplomatic wrangling that upset transatlantic relations before the war, French President Jacques Chirac and German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder said the U.S. draft in its current form was not acceptable.

The next day, Powell said he wanted France and Germany to make specific

proposals and not just cast editorial judgements on his draft U.N. resolution.

"If you didn't like it in this particular form and you want to see something different, then make a proposal in addition to an editorial comment," Powell told reporters.

The United States, facing mounting losses among its forces and swingeing costs, began pressing this week for the adoption of the new resolution encouraging other countries to contribute troops and money to postwar reconstruction efforts.

But the U.N. resolution Washington drafted to achieve that is being opposed by the most powerful critics of the war which toppled Iraq leader Saddam Hussein in April.

Fischer said he applauded the recent U.S. moves on Iraq.

"The American initiative has brought movement into the Security Council and that is very good," Fischer said. "We would like to have a transition to an Iraqi authority as quickly as possible and a gradual establishment of Iraqi sovereignty in order to stabilise the country."

Fischer said the best way toward achieving that aim would be under the aegis of the United Nations. He said the Security Council would discuss that in a constructive manner.

Britain increases Iraq force by 120, may send more

LONDON, Sept 6 (Reuters) - Britain sent 120 more soldiers to Iraq on Saturday amid speculation that they were the first of up to 3,000 extra soldiers it would send to reinforce the nearly 11,000 troops already there.

The Defence Ministry said 120 soldiers of the 2nd Light Infantry were going to Iraq from their Cyprus base, but refused to comment on newspaper reports that Defence Secretary Geoff Hoon would announce the deployment of up to 3,000 more on Monday.

"Any figures that are being quoted at the moment are purely speculative," a spokeswoman told Reuters. "Troop levels in Iraq are always under review. However, in the light of recent events Geoff Hoon has ordered a special review and the results of that we hope to be made known early next week."

The Daily Telegraph said 1,000 soldiers would leave within a few days and the rest would have to go later because British ground forces were so overstretched that they were not immediately available. Fifty British soldiers have died in the Iraq war and occupation, 17 of them in the last four months.

On Thursday, gunmen in northern Iraq killed a British bomb disposal expert working for a mine clearance charity and severely wounded his Iraqi bodyguard.



Soldiers of the 2nd Battalion The Light Infantry are deployed by C130 from RAF Akrotiri, Cyprus September 5, to Iraq. Britain is sending 120 extra troops to Iraq to bolster security in the war-torn country, the Ministry of Defence said on Friday. REUTERS

Bush says can't count on Iraqi oil revenues

WASHINGTON, Sept 5 (Reuters) - Despite prewar assurances by the White House, President George W. Bush acknowledged on Friday that the United States cannot count on Iraqi oil revenues in the short-term to cover the country's reconstruction needs.

Bush, in an interview with CNBC, said he would "look at" one congressional proposal under which Washington would be paid back with future Iraqi oil revenues.

"But first of all, the oil revenues in Iraq really aren't as steady as they will be in the future. I mean I don't think we can count on much in the short term," Bush said.

The Bush administration is putting together a massive spending package for

postwar Iraq expected to total about \$65 billion, though sources said the final number was still in flux. One source said it could be expanded to \$80 billion.

The White House asserted in the run-up to the war that Iraqi oil reserves would pay for reconstruction, but critics said Bush's budget office was overly optimistic.

Bush said U.S. occupation authorities in Iraq have done a "pretty darn good job of getting ... this dilapidated system back up and running."

"Now it's just a matter of making sure they're secure and continuing to modernize the delivery system so that the relatively good-sized fields in Iraq are able to produce money on behalf of the Iraqi citizens," Bush added.

Annan urges review of how U.N. works -report

LONDON, Sept 6 (Reuters) - The United Nations needs a review of how it works, including possible changes to its Security Council, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said in a newspaper interview published on Saturday.

As the United States returned to the United Nations seeking more help in Iraq, Annan told the Financial Times: "We need to look at the way the international peace and security architecture

is structured and is functioning.

"If the challenges we face have changed, the responses must also change. We have to be able to adapt our institutions and structures to deal with that," he said.

The United Nations is experiencing one of the worst crises in its 58-year history. It was wracked by divisions in the run-up to the U.S.-led war in Iraq and now faces new global security

threats. It is also reeling from last month's bombing of its Baghdad headquarters in which 22 people were killed.

Annan said he would propose ideas on "realigning" key bodies such as the 15-member Security Council and General Assembly.

The U.N. General Assembly meets later this month, with many world leaders expected to attend.

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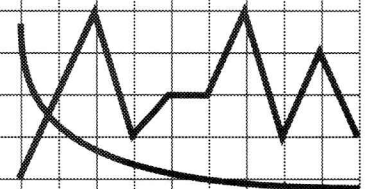
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Development of banking work in Yemen



BY YASSER AL-MAYASI
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Banks and financial establishments in the economically advanced countries represent the important sector and depended on in leading progress and economic transfer, in such a world characterized by rapid economic changes. Banks have also become the leading of economic changes and the essential structure for development advancement through performing human potentials and energies and utilization of natural resources.

In Yemen the sector of financial establishments and banks have been endeavouring for making the transfor-

mation and development and economic progress. Yemeni banks managed to traverse a long distance of success that could be considered as big despite the short span of time since they have been founded. That progress has been reflected on the way of their dealing and using the high quality means and technologies.

Those banks have worked for improving and modernizing their services in a good way depicted in easiness and rapidness in dealing. All banking institutions working in Yemen have been able to create a good climate that succeeded in attracting investors to the country and that was accompanied by diversity in offering services.

The specialized government banking establishments have been the pioneering ones in the process of development in Yemen and funding various agricultural projects, supporting con-

struction movement in the country and providing short and long-term loans for citizens. During the eighties decade and beginning of the nineties, the government banks had become the major channel for expatriates remittances along with the rapid conveyance of them to their destinations. They have granted expatriates remittances encouraging interests as well as offering the expatriates banking and financial advices especially in relation to their shares in various companies and establishments.

Commercial banks have managed to create gigantic banking capabilities in development process in Yemen and could found job opportunities due to intensiveness of investments and openness in dealing compatible with the existing economic activity. Commercial banks have also managed to establish many companies that have accomplished big successes. They

have also been able to encourage national capital to contribute to investment and saving. Thus they have founded an integrated banking system offering all kinds of banking services similar to world banks and were able to introduce the latest technologies in banking. By virtue of those modern technologies and the qualified executive staff those banks have given a successful example in this regard.

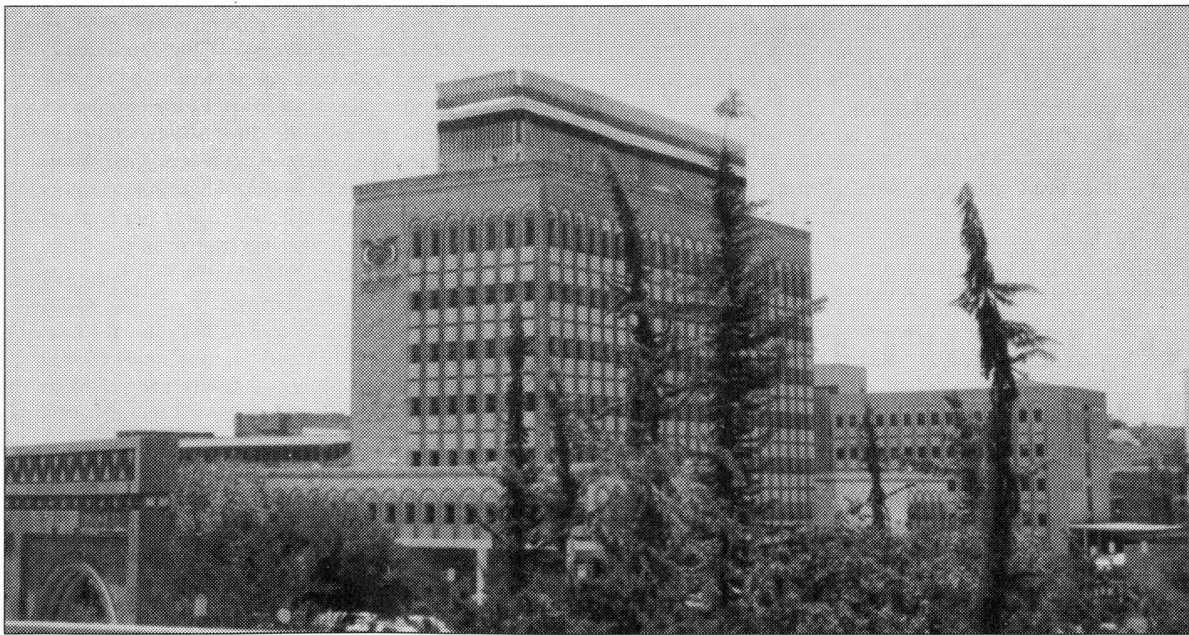
Banking work in Yemen has not been confined to this limit of banking work. It has managed to offer its services to various social segments. Thus it has established Islamic banks for instance. Foreign banks working in Yemen have been as complementary to that diversity. Islamic banks managed in a short period to find a considerable market for them despite the fact that the regulations organizing their work were still new. National capital managed to establish three Islamic banks in Yemen ha have been able to attract money, savings and provided necessary financing for needs of economic and social sectors. They also managed to use direct investments by investing in commercial, industrial and agricultural projects or the establishment of or contributing to establishment of investing companies.

Concerning foreign banks working in Yemen, they have been able to achieve economic partnership and through offering banking services clients managed to offer fruitful banking services to clients in Yemen who have connections abroad. Foreign banks in Yemen possess substantial banking experience and have been successful in offering distinguished services in all banking areas.

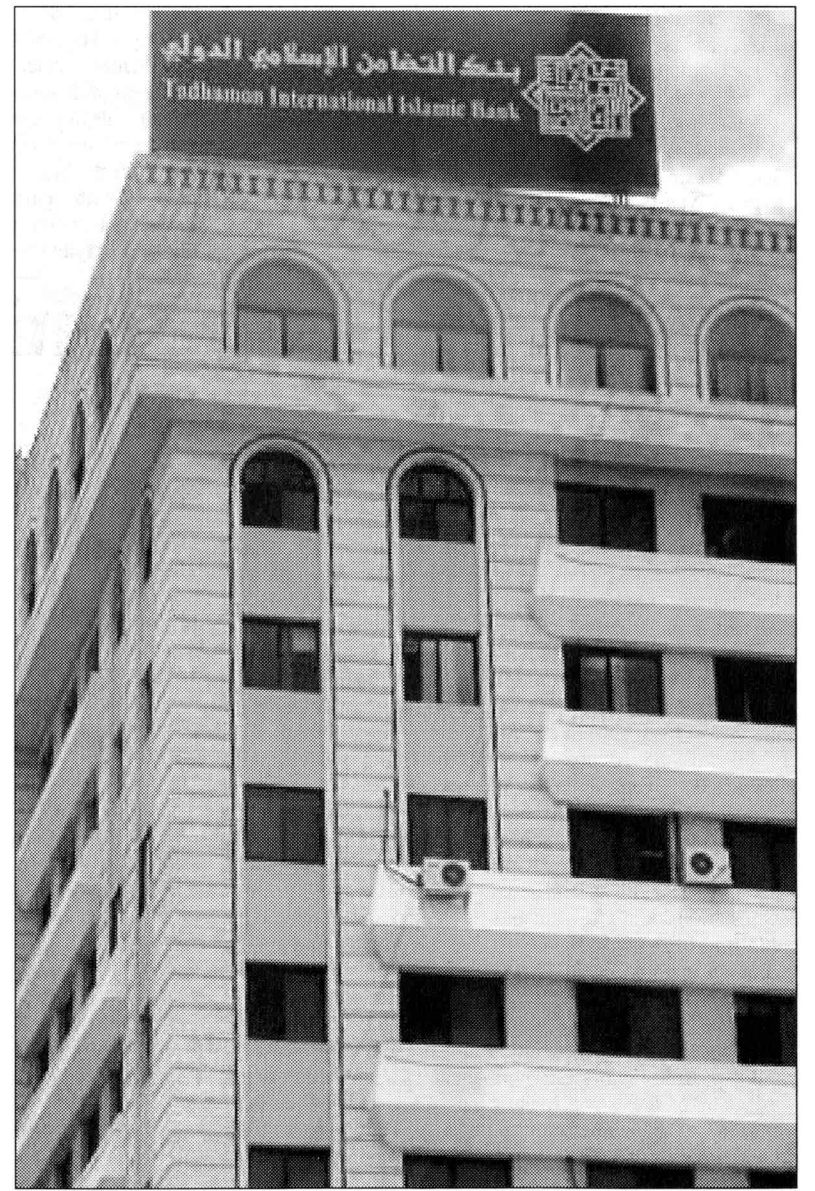
Success of these banks is associated with efforts of Banks Society. The society has found channels of communication with Arab and world centers

and unions to benefit from their experience. It has organized raining courses for Yemen staff working in banks especially on practical applications of banking marketing and awareness

about perils of money laundering. The Union of Arab Banks has affirmed that banking work in Yemen is among the most active works and managed to keep in pace with modern methods.



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Project on trade courts reform, attraction of investors

BY MAHYOUB AL-KAMALI
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Issues of commercial and investment disputes have urged the Yemeni government to implement a project for judiciary reform. The project costs \$2 million and 207 thousand to which the Development Program contributes with around \$one million and 300 thousand.

The project aims at improving and developing Yemen's justice sector as well as developing judicial procedures and building human and institutional capacities of judiciary sector. The goal is to encourage and activate trade.

In order to realize such aims Yemeni government has established seven trade and taxation courts in Sana'a and other provincial capitals of some governorates. Those courts are entrusted with deciding trade issues and cases

and disputes without delay. Among such cases are issues of bankruptcy, banks, trade marks and names, foreign companies and skipping of taxes that costs the country around YR 100 billion.

Establishment of trade courts has come following several developments that occurred in the trade sector. Around forty factories and national companies have declared their bankruptcy, liquidation of the industrial

bank, privatization of the National Commercial Bank, engagement of a number of national companies in problems with importers of foreign commodities bearing the same trade marks of national companies, as what happened last July when a Pakistani company as a commodity was imported bearing the mark of a product by the National Tobacco and Matches company under the name of Kamaran Cigarettes.

Responding to complaints by merchants and businessmen about the delay and slowness in deciding trade disputes and weakness of fairness by some courts, Yemen government established trade courts of first instance in the capital and the cities of Aden, Hudeida, Hadramout and Taiz, besides two courts specialized in studying taxation cases in order also to study challenges on taxation decisions and lawsuits related to skipping of taxes.

In September 2002 many of the Yemeni expatriate communities filed complaints with the 2nd conference for the expatriates held in Sana'a. Complaints focused on impeding their investment projects owing to disputes about plots of land that had not been decided by judiciary at that time yet. Investors said the slowness in solving

their problems had led to impeding of their projects in the free zone in Aden and that had caused weakening of the investment process there.

Sometime in this year Prime Minister Abduqader ba Jammal had announced about the government intention in Yemen to employ judges from Arab countries to undertake the task of trade judiciary and to get rid of judicial bureaucracy for the purpose of attracting foreign investments to Yemen.

The supreme council for judiciary had in August 2001 ousted 20 judges from judiciary career on charges of ill performance in justice function and pensioned other 108 in the context of a project for reforming judicial sector. The Yemeni government has pledged in its program submitted to parliament in April to tackle aspects of failure the trade courts are suffering from and also the courts specialized in studying public property.

Last year tens of judges were sacked and many were referred to accountability before special councils.

The Yemeni government intends to reform trade judiciary with the aim of preparing convenient investment climate for increasing activity of private sector in investments connected to

agricultural and industrial production and achieving a growth rate in the gross domestic product in non-oil investment ranging between 5-5.5% in the coming two years.

Dr Adnan al-Jifri the minister of justice has announced that his ministry would work for minimizing corruption in the bid for accelerating procedures of court performance and bringing justice closer to people through activating the role of judicial inspection and accountability of judges and members of local prosecution on their performance of jobs.

Sana'a University had lately tendered a complaint to competent authorities including non-implementation of a ruling in its favour issued 17 years ago and that the cause was one of the senior officials in power. Mr al-Jifri said not implementing the ruling was a problem weakening the authority of judiciary and that justified the significance of the present project for trade judiciary reform in Yemen under the support of the United Nations Development Program and a number of donor countries that have committed themselves to funding the project for helping the Yemeni government for obtaining the membership of the World Trade Organisation.

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Words of Wisdom



The role of ethics is central to establishing acceptable norms and relations among members of the community. Degeneration of values can only lead to more trouble. Even from an economic point of view, high morals are important. I can remember a time when many deals were done on the basis of a hand-shake or a person's word. These days, you cannot depend even on a notarized contract, unless you have the power to make it stick.

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

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I recall a European friend who asked me one day, "You seem to be talented Yemenis with such a high level of intelligence. When I spoke to a number of children in the streets, I realized they can be scientists, scholars, and future politicians. Why then is Yemen's human resources record so pathetic?"

I was almost speechless as I cannot deny that Yemenis in general are bright people. Many Yemenis have proven to be among the elite in their field of study and work in many Western countries such as the USA, Canada and Britain. Many Yemenis were able to gain distinction grades in classes throughout prestigious universities in the world, yet we still suffer from an incredible low level of human resources and are considered among the least literate countries in the world.

All I said to my European friend is, "It is only a matter of policy and decision makers. It is all in their hands. They can make Yemen a better place if they committed themselves to and took the right decisions."

I still insist on my opinion that decision-makers are the ones to mainly –not solely– blame for the level we have reached today concerning human resources and education. Furthermore, the economic and political turmoil that was caused to the Middle East because of wars, crises, and other negative developments have also made it even more difficult for us to have a better human resources record.

Then I remembered a discussion I had with one of Yemen's most brilliant electronic engineers. I remember him telling me that the harder he worked the more he was neglected and ignored. "I invented a machine that generates power from air, but no one listens. I am even thinking of leaving the country with my invention to Europe. Perhaps they would give the attention needed."

Well, as it can be concluded, despite the low educational standards of public schools and universities, some Yemenis do come out as geniuses who could contribute greatly to Yemen's scientific and economic sectors. But it seems that lack of attention and carelessness by concerned authorities has caused many to flee the country and seek recognition abroad.

Yemenis, like Americans, and Europeans are potential scientists, inventors, and powerful individuals who could contribute greatly to humanity if they are given the chance to do so. Arab regimes are unfortunately not aware of the potentials of such people. They lack the vision to the real sources of development and prosperity. They want to be modern countries with strong military and economic bases without supporting education, and giving little attention to the academicians who have ideas and projects that need financial and moral support to go through. But they rarely get it because Arab decision-makers give them the least priority.

Hence, no one should be surprised at finding Arab countries at the bottom of the list of developing countries in terms of human resources and productivity to humanity.

By saying so, all I wish is that we could move forward and have our leaders realize why it is important to give a helping hand to our scientists and academicians rather than spending money on military equipment and machinery.

Let us invest in people rather than spend on weapons. Only then we will avoid falling deeper into uncertainty concerning our future.

The Editor

Predomination of
Racism and tribes

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Racism and tribes are still dominating our society. The conflict among tribes continues especially in our countryside. We are facing a big tribulation. People are killing each other. They threaten each other constantly. They create difficulties for them by arousing trivial matters to an enormous problem. They are always fond of whetting the nose of the ox. They remind a donkey to kick another donkey. They prefer angry dogs than camels. Cats and rats have solved their problems and become friends, but tribes are unlike. People in some countryside areas are as if in a jungle in which strong animals chase weak ones. I usually visit my village, as it is a charming place. It is a fantastic place where you can relish your eyes with green mountains and different plants. It is a beautiful picture painted by Allah. High mountains, birds twitter on different kinds of flowers and green valleys with calm springs running through, are cuddling the village. No pollution, no civilization din, only pure air

and moderate heat are there. However, people there, are like thorns on a rose. As much as I like my village I hate people who live there. They are full of envy and malice.

Some of them have two profiles. The time they welcome you and open their arms widely, they plan how to harm you. They have spoiled the beautiful, natural area and changed it into a jungle of animals. It became a deserted place. Tigers, lions, snakes, birds, etc immigrated, escaping from their fire. Clouds of rain travel to another place without looking back. These things protest against tribal evils. But no one wants to understand. Everything good emigrated except a school for boys and another for girls, are unable to move. They are vacant of students. No one can imagine that these people quarrel with each other about their children's school. They are two tribes. They are called Hiagem and Sharaab. Each tribe insists to nominate a headmaster from its side. One year has passed, students have not gone to school, because they are still firing at each other. Teachers try to solve this problem but in vain. Educational office in Taiz has not got any solution until now.

Some officials deliberately pour oil on

the fire. Now two headmasters are clashing with each other. Each one has his supporters around him. No one can dare to approach the schools. Their doors are already locked. Sometimes the conflict changes from tribal to a party conflict. One headmaster is a member of GPC party; the other belongs to the YSP party. Will this behavior continue forever in our society? The new generation imitates their fathers and elders because school may not convert students mind as racism and tribal spirit blend in their blood. They have acquired these bad habits from their parents and some tribal societies. Racism and tribal traditions are considered to be part and parcel of honour in the tribe. It is an arbiter to keep on tribal laws. Consequently, racism and tribal intolerance will lead to a real catastrophe. They will delay the development of Yemen, unless our government reconsiders amending curriculum of schools. Students must know the serious consequences of racism and tribes problems. They dislocate our society, which becomes underdeveloped like dust corrodes iron. Tribesmen have to relinquish the blind fanaticism in order to help youths build their future as they want.

Ministry of Health - act now!!

BY ALI SHARIF
SANA'A

Why are some pharmacy businesses are run in a manner similar to vegetable shops and why the Ministry of Health does allow some incompetent medical doctors exploit and rather torture patients? It is also observed that some private-sector hospitals maintain their below hygienic levels and that includes private clinics. The equipment installed and used are of inferior quality or suffering from many defects in some of these medical facilities.

Well, it seems the Ministry's role in

this regard is not played in the manner that must be as an authority responsible for serving public health... Public lives are exposed to serious risks and people are facing unpleasant health situations.

Tendency of wrong medical diagnosis is a common event in health facilities a matter exposing people's lives to serious dangers. Indeed patients pay for the permanent damage caused to his health due to negligence practiced by some medical doctors. As a matter of fact, the duty of the physician is essentially to serve humanity, an Oath of Allegiance taken ensures that commitment. It seems some of physicians are tending more towards money and others are simply not qualified to han-

dle what they are practicing!

The Health Ministry has a policeman role to rectify the situation which is so painful. No hospital should be licensed without strictly meeting and maintaining the required medical terms and conditions and these orders are applicable to clinics, pharmacies etc... A frequent field inspection should strictly be conducted. Any violation should immediately be subjected to legal measures.

Over and above, we expect the Ministry of Health to urgently come into the scene, with full force to enforce the system effectively, because Yemen's national obligation is to build a happy healthy nation.

The importance of information
in forming public opinion

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Information plays a vital role in broadcasting facts, portraying events and hence forming public opinion. The importance of information has been progressing owing to the technology advancements which revolutionized communication methods through live broadcasting, space channels and other media mechanisms. Consequently, role of information has become extremely important at different levels; in making strategies, plans, programs and in dealing with crises. Moreover information has become the foundation on which people's opinions are based, and their

behavior as long as it is being the fastest in transmitting and tackling events, phenomena and developments taking place on the globe.

The downside of this is that media could be used as a tool for distorting facts and creating wrong impressions, for it has never been merely neutral in broadcasting opinions to society. Much of the information conceived through the media is a result of selectivity when transmitting facts especially during crises time. For example, it is noticeable that the western media distorts the reality of the Arab-Israeli conflict. It, with absolute partiality, acts on behalf of the Zionist invader and portrays it as a victim of injustice and a self-defending despite of the fact that this

entity commits brutal actions, wiping out anything Palestinian. The bias of western media to Zionist entity exposes the reality of the negative role of media in transmitting information. Surely western media draw a distorted image of Arab issues far away from facts, targeting principally, to form a mutilated public opinion, in their societies towards Arabs and Arab issues. Whereas here we are as Arabs allowing ourselves to be brainwashed by everything that is western while our own media in many cases are a mere copycat of western concepts. We have to improve and evolve our Arab media so as to positively spread truths and transmit events. It is time that we stand up for ourselves and it is time that someone say the truth, just as it is.

Letters to the Editor

It's a war against Islam

I read this article of Hassan Al-Haifi entitled "The Trojan horse in modern Islam" and to be honest, I can't make heads from tails of it. Just who are you talking about here? Khawarij? These so called Wahhabis? The salafis? Who are you talking about? Your speech is at best confusing and doesn't really make sense. You are talking in riddles about groups established by other groups without naming the groups.

Point is this has a lot to do with the Muslims attitude. You have to realize though that this whole war on terrorism is a war on Islam. I work for the USA military and it just came to us here that the US will send 200 US army Chaplains (Christians) with 10 aides each to try and spread Christianity in Iraq. If you would like a copy of the memo please email me, I will send you a hard copy in the mail and a scanned version in email.

Never will the Jews nor

the Christians be pleased with you (O Muhammad Peace be upon him) till you follow their religion.(Al-Baqarah 2:120)

Keep blaming the Muslims, there is fault there. When you do this you only strengthen the position of the non-Muslims who want to wage war on you. I know, I work for them, I hear their speech. Your time will come too and it will be your own fault when they do arrive in their tanks and planes bombing your kids.

I would give you people the 'salam' but I question your Islam. You guys got it so wrong. You Arabs aren't half as smart as you think. The Arab is nothing without Islam, get your Islam right and the rest will go right. We are waiting for you over here. Get it together and we will support you, and we aren't talking only about in a military sense. Till then, you will remain the losers.

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Iraq council should
be supported

I just can not believe the opposition parties in Yemen actually, or even the Yemeni government, for that matter, does not recognize the current Iraqi governing council. How naive? This is just one more example of blindly opposing Western values even if they are good for us (as in democracy.) How can you, with a straight face, recognize dummy elections that are staged in Arabic countries by absolute dictators, where they always win by astonishing majorities, and call the Iraqi council a puppet regime? In other words, you can recognize a one-man, by the gun rule, but not a group of good Iraqi citizens. Furthermore, we all know that this is just a first step towards true democratic elections.

The governing council in Iraq has many challenges to come. They need the support of their "brothers" in Yemen and other Muslim and Arab countries. They should not even have to travel to Yemen

to try to convince us of their legitimacy. Yes, the U.S. is still playing a role in Iraq. But they have to. Otherwise it will be a total anarchy. But just because the U.S. is in Iraq, that does not mean we can't support an Iraqi council.

Here is what bothers me; I am certain if Saddam was overthrown by another military (dictator), we would have recognized him (or her, though unlikely in the area) by now.

My last word is; Iraqis are our brothers and they need our support through these difficult times. Let us give them our support by recognizing their temporary government's they can move on to the next step. Refusing democracy just because it came from the west is like a sick person refusing to be treated by a doctor who is not Muslim. And we all know that is not true, because we always travel to the west to seek treatment.

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COMMON
SENSE

By Hassan Al-Haifi

Ominous signs
of the times

I. Wheelchairs vs. Supersonic F-16s

The attempted attack on Sheikh Ahmed Yassine et al last Saturday clearly underscores the obvious reliance on *real terror* by the Israeli War Machine. It goes without saying that the Government of Ariel Sharon will not stop anywhere to carry out its agenda of eliminating any resistance that stands in its way of completing the Zionization of the Holy Land. Much of the credit for this unabashed behavior, which should really not surprise anyone familiar with the history of the bloody rise of the "Hebrew State", is of course attributed to the very cozy neo-con-'evangelical'-Zionist alliance that is comfortably in place in Washington D.C. The fact of the matter is that Sheikh Ahmed Yassine represented a thorny problem for the Zionist state, not so much because of the threat to Israel's existence the almost incapacitated symbolic leader of Hamas posed, but because of the obvious mismatch reflected in the continuous dual between the radical resistance movement of Hamas and the chauvinistic dogmatic Zionist state. In other words, the obvious appearance of the almost paralyzed (which is symbolic of the *real state* of being of all the Palestinians) vs. the highly armed Zionist War Machine had to be eliminated. This obvious mismatch might have posed some kind of a slight embarrassment to the prevalent polished PR image of the Jewish State, as a modern humane democracy amidst a region of wild barbarians. With Ahmed Yassine out of the way, then the rest of the able bodied Palestinians can become open prey for the Israeli Apache Attack Helicopters and F-15 and F-16 Fighters. Not that such public relations imagery really mattered that much to the Zionist demagogues, it nevertheless underlies the resolve of the Zionist state to take full advantage of the green light given by the Bush Administration to Ariel Sharon to expand on the Zionist agenda, while the "anti-terror" fever is still high. There is no telling how long the fever will continue, especially in the wake of the continuous failure of the War Hawks in the Bush Administration to come up with genuine successes in any of their "anti-terror" objectives, not to mention the rising concerns amongst many Americans that the Bush II Era is proving more of a nightmare, than a relief from the aftermath of the tragic events of 9/11. One would hope that the many supporters of the "Hebrew State" for "evangelical" reasons, will come to realize that without a genuine moral fabric to really stand on, the Zionist state is indeed one of the most ruthless war machines of modern times, and accordingly this support is morally self-defeating.

II. What About Freedom of the Press?

The continuous challenges faced by Al-Jazeera Satellite TV in trying to deliver its pioneering message of expanding press freedom has not just only come from within the region, but even from the supposed defender of human rights and free expression, Uncle Sam. One can understand why many Arab regimes might wish that this progressive media experiment of the State of Qatar, since its highly professional and objective news reporting has provided a successful model of objective news broadcasting and a real free forum for uncontrolled/uncensored expression of opinion. This is something that many of the existing Arab regimes have not come to stomach as part and parcel of the modern strides in communication and free information flow. What is amazing is that the White House War Office has no grounds for encouraging the successful development of functioning Arab democratic institutions, because this is in line with the Zionist philosophy that enhanced democracy in the region works against the long term Zionist agenda, especially in the dissemination of the facts pertaining to the implementation of this agenda on the ground. One remembers how Al-Jazeera was specifically targeted by Allied or "Coalition" Forces, in both the Afghanistan and Iraq adventures. In fact the Al-Jazeera correspondent, Taysir Allouni was luckily spared early martyrdom, in both cases. Allouni, who holds Spanish citizenship has been arrested last week for reasons that have yet to become clear. The Spanish authorities claim the reasons as being his alleged "support" of two Al-Qa'eda suspects. Surely, this arrest does not enhance Spain's image as a defender of human rights and press freedom. Even if we assume that Allouni might have had previous contacts with Al-Qa'eda suspects, which should not be a mystery, since Allouni did cover Afghanistan for Al-Jazeera before 9/11 and during the "War against the Taliban and Al-Qa'eda" thereafter. Thus, the observer can only view the action of the Spanish authorities as a hindrance to the free operation of a professional journalist, who enjoys a good reputation for objective "on the scene" coverage of very dangerous war situations. Allouni never showed any sympathies for Al-Qa'eda or terrorist acts or even some anti US sentiment in his reporting. Accordingly, this observer joins the hundreds of members in the international press, who condone this flagrant violation of a fellow journalist's right to carry out his professional duties without obstruction. One also hopes that the Spanish authorities will not allow themselves to succumb to the wishes of those who are against press freedom in the Arab World, unless the Arab press meets the criteria set by the Bush War Office, in which case no media channel will have any audience.



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'A distinction must be made'

BY MICHAEL JANSEN
JORDAN TIMES

Although the Iraqi police claimed, variously, that either Baathists loyal to ousted President Saddam Hussein or Islamists affiliated with Al Qaeda, or both, were responsible for the bombing at the Shrine of Imam Ali in Najaf which killed 95 people, including Ayatollah Mohammad Baqir Al Hakim, the dreadful deed remains shrouded in mystery.

While it was said that the two Baathists and two Al Qaeda supporters arrested soon after the bombing implicated others, there is a suspicion that the Iraqi police simply rounded up anyone who looked foreign and charged them with mass murder. Although the US Federal Bureau of Investigation has fielded agents to help with the investigation, nothing new has been said to properly identify the perpetrators or reveal their motivation.

In spite of the absence of firm evidence that one or another group carried out the bombing, it seems clear that the Najaf event and two other vehicle bombings — at the Jordan embassy and UN headquarters in Baghdad — which took place last month belong to a concerted campaign to make the US occupation of Iraq untenable.

There are several factors which lead to this conclusion.

The three August bombings had certain similarities. The explosive devices were crudely constructed of items looted from Iraqi army munitions stores, including bombs, grenades and other ordnance.

Vehicles were used to deliver the bombs. In the case of the Jordanian embassy and the mosque, these vehicles were parked outside the target site and set off either by timers or remote control. A flat-bed lorry with a suicide driver at the wheel was employed to strike at the UN headquarters compound. The blasts were timed to do the most damage.

The explosion at the Jordanian embassy went off during the morning rush hour, killing 19, many of them passersby. The bomb at the UN headquarters exploded while many staff members were in the building, leaving 23 fatalities, including the UN chief representative, Serge Vieira de Mello (probably not personally targeted). The explosion at the mosque was set to take place as the ayatollah and his entourage left through a specific gate after Friday prayers. Since he was certainly the objective of the assassins, it is obvious that those responsible for

this campaign are becoming more focused and efficient.

All three targets would have been seen by Iraqi resistance elements as being allied to the US or cooperating with the US occupation administration.

Although Amman campaigned vigorously against the US war on Iraq, Jordan has for decades been a friend and ally of Washington. In spite of Jordanian rejection of the idea that it would send forces to Iraq to bolster the US occupation, there was at the time of the bombing early last month a certain amount of speculation in Baghdad that Amman might contribute troops. This speculation was fostered by leaks by Washington in the Western media that a number of Muslim countries were prepared to help oust the US. Jordan, Turkey and Pakistan were mentioned.

Since 1990, the UN, under powerful pressure from Washington, has become an instrument of the anti-Iraq policies adopted by the three US administrations. Iraqis hold the UN partly responsible for the 1991 war which was waged by the US under the auspices of the Security Council and Chapter VII of the UN Charter. They also blame the UN for the sanctions that caused the degradation of Iraq's infrastructure in the decade that followed that war and for the intrusive weapons inspection regime which kept sanctions in place. While the UN refused to authorise the second Bush administration's war on Iraq and Secretary General Kofi Annan attempted to distance the world organisation from this one-sided assault, he was not entirely successful.

Eventually he was compelled to appoint de Mello who developed a close relationship with US Proconsul L. Paul Bremer III. In mid-August the UN-US connection was reinforced when the Security Council welcomed the establishment of the Bremer-appointed Iraqi Governing Council and received a delegation of council members.

Mohammad Baqir Al Hakim, who headed the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq (SCIRI), was expected to lead political resistance to the occupation when he returned to Najaf from exile in Tehran. Instead, he decided to protest verbally against the occupation while cooperating with Bremer on the practical level. SCIRI's Badr Corps, a 5-10,000 strong militia trained by Iran's Revolutionary Guards, was deprived of its heavy arms and forced to stand down. The ayatollah appointed his brother, Badr Corps Commander Abdel Aziz Al Hakim, to represent SCIRI on the 25-member Governing Council appointed by

Bremer. The younger Hakim is also one of the nine figures chosen to take part in the council's rotating presidency. Since the council has not achieved anything positive on the ground for the Iraqis, most consider it a colonialist fig leaf for Bremer's administration.

Finally, the ayatollah and his colleagues appeared to drop their demand for an Iraqi Islamic theocracy and back pluralistic democracy, leading Bremer and Western commentators to brand him as a "moderate." Ayatollah Hakim was severely criticised by Lebanon's Shiite Hizbollah movement and his young rival for leadership of Iraq's dissident Shiites, Muqtada Al Sadr. Some Iraqis labelled him an unprincipled opportunist interested in securing power at any price.

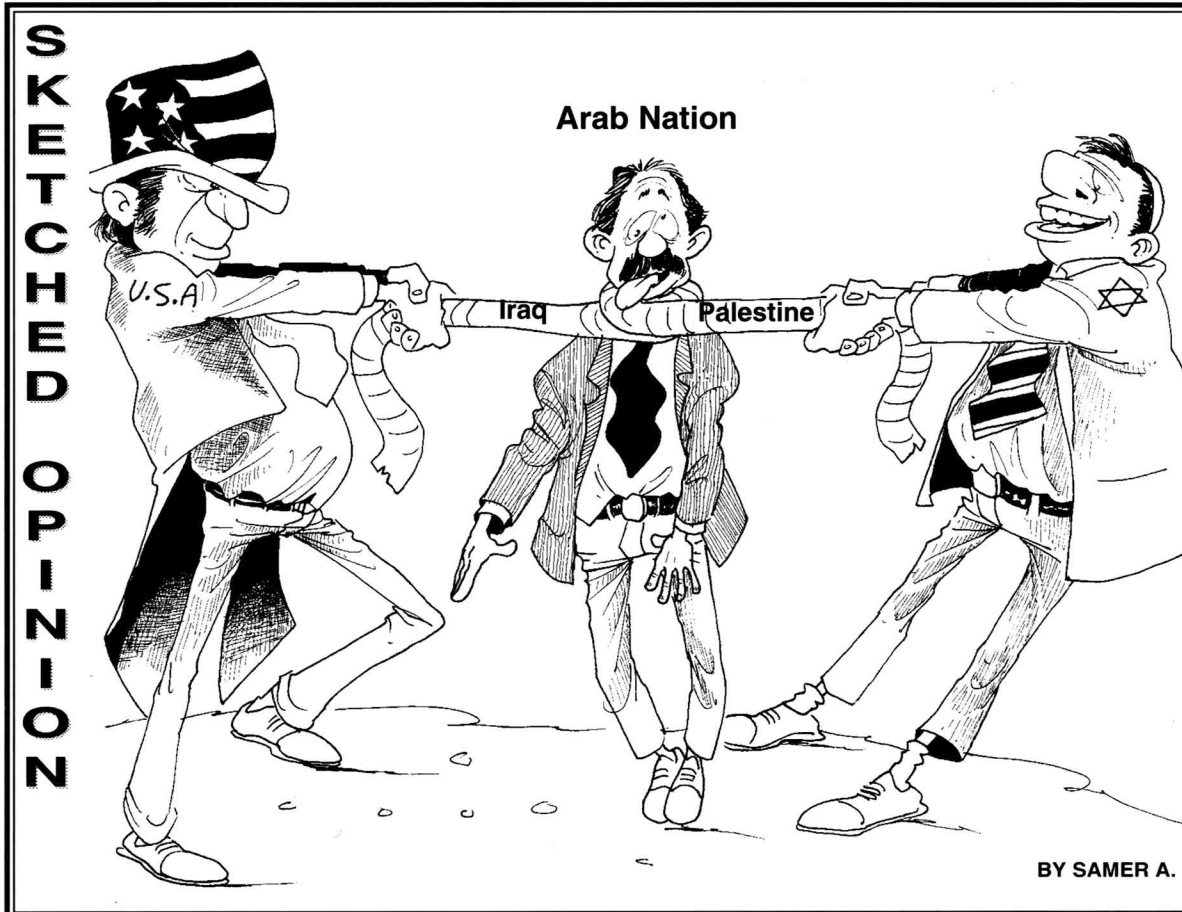
While the three major bombings seem to belong to the same campaign, three violent or threatening incidents involving other Shiite leaders appear to be part of the ongoing struggle for power within the Shiite community.

The first was the murder of a pro-US cleric, Abdel Majid Al Khoei, in the mosque in Najaf in April. The second incident took place soon after the slaying of Khoei. It was an attempt to intimidate the senior-most Iraqi Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali Sistani, by surrounding his house in Najaf and demanding that he leave the country. He was rescued by tribesmen who entered the city and drove away the militants. Ayatollah Sistani, who has adopted a critical approach to the occupation but does not endorse violent resistance, has been under virtual house arrest since then.

The third was an attack on Aug. 24 on the house of Grand Ayatollah Mohammad Said Al Hakim, one of the quartet of high-ranking clerics at the apex of the Hawza, the Shiite religious establishment. The incident involved a cylinder holding cooking gas rigged to explode against a wall in the ayatollah's house. He was lightly wounded, but three members of his entourage were killed.

All three incidents are believed to be the work of the Sadrists who are determined to wrest the leadership of the Shiites from the quietists in the Hawza and the moderates cooperating with Bremer. The ultimate goal of the Sadrists may be the expulsion of US occupation forces and administrators, but it would appear that the immediate objective is to gain ascendancy over the Shiite community.

Therefore, a distinction must be made between militants who seek liberation now and the Sadrists who strive for power over the Shiites before launching their liberation struggle.



Would a UN occupation be any better?

Chaos in Iraq

By William Pfaff
International Herald Tribune

The Bush administration and its supporters continue to react to the deteriorating situation in Iraq with shock and denial.

Denial is even coming from some in the opposition who, like the administration, are taking refuge in remedies that have little chance of being adopted, such as placing the occupation under nominal United Nations authority, with the United States still in charge.

President George W. Bush reportedly agreed Tuesday to begin negotiations in the UN Security Council to authorize a U.S.-commanded multinational force for Iraq. With such an arrangement, it is thought, the governments convoked to a donors' conference in October would make financial pledges to reconstruction.

The question about any UN solution is this: Why should countries that were opposed to the war assume responsibility for its painful consequences? Washington may be misreading the support the French, Germans and other Europeans have given to the notion that the United Nations can solve the Iraq problem. The Europeans do not have in mind the same solution as the Bush administration.

President Jacques Chirac of France told his annual ambassadors' conference last week that while the risk of chaos in Iraq makes security a priority,

the European Union must insist on a central role for the United Nations. "The transfer of power and sovereignty to the Iraqi people themselves is the only realistic option," he said. "It must be started without delay, in the framework of a process upon which the United Nations alone can bestow full legitimacy."

Once this framework is established, he added, the international community can make its "effective and entire contribution" to Iraq's reconstruction, "in a way that must be defined with the Iraqis themselves."

That is not what Washington is saying. The "old European" heavyweights called on to contribute troops and reconstruction finance nonetheless are not going to agree to an arrangement that leaves the United States in effective control of Iraq.

In any case, the politically incorrect question must be asked: Why should an occupation and reconstruction sponsored by the United Nations - with or without the United States in military command - be expected to work any better than the present unhappy arrangement?

A UN-endorsed multinational force might be politically more acceptable in Iraq, and would certainly be more acceptable to other countries - but the primary problem today is not political acceptability, but restoration of security and order. There is no particular reason to think that a multinational or UN force could restore order and rebuild political and economic infrastructure

any better (or any less badly) than Americans are doing.

The United Nations may not even be more acceptable politically, given that a great many in Iraq have over the last decade learned to see it as the agent of a policy of sanctions and penalties demanded by the United States.

Chirac and others are concerned for the plight of the Iraqi people. This is a worthy sentiment but draws a curtain over the responsibility the Iraqis themselves bear for their present condition.

Saddam Hussein was an Iraqi leader, not some dictator imposed from the outside. Once installed, he obviously became hard to unseat. But Iraqi elites and the Iraqi people permitted him to take power, and many collaborated with him.

Any society not under massive foreign occupation has a revolutionary option. The Iraqis exercised it against their king in 1958, as the Iranians did against their shah in 1979. The Iraqis did not exercise it against Saddam.

Iraqis themselves were also responsible for the looting and destruction that followed the war, with ruinous consequences for the country's hospitals, civil infrastructure and cultural institutions.

The United States invaded Iraq because it chose to describe it as a threat to the United States and to the region. It turned out to be neither. The Bush administration, like the Iraqis, now confronts the consequences of what it has done. It does not like them. Neither does anyone else.

A Palestinian partner - or proxy?

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THE DAILY STAR

The Oslo Accords were not destined to live long. In a few days' time, on Sept. 13, we will mark their 10th anniversary, albeit without pomp and circumstance, for they are as good as dead. However, an Arab proverb says, "he who begets does not die." Oslo is not entirely dead since it begat the Palestinian Authority (PA). Nevertheless, this begs a question: Can the PA be considered a legitimate heir to Oslo, or is there doubt as to its legitimacy? Let us examine the facts.

When the PA was established and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat returned to the West Bank and Gaza from exile with his aides and comrades, some saw in this development (present writer included) a cause for optimism and predicted the PA would be an appropriate national partner for Israel. The hope was that Israelis and Palestinians would start by sharing responsibility for the Occupied Territories as a first step toward building mutual confidence leading to the PA's gradually taking over complete responsibility for Palestinian areas. This was meant to eventually lead to a total Israeli withdrawal and the creation of an independent Palestinian

state with East Jerusalem as its capital.

However, there were those who greeted the formation of the PA with pessimism, predicting it would become a proxy for Israel in its efforts to end the intifada, allowing it to maintain its occupation and continue its territorial expansion.

The PA carried within itself the seeds of both a partnership and proxy relationship with Israel, and it was left up to circumstances to decide which would prevail. The optimists were bitterly disappointed when right-wing Jewish extremists assassinated Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who had pursued peace. Subsequent Israeli governments continued building settlements and appropriating Palestinian land, though the intifada had ceased and the PA had begun carving out a place for itself among Palestinians by taking over administrative, financial and security responsibilities from the Israeli authorities.

A vicious circle was thus instituted: Israel built settlements and refrained from effecting further withdrawals according to an agreed-upon timetable, while the PA complained to the US and begged it to intervene and break the status quo. During his second term, US President Bill Clinton became deeply involved in Palestinian-Israeli negotiations, arguably like no other president before

him. The Camp David summit and the subsequent Clinton proposal, which coincided with the end of Clinton's presidency, ended in failure, which he blamed on the Palestinians. Up to then, optimists still saw the PA as a legitimate national partner to Israel.

When US President George W. Bush, soon after his election, declared he would not repeat Clinton's errors by involving himself too closely in the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, the peace process came to a halt. Israel seized the opportunity to grab additional Palestinian land for settlements. This exacerbated an already explosive situation, as Palestinians had, in 2000, started their Al-Aqsa intifada, whose ensuing volatility paved the way for a return of the Israeli right under the leadership of Ariel Sharon. The dialogue between the Palestinians and Israelis thus shifted from one of peace to one of confrontation, eventually turning into armed conflict.

Sharon used the events of Sept. 11, 2001 to convince Washington that the US and Israel were in the same boat in fighting terrorism. The Bush administration showed it agreed by putting Palestinian resistance movements on its list of terrorist organizations. From then on, as far as the administration and the Sharon government were concerned, the "security of Israel" and protecting Israeli citizens against ter-

ror replaced Oslo and the need to end the Israeli occupation. The US and Israel began to regard the PA less as a partner and more as a mere proxy.

After Israel reoccupied territories under PA control in 2002, the Palestinian leadership fluctuated between holding onto its role of national partner, which Arafat is still attempting to do, and accepting a role as proxy, which the government of Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas is now doing. Recently it seemed that the balance was tipping in the government's favor when, on Aug. 28, it decided to freeze the funds of Hamas-controlled charities.

However, two legitimate questions came to mind in that context: First, what made the PA, and the Abbas government in particular, think that acting the proxy would help it realize its objectives? If it has good reason to believe that its efforts will bear fruit and lead to a fulfillment of Palestinian aspirations, then we owe it our understanding and compassion as it takes fateful steps. Within this context, we should view the cooperation of the different Palestinian factions with the government as proof of elevated national responsibility on their part.

But a second question also arises here: What if, in light of subsequent events, the PA's policies prove to have been wrong?

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Save education in Yemen

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To pinpoint the reasons behind the deteriorated condition of education, many questions pop to one's mind. Is it because of lacking of educational aid? Or is it because of shortage of qualified and skilled employees in this important field? Or is it because of betrayal of the national duty committed by most employees in this field?

Days and years have been passing and the wheel of education in our country runs backward. This raises many questions about the reasons behind destroying this crucial field that is considered the basis in building societies and civilizations.

As an employee in this significant field, I cannot give clear and complete answers to the aforementioned questions. I will not acquit any employee of committing mistakes that have led to the deterioration of education.

So as Yemenis who feel pity for the situation of education we blame certain people and sides. The government, the education minister and general managers of educational offices in governorates as well as heads of educational centers in districts are the first to blame.

Certain parties should provide educational aid as well so as to rehabilitate teachers and employees in this sector. These parties are the ones responsible for education while the other sides are the teachers and headmasters.

In my opinion, I see that there are two main reasons behind such a devastated education.

First: Cheating in the final examinations of preparatory and high schools.

Second: Transferring students who fail in exam from one stage to another by their teachers or the headmaster.

Much has been said about this in mass media; radio, TV, and press. Many researches, studies and seminars are carried out to find suitable remedy to these educational defects. Thus, can we say that healing this case is hopeless and becomes a miracle to these



Student excited while posing for a picture. Crammed classes with insufficient chairs are common throughout Yemen.

people whom Prophet Mohammed described "wisdom owners" or did they just lose faith and betray the honesty in their work in the educational field or became heartless with no mercy to this nation?

Finally, I think that whoever reads

this article; may pay little interest, as much is said about this issue and the need is to found several ministries and authorities to improve, modernize, expand and heal education in our country.

I see that the most important and

effective treatments are to submit resignations. Everyone who cannot do his work honestly and sincerely should submit his resignation and leave the field for the ones who can do better.

Now we are awaiting a new academic year and we have new ministers

who still have a chance to reform. We hope that this year will be time to put an end to education deterioration. However if we do not find any solution for this case we will instantly appeal to the president asking him to help and save this nation as the Yemeni

people consider the president a final reference to solve such complicated cases.

If things stay as they are in the next academic year, then we can only try to hide our shame from our future generations.

Why do we learn?

BY AHMAD AL-DAIES
FOR THE YEMEN TIMES, IBB

At the beginning, I would like to present my warm regards to everyone who is going to read what I have written here, and to those who are going to write about this specific topic or discuss it in the future.

From here, I shall begin to express my feelings. In fact, many queries have preoccupied my mind and that made me hesitate until I get the best opportunity. Is there anyone who has talked, written, or thought about this topic? Unfortunately, I do not find anyone at all. At the same time I thank God I found the suitable time.

As a matter of fact, it was a difficult question, which needs many answers. I started to think and think very well. While I was thinking, I started getting the answers to my questions. From here, I wonder. I asked myself, and I would say to you: Have you asked yourself! "WHY DO WE LEARN?" You must determine a goal for your studying. You must fix a goal clearly for what you are searching. You must put those questions in your minds. Do not forget all these questions? How much information do you have on you

gained? How many contrivances have you invented? How many new experiences have obtained? How many new things have you discovered? How many new successes have you achieved? To what range has your level been developed in the previous years? Are you clever at something? You must have a hope in your life. One should have an ambition to be achieved in his life. By doing so, one will be safe and can live peacefully. Now, what do you think? Why do we join college, school, an institute, etc? Certainly, most of us will say: for learning, for education or for getting more information. But suddenly, you will hear irritating words from other people.

Do you know what they are? They are nothing only the truth. You can see that in the life of wise men, cleavers, thinkers, and you will also remember the same thing, that is the human reality. In fact, it is necessary to adopt it and to get it fulfilled, but do not make it an essential aim in your studies.

Dear student, if you search through your studying for knowledge or for a profession, which may enable you to be a rich man, read carefully what I am writing. I do not prevent you from having your food or to obtain the requirements of life or anything else you

need in your daily life, but you should be aware that getting science and knowledge are the most importance thing in life through which you can obtain great future. If not so what is the benefit of the qualification or the employment if the person is not able to talk about anything or deal with simple rules? There are many ways especially these days, to get employed even if you have no qualification; i.e., through mediation of people whom you know well or a mediator from your relatives.

Finally, I hope you think and think very well. Why did you join this faculty? Why have you come here? What is the purpose of your studying? Will you find it useful if you really have the answers of the questions that I have already addressed to you? Oh, dear student! Put it in your mind; put it in your diary if you are studying for the qualification only. You should change some of your life styles through changing your aims, because one day, you will recall what I have said. In addition, what will you say then? What certificates have you got? If you do not have no knowledge, then your certificate is useless, burn it or tear it. If one does not have any bridges of science to protect his qualification, what is the value of it? Believe me, do not be proud. Do not be irritat-

ed. At the end, remember very well, do not be so far away from reality and circumstances that surround you. I am certain that you have got it. Learning is the most important thing in life, the precious treasure which everyone should search. It is your guide if have been lost in a desert. It is the golden key with which the door of a glorious future can be opened

It's a mere wish

BY FUAD AL-HOMEEDI

It's a mere wish
Say not "a dream"
The only thing I am fond of
What's left to die for?
After having been with thy?
It's a mere wish
Heart whispers... calls and screams
Where's that remedy?
In love or in avoidance
In life or in doom?
It's a mere wish
You're mine

The evening moon
The ease full of misery
The world brimful with agony
Still alive will I?
It's a mere wish
Hope is over
An autumn leaf fell down
In winter
Dried out... dried up
Filled in, no longer, is with blood
A love story from the sky
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Mr Nabeel Abdulrahman al-Shaibani says in an article the "political sterility" prevents any regime from possibility of tolerating the idea of freedom in a normal way. Thus the politically sterile regime would inevitably adopt the policy of suppression in order to conceal its inability. Therefore such regimes harbour suppression of press freedom and drag journalists under some "legal" pretexts to various kinds of accountability. The authority that cherishes and practice gagging the freedom of writers does undoubtedly fear from the images of its political incapability and reality of its financial and administrative violations. Such a regime that does not respect the press and media freedom is the one believing in dictatorship even if it has practices rituals of democracy and political pluralism. Real democracy makes press the fourth estate ruling side by side with other powers. Freedom of press is the mirror of democracy reflecting facets of political life and faces of popular demands. It gives prominence to features of the regime and images of the public opinion, the beautiful and the ugly.



Al-Tagamou weekly, organ of the Unionist Assemblage Party of Yemen, 1 September 2003.

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- Communication Centres staffers in Mukalla on strike
- Two Saudis and two Iraqis behind al-Hakim assassination
- Aden inhabitants praise Dr al-Shuaibi
- HOOD appeals to the president to release al-Zaidi
- A course on terror for officials of criminal investigation in Sana'a

Columnist Ali Mohammed Ahmed says there have been much talk about corruption and the corrupt in all its various forms by the political leadership, the government and the legislative bodies as well as political parties' leaderships and many national and social personalities. This talk has also been the

matter by the ordinary citizen. And due to the danger of this large volume of corruption in this period there is a continuous saying in the official address characterized by threatening to put an end to the corrupt and also the calls by official and partisan press in this regard. Regrettably the result comes contrary to what is expected as the deviation has increased beyond its limit and also increased with it the difficulty of rectifying this deviation.

Based on the present reality of the leadership and successive governments we have not witnessed or seen any one has been tried or punished for corruption. Some corrupts have been transferred from one position to another or they have been left at home without accountability of punishment. All this is due to the strength of their influence in addition to corruption of the concerned authorities as being part and parcel of the reality itself.



Al-Wahda weekly, 3 September 2003.

Main headlines:

- Yemeni initiative a project for formulating a new Arab order
- Monetary reserves rise to \$4.8 billion
- Expatriates minister Qubti: Expatriates invest in fish wealth and housing
- Representative of the Red Cross: We are holding talks with Yemeni authorities on detained in prisons
- 5075 victims of land mines planted over 922 square of land

Columnist Qadriyah al-Jifri says in her article the phenomenon of poverty has widened inside the Yemeni society and has become threatening its fabric and stability under the increase of poverty that is threatening the living of a great group of the population rendering them unable to provide their needs of food, clothes and residence and other necessities.

The government has sought to take many measures for alleviating the impact of poverty, specifically among the segments that are mostly affected. Since the year 2000 the government embarked on preparing a national strategy to mitigate poverty as it is considered an inlet for facing this problem, supported by various civil society organisations and donor parties. The problem of poverty in Yemen has been associated with weakness of the economic performance and the internal and external shocks Yemen has been exposed to in the past period in addition to the drop in income and increase in population growth. Poverty does not mean only the shortage in money or the low level of income but extends to aspects of health, services, education

Main headlines

- 6000 the victims of liquefied gas incidents in Taiz
- Speaker al-Ahmar accuses the government of deception
- Saddam denies involvement of his followers in al-Hakim assassination
- Number of al-Zaidi detainees released, sheikhs transferred to interior ministry prisons
- Al-Hakim assassination might lead to civil war
- The academic year, 129 days study, 144 days holidays
- \$200 billion losses of Arab brain drain
- Trial of the defendant of American doctors' killer resumed
- Unionist Assemblage party condemns al-Hakim assassination
- The president decision of establishing two courts for taxes
- Weapons and explosives found during arrests in Aden
- Parliament begins discussion with first batch of ministers
- Interior ministry and al-Ra'ie tribe agree on tribal reconciliation
- Official monopoly of technology and communications sector
- Parliament listens to memorandum on Guantanamo detainees
- Eight conditions for al-Qaeda commitment to not attack foreign interests in Yemen
- After inflicting billions of losses on our country, Hunt Company sues the Yemeni government
- Gas power station tender of Mareb discloses dangerous manipulations
- TeleYemen Company witnesses large-scale financial violations

and weakness of environment and security instability.

The government strategy aims at achieving economic growth and diversification of its base, developing human resources, improvement of the poor life through developing the infrastructure and enhancement of systems of social protection, in addition to development of administration and consolidation of participation and cooperation.



Annas weekly, 1 September 2003.

Main headlines:

- PGC-Islah differences exported abroad
- "Shamir" killer avoids men, kills three women
- Interior ministry after unlicensed religious tapes

- Bargaining between government and tribe about blood money
- Wisab people demand just trial for al-Jazzar

Columnist Ahmed al-Shalafi says the initiative proposed by Yemen to develop the Arab Joint Action and the establishment of Arab states Union has aroused many deliberations and opened the door for many questions on Yemen's capability of offering such Arab projects.

Those who deny on Yemen of offering such initiatives in fact deny on a country rich with civilization and heritage dated to ancient epochs of pioneering and leadership. Some may say Yemen has overstepped others with such big projects that need big effort to fulfill at a time there are many internal demands insisting on the political leadership awaiting for radical solutions for economic, social and political problems. This is of course not a risk. It is a forward step towards the Arab space undoubtedly would be reflected on the domestic aspect and prepare for readying many national potentials to embrace and contain its dimensions and the regional role it would entail.

Consequently, the reaction with it or the attempt of evaluating it is the responsibility of all intellectuals and politicians because it is a Yemeni project concerns us all. The required is just the unification of ideas.

Attariq weekly, 2 September 2003.

Main headlines:

- Parliament discusses financial violations of some administrative units and local councils
- JMP in Aden denounces storming headquarters of Women Union
- Two persons from al-Abdulla killed in Mahfad
- Appeals court in Jibla listens to answers of American doctors' killer
- In al-Jumhuri hospital in Aden, investigations into transfusion of AIDS-polluted blood to a patient

Writer Eman Mahmoud Nasser there is much talk recently about at gatherings and meetings and even on satellite channels on the woman and her rights and her demand of those rights. The topic of the woman is portrayed as if it is the only main issue in the world. They have forgotten about wars and killings, Arab political frustrations, and corruption of the youth addiction on drugs and others. They have sidelined the outrageous volume of unemployment and poverty. We tell those people who are discussing the issue of women in such a monotonous way there are many other urgent issues to discuss. The question of the woman is very simple. The religion has legislated for her

many things and granted her freedom in choosing her husband, keeping her money for herself and investing it, it did not name the jobs she is not allowed to practice and did not degrade her status. The religion did not limit her role to the house only though it is very important as it is the basis of society. It is not every woman able to establish a good and sound family or capable of raising children in a good way if she stayed at home and devoted herself to its affairs because the family also needs the man's role to help raise the children at home and to know problems of his children and help solving them.

The woman's demand for equality is meant to be the man's counterpart but to announce that she is present and to be dealt with fairly.



RAY weekly, organ of the Sons of Yemen League, 2 September 2003.

Main headlines:

- Parliament discusses the minister of education
- Security interferes in handing over headquarters of Women Union in Aden
- Teachers Union holds its 4th conference
- Lawyers discuss random detention and imprisonment and role of prosecution

Columnist Khalid al-Harwaji writes an article devoted to discussing the new academic year that according to sources at the ministry of education is going to begin on September 6. He says there is an argument going on in the education corridors regarding proposals presented by the union of educational profession, the most prominent of which is the question abolishing Thursday as a holiday for schools. Most indicators point out that there may be a positive response to this demand.

Apart from politics and the goal the acceptance of considering Thursday an official holiday represents a disaster for education in Yemen. The academic year that begins from early September to the end of May has a heavy burden of holidays and official days. The academic calendar defined by nine months equals 273 days but this period is permeated with 23 Fridays and 21 days of various religious and national days off. The total number of lost days from the academic year reaches 111 days and in case the Thursdays are considered a day off the loss of days off would be 144 out of 273. I do not think there is in the world a country shortening the academic year to this extent in a way the holidays are more than the days of study by 15 days. Thus it does not astonish any one when the academic year comes to its end before finishing half of the curricula

World Press

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

Egypt

Al Ahram

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak will pay a visit to France next week for important talks with his French counterpart Jacques Chirac on the situation in Iraq and Mideast and preparations for the UN General Assembly as well as bilateral ties.

Akhbar Al-Yom

Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Maher will address on Saturday the annual conference of the Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs to be held, under the title "Egypt's Status in the

International Policy."

Al Gomhuria

Mrs. Suzanne Mubarak, Egypt's First Lady, will be presented by the International Laborator Foundation with a prestigious award in recognition of her sincere efforts to promote knowledge and literacy in her country.

Egyptian Mail

The majority of Arab countries may approve the Iraqi Governing Council to represent Iraq in a forthcoming ministerial meeting of the Arab League, according to Arab diplomatic sources.

France

Le Monde

A wave of layouts hit all economic sectors in France in September after the summer holiday. The government called on the people to work on a public holiday to help finance health care of the elderly, which will modify the legal limit of working hours and the 35-hour weekly work system.

Le Figaro

The violence in the Mediterranean island of Corsica is worsening. Christine Clerc, who reported for Le Figaro on the violence there, had her

car shot by bullets near Ajaccio on Friday.

Le Parisien

Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin thumbed nose at the European Union when he said he does not fear a crisis caused by overrunning budget rules and keeping cutting taxes.

L'Humanite

The World Trade Organization will deide the intensification of free trade at its upcoming Cancun conference on Sept. 10-14.

Britain

Financial Times

Tony Blair faces a rebellion by at least 70 Labor MPs against plans for university "top-up" fees, according to a survey that shows growing dissent over his domestic agenda.

The Daily Telegraph

The British government is to send several thousand more troops to Iraq, with some arriving there as early as Sunday.

The Guardian

The prolonged heatwave has devastated crops across Europe, leaving some countries facing their worst harvests since the end of the second

world war.

The Independent

Britain agreed Friday night to send more troops to Iraq in response to the growing violence against the occupation forces, while negotiations began at the United Nations on an American blueprint for the country.

The Times

An academic "national lottery" to select students for university is being considered by the Government as officials leading a review of admissions are studying a system that would allocate places on popular degree courses using a random-number generator.

Japan

Asahi, Mainichi

The opposition Democratic Party of Japan and Liberal Party agreed on Friday to merge on Oct. 5 in a bid to gain more advantage in the possible parliament reshuffle next month.

Asahi

Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi is close to securing over half of votes

for the upcoming reelection of president of the Liberal Democratic Party.

Yomiuri

A Japanese car dealer in May tried to export to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea a tractor that formed part of a 30-ton trailer that could be converted into a mobile launch pad for ballistic missile.

Philippines

Manila Bulletin

Officials said Friday that Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra will discuss strategies on fighting terrorism and illegal drugs with President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo when he visits the Philippines Sunday.

The Philippine Star

President Arroyo Friday strongly denounced an order issued by US District Court Judge Manuel Real to stop the transfer of late president Ferdinand Marcos funds to the Philippine government, asserting

the Philippine government's rightful claim to 683 million dollars of Marcos deposits in Swiss banks.

Philippine Daily Inquirer

President Arroyo Friday dismissed an alleged conspiracy to destabilize her administration as "an empty shell of rumors." But her spokesman Ignacio Bunye announced that she was cutting short her 11-day trip to the United States, the Middle East and Europe scheduled for later this month because she felt the country was facing pressing problems.

Kenya

Daily Nation

Woodside Energy Ltd., an Australian firm, is about to start prospecting for oil in Kenya's Coast Province, disclosed Peter Grant, the firm's exploration manager.

The People

Kenya will host a two-week international symposium on blood safety

next week, the Kenyan Medical Research Institute said Friday.

Kenya Times

Australian High Commissioner to Kenya Paul Comfort on Friday expressed concern over the increasing incidents of fire which have been gutting down tourist class hotels along the Kenyan coast.

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I. What to Say

Situations and Expressions (55)
Expressions of emotions (IX)

Hazlitt, an eminent English essayist sees poetry as "the language of imagination and passions. T.S. Eliot, one of the greatest stalwarts of modern poetry, emphasized the primary function of poetry which is "not intellectual, but emotion". He would further add that "great poetry expresses in perfect language, some permanent human impulse". What every poet starts from is his own emotion. Shakespeare transmutes his personal and private agonies into something rich and strange, universal and impersonal. It need not be overemphasized that deep emotionalism is the soul of poetry. We present below some more lines of poetry which convey the throbbings of the poet's heart.

- My joy, my grief, my hope, my love
Did all within this circle move.

E. Walter: *On a Girdle*

- Bid me despair, and I'll despair,
Under that cypress tree
Or bid die, and I will dare
E'en Death, to die for thee

R. Herrick: *To Anthea*

- But Beauty's self she is ...

Anon

- Stonewalls do not a prison make,
Nor iron bars a cage;
Minds innocent and quiet take
That for an hermitage:

Col. Lovelace: *To Althea*

- Why so pale and wan, fond lover?
Prythee, why so pale?
Quit, quit, for shame! This will not move,
Nothing can make her;
The Devil take her!

Sir J. Suckling: *Encouragement to a Lover*

II. How to Say it Correctly

Correct errors, if any, in the following sentences

- He asked me what games did I play?
- I told him to not come on Monday.
- The honesty is the best policy.
- I asked him if he was going.
- Look! Two boys fight.

Suggested answers to last week's questions

- Babies **grow** very quickly.
Note: 'To grow' means 'to become bigger'. 'To grow up' means 'to become an adult'.
- What is the **price** of this watch?
Note: 'Price' is the amount of money paid by the customer.
But we can say 'How much does it cost?'
- Only **my brother and I** are present.
Note: When a person is speaking about himself and others, he must mention the other person or persons first and himself later.
- Neither** of them went to school.
Note: 'Both' is changed to neither in a negative sentence.
- The ship was **sunk** in the ocean.
Note: 'drown' is used in case of living beings only.
'Sink' is used for things, and it means to go down to the bottom of water.

III. Increase Your Word Power

A) How to express it in one word

- A written and signed agreement usually concerning the ownership of land or property.
- Having firm roots or strongly fixed in one's nature.
- To cause to decrease in area, force, or range.
- In actual fact, though not perhaps according to law.
- Misappropriation of money entrusted to one.

Suggested answers to last week's questions

- Showing decorum, propriety, good taste, etc.: **decorous** (adj)
- A thing or person used to live or tempt into danger or trap: **decoy** (n)
- An official order, or decision of court: **decree** (adj)
- Broken down or worn out by old age: **decrepit** (adj)
- To speak against strongly and openly: **decry** (vt)

B) Foreign Phrases

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

- maxim 2. melodrama 3. metanoia 4. metaphor 5. metastasis

Suggested answers to last week's questions

- magnum opus** (Lat. 'great work'): A major literary work, perhaps a writer's masterpiece.
Ex: **Paradise Lost** was Milton's magnum opus.
- malapropism** (Fr. 'mal a propos' = 'not to the purpose'): Socalled after Mrs. Malaprop, a character in Sheridan's **The rivals** (1773), who had a habit of using polysyllabic words incorrectly.
- mal mariee** (Fr. 'unhappily married'): Ex: She laments her mal mariee.
- mantra** (Indian religious chant): A magic formula. Ex: for the meteoric rise his mantra has been hard work.
- maqama** (an Arabic term for stories in rhymed prose): Abu al-Fadl Ahmed ibn al-Husain al-Hamadani (967-1007) and Abu Mohammed al-Qasim al-Hariui (1054-1122) were masters of maqama.

C) Words Commonly Confused

Bring out meaning differences in the following pairs of words

- loose, lose 2. quiet, quite 3. hope expect 4. rob, steal 5. amputation, imputation

Suggested answers to last week's questions

- recently** (adv) (not long ago; lately): I have only recently begun to learn computer.
shortly (adj) (soon, in a little time): I shall travel to India shortly.
- imprudent** (adj): (unwise and thoughtless): It was an imprudent decision for him to resign from his present post.
impudent (adj) (shamelessly bold): He was impudent enough to show arrogance to the teacher.
- preceding** (adj) (that come just before in time or place): I am perturbed by the breakdown in law and order in the preceding weeks.
previous (adj) (happening, coming, or being earlier in the order): I had no previous experience of editing a news paper.
last (predet) (the one or ones after all others): The last two days before my travel were very hectic.
- predictor** (n) (something that describes a future happening in advance): The trend of recession is an unmistakable predictor that the economy is in doldrums.
predicator (n) (a sign that the states the existence of a quality): The conscience is a predicator of man as a rational being.
- for** (prep) (indicating destination): I left for India on 15 July.
fore (adj) (situated in the front; opp. of back): In a few years, Yemen will be in the forefront of progress and development in all fields.

D) Idioms and Phrases

Use the following phrase in sentences

- lay down one's arms 2. take up arms 3. to be armed with 4. with open arms 5. a babe in arms

Suggested answers to last week's questions

- in anticipation** (expectation; to provide for the probability of something happening): We are

looking forward to his arrival in eager anticipation.

- anterior** to (coming before in time or position): The Administrative buildings are anterior to the Guest house.
- posterior** to (later in time or order): The staff quarters are posterior to the Rector's bungalow.
- antagonistic** to (opposed to): I fail to understand why he is antagonistic to me.
- answer for** (to be responsible for): I undertake to answer for your future prospects.

IV. Grammar and Composition

A) Grammar

Use the most suitable word from the one given below, in the correct form, to complete the sentences below.
Injury, damage, harm, hurt, spoil, ruin

- The ——— motorist was taken to hospital.
- The man was suffering from severe ———
- The soldiers captured the terrorists without ——— the hostages.
- Cigarette smoking can ——— your health.
- It's only an injection! The needle won't ——— you!
- You've ——— surprise by telling him!

Suggested answers to last week's questions

- He tried to cheat in the exam; **but he was caught**.
- He tried cheating in the exam; **but he still got a very low mark**.
- I like to go to the cinema once a week; **but I hardly ever get the chance**.
- I like going to the cinema; **it helps me keep up-to-date with good films**.
- I stopped to talk to my neighbor yesterday; **that's why I was late home**.
- I stopped talking to my neighbor; **he kicked my dog**.
- I regret to tell you I don't like her; **I know you do like her**.
- I regret telling you I don't like her; **you immediately told her what I said!**

B) Composition

Expand the idea contained in the proverb

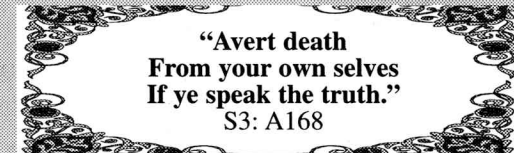
33. EMPTY VESSEL SOUNDS MUCH.

Last week's topic

32. SLOW AND STEADY WINS THE RACE

If one wants to achieve one's goal in life, one has to keep on trying consistently. In other words, consistency is the key to success. On the other hand, if one takes steps for performing a task in a disjointed or fragmentary manner, despite one's abilities and strength, success is very hard to be achieved. Therefore, one should fix up the aim firmly and start working towards fulfilling it, step by step, slowly but in an uninterrupted way, till the goal is reached. There is the proverbial story of a hare and a tortoise. The hare hopped fast, but intermittently, and lazily. The tortoise, on the other hand, proceeded slowly and steadily towards reaching his destination. It is small wonder that the hare, despite his speed, lost the race for lack of consistency; but the tortoise was rewarded for his single minded pursuit of the goal and consistent efforts although it was slower than the hare. The tortoise is a metaphor for relentless pursuit of the goal and teaches us a good moral to strive and march ahead actively and consistently to attain our objective.

V. Pearls from the Holy Quran



VI. Words of Wisdom

"Cleanliness is next to godliness"

—Proverb

A LETTER TO THE TEACHERS OF ENGLISH: 25

Pitch your language at the level of your students



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Dear Fellow teachers,

This letter is addressed to my fellow professionals working in the colleges and universities in Yemen, who have the freedom to choose the teaching materials for their students. Blessed are we, as we are gifted with this autonomy, which is a luxury. But I only wish that we use this autonomy for the benefit of our students.

We are free to choose the materials we teach on each course, the methodology we use in our classrooms and the evaluation system at the end of the course of study. This freedom, however, makes us more responsible, for our choice will make or mar our success. I have come across choices by some careless teachers of materials, which the students find it difficult to cope with, which are a threat to their culture, which are completely alien to them. I am aware that a language and its culture are intertwined and when you teach a foreign language, its culture cannot be separated from it. So, it is necessary for us to choose materials in English that are not heavily culturally loaded to the extent which is shunned by the students. I still remember two of my students who told me that their friends in another department 'raised their eyebrows' in surprise, when they heard these girls discussing in Arabic an English poem which was taught to them in their class. The poem, they told

my students, contained several things not agreeable to them. I also remember that a poem written by a teacher describing some events that took place in India was once taught to his students, who found it difficult to get the ideas in it, as they were alien to them. I hope you will agree with me that such selections will cause unnecessary difficulty and embarrassment in the classes.

As for the language of the selections are concerned, let us pitch it at the level of the students and not our levels. A careless choice, which bowls the students over, ends up in enhancing their dislike for the selection vis-a-vis the language we teach. I know that some of us make the choices with good intention of introducing our students to a variety of writings and to a galaxy of writers. But let's think for a minute whether our students are equipped enough to read the pieces with our help, leave alone their reading on their own. What is the use of prescribing three plays or three novels in one semester, that too difficult ones, in our enthusiasm and not finding time to finish all of them? We will not be doing justice to the play writers or novelists, and sometimes we will be forced to finish one play in one session of three hours! Choosing short and interesting original writings rather than voluminous ones will prevent us from teaching only the chapter/scene summaries. The possibility of introducing the writings of well known Arab writers (in English or translated into English), what may be called the Arab writing in English, can also be seriously explored for better reception and understanding. Good luck.

Yours fraternally,
Dr. M.N.K. Bose

Poetry Corner

The World



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Wonders are packed in the world
Owners are the PEOPLE of the world
But do we deserve these gifts?
For, the ways chosen by us mark blind fights.

Where has bled our 'One World'?
Did the precept, 'East is East and West is West' get it ruined?
Did the world wars and cold war reduce the world to ashes?
Did the post-colonial tricks of economics put the world in cold clutches?

Aren't we in a blind alley chasing phantoms damned?
Aren't we figuring out a new matrix of profit and loss, doomed?
Where has vanished our 'give and take' dreams?
Aren't we snared by the neo-master's notion of ruthless gains?

World bodies for the well-being of humanity are erected,
Alas! UNO, WEF, EU, SARC, ASEAN and the like are almost buried
For, only 'it is Master's Voice' rules the roost and loudly rings,
The fall of the World Trade Center ignited the Master to let loose the furies.

Black September, 11, 2001, changed the world, the world utterly
The lovely romantic world, is dead and gone, terribly.
In a trice, 'terrorism' wore new colours
The leaders of USA and the West 'who matter', hailed fresh crusades.

'In all fairness' Pentagon moved to Afghanistan and Taliban
In great fury Taliban regime got crushed, but Osama ran
Our neighbors, put on the garb of terrorist quellers
Rightfully, they did earn for this, in no time, 'Cudoos!'

The philosophy of 'the international police man'
Is built on 'convenience', democracy reels, amen!
USA has no qualms in hailing dictators.
India, the largest democracy is not among its 'chosen' beneficiaries,

For, USA is else minded, it has other aims.
Iraq's Saddam pricked their minds,
Declaration came pat to remove him and WMD,
A war, like a child's game, was played.

The Old Mesopotamian civilization got dismembered
Computer controlled war strategies 'triumphed'
Iraq wept, its people groaned, still Saddam fled.
Bush is 'rebuilding' Iraq, but is ambushed.

Fresh humanitarian ventures are in the anvil of 'the Great Leader'
Fight against famine and AIDS in Africa
SARS in Toronto, Hong Kong, Singapore and China.
DR Congo, Liberia, Nepal and Myanmar need a 'fighter'.

Fresh assaults are not ruled out,
Iran, North Korea and Syria can't be counted out.
Willing 'great leaders' and G-8 masterminds are not afraid to strike,
Unlucky men in diverse parts of the globe aching ask,
'Where is our cherished good old world,
The world of plenty and peace?'

WONDERWORD®

by DAVID OUELLET

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

CLUES

Align	Distribute	Magnetic	Protection	Spurt
Alternate	Drains	Mail	Purify	Squash
Automobile	Erode	Marker	Quiet	Storms
Beds	Exits	Monitor	Records	Stuck
Belts	Fans	Network	Reduce	Swell
Bins	Faucet	Noise	Rotate	Tank
Bowl	Fires	Odors	Safe	Tester
Brain	Frequencies	Optics	Salts	Tract
Burn	Gases	Osmosis	Scrap	Trickle
Burst	Germ	Oxygen	Screen	Under
Busted	Grease	Paper	Sheet	Users
Capacities	Grime	Parameters	Ships	Vacuum
Charcoal	Insulate	Particles	Sizes	Water
Coils	Join	Permeate	Sludge	Waves
Debris	Leaks	Pier	Smoke	Wipe
Decontaminate	Lens	Plants	Soaked	
Diffusion	Lids	Pond	Sound	
Dirty	Machine	Pools	Spent	

ANSWER NEXT WEEK

Last Week's Answer: Frequencies

FILTERS

Solution: 7 letters

Y	E	C	A	P	A	C	I	T	I	E	S	P	P	E	S	I	O	N	S
E	T	P	A	R	A	M	E	T	E	R	S	A	F	E	M	P	O	N	D
P	A	R	N	R	D	R	A	I	N	S	R	P	R	D	R	P	E	N	I
I	L	R	I	T	E	S	T	E	R	C	P	E	I	O	O	E	U	N	L
W	U	A	L	D	K	D	H	I	S	S	E	R	E	O	T	O	D	R	T
B	S	S	N	A	A	R	U	E	C	A	R	N	L	O	S	I	E	N	S
S	N	R	E	T	O	E	F	C	E	L	M	S	I	B	P	T	N	M	U
E	I	L	O	W	S	C	D	A	E	T	E	M	B	O	A	T	O	O	D
S	G	S	A	D	P	O	R	E	U	S	A	S	O	W	J	K	I	E	M
A	R	V	E	D	O	R	E	A	C	C	T	T	M	L	E	O	T	C	S
G	E	R	M	I	T	D	S	E	H	O	E	C	O	I	L	S	C	W	S
S	A	T	U	R	C	S	K	I	T	C	N	T	T	R	U	S	E	R	S
K	S	T	U	R	C	K	N	E	E	A	S	T	U	B	E	L	T	S	S
R	E	P	C	B	A	E	E	P	I	R	N	T	A	B	L	K	O	I	I
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W	C	L	V	L	M	R	S	B	Q	L	F	A	E	S	I	B	P	A	O
T	R	U	S	I	I	T	T	U	S	E	I	C	I	T	E	N	G	A	M
E	E	D	R	F	I	G	A	S	N	N	R	T	P	D	L	Z	A	A	S
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Pollock makes history as England take honors

By TONY LAWRENCE

LONDON (Reuters) - Shaun Pollock claimed the history but England took the honours after the second day of the fifth and final test.

Pollock began Friday with 66 well-struck runs and ended it as the second South African to take 300 test wickets as England, having dismissed their opponents for 484 in their first innings, closed on 165 for two.

Marcus Trescothick was 64 not out, having batted just over three hours, while Graham Thorpe, recalled after a year in test exile, was on 28, the left-handed pair combining in an unbroken stand of 87.

The 30-year-old Pollock reached his milestone by inducing England captain Michael Vaughan to overstretch for a ball on off-stump and edge to third slip, where Herschelle Gibbs pounced the chance.

Vaughan, wretchedly out of form since scoring 156 in the first test — he has now made 149 in his next eight knocks — had promised more with a series of flashing cover drives off Makhaya Ntini, before departing for 23.

"It was nice to get Vaughan for the 300th, I think of him as England's best batsman" Pollock said.

The 19th man to take 300 wickets in test history, he joined compatriot



South African batsman Makhaya Ntini avoids a bouncer off the bowling of Stephen Harmison during the fifth test at The Oval in London on Friday. South Africa lead the series 2-1. REUTERS/Hugo Philpott

Allan Donald (330 wickets) on the list, his wickets costing just over 20 each. No bowler on that list ended their career with a better average.

"I would like to thank Allan," Pollock added. "Maybe batsmen played a few more shots against me when he was operating from the other end."

South Africa remained well placed, despite failing to capitalise on their dominance of the opening day.

Series triumph

Needing only a draw to win their first series in England since 1965, they had resumed on 362 for four with a total of around 600 runs in mind.

One key moment in the morning session, however, killed off that ambition as the last seven wickets fell for 122.

Jacques Kallis, on 66, was trying to relaunch the innings after the early morning departures of Jacques Rudolph and Mark Boucher when, backing up, he was run out at the non-striker's end.

A return drive from Pollock brushed bowler Ashley Giles's fingertips before cannoning into the stumps, the third umpire confirming the decision.

"The luck didn't really run for us," Pollock said. "Jacques looked really set for a good score, but 484 is still a decent first-innings total and we have the runs on the board. I think we are still just on top."

Earlier seamer Martin Bicknell, shaping the ball from right to left, had trapped the off-colour Rudolph lbw for a four-ball duck as the left-hander played across the line to a ball which straightened.

The seamer then had Boucher caught behind for eight to make it 385 for six. Television replays suggested Boucher had brushed his pad with his bat rather than snicking the ball, but that strike gave Bicknell two

victims for six runs in 23 deliveries.

The departure of Kallis was quickly followed by Andrew Hall, trapped lbw for a single by Andrew Flintoff, before Paul Adams was the third man to be run out, chancing a second on Mark Butcher's throw from long off.

Pollock, however, protected Makhaya Ntini from the strike as they put on 52 before the number 11 lost his middle stump to James Anderson. "Those runs will have frustrated England," Pollock concluded.

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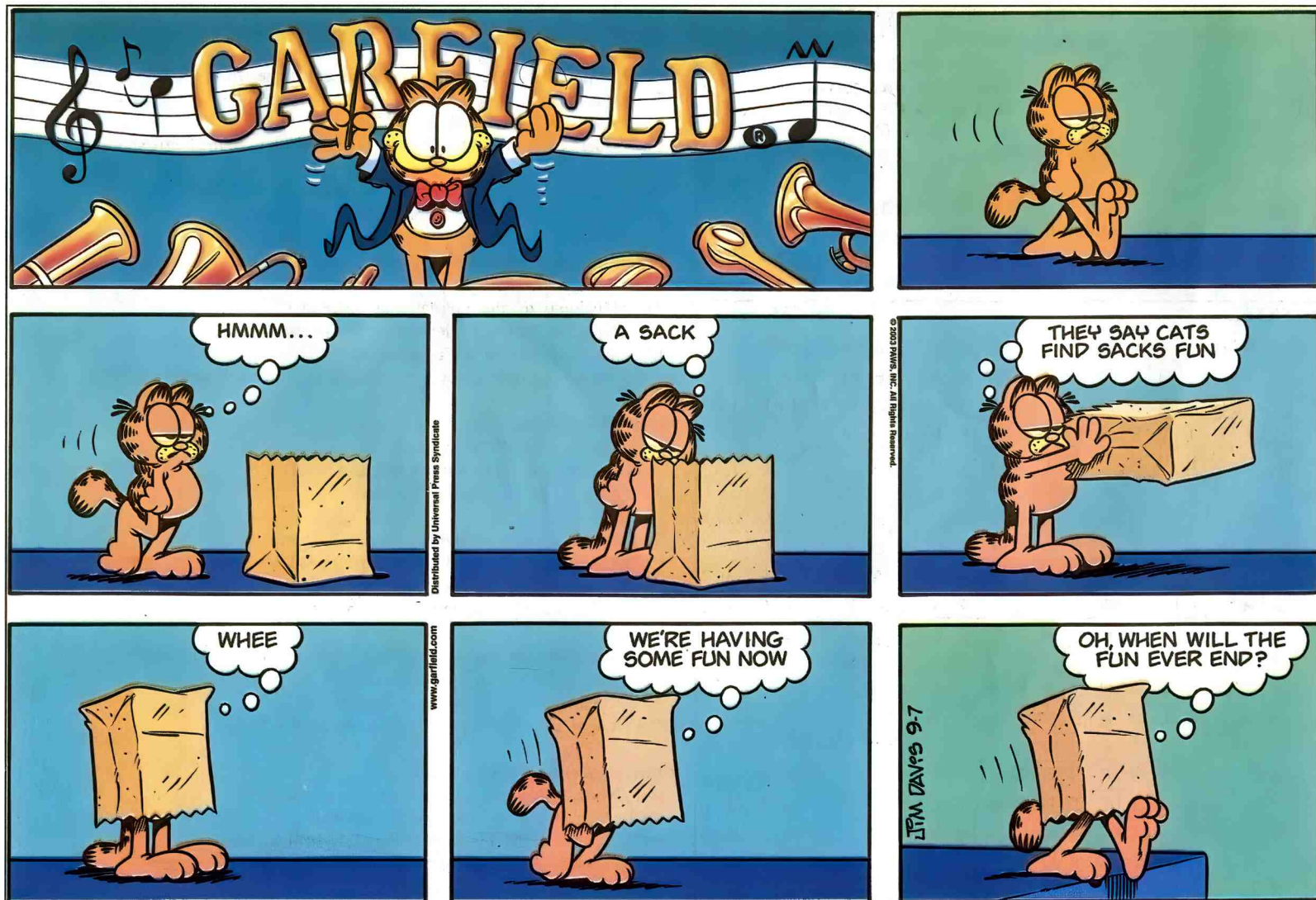
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BY Eugenia

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19)
Be a contributor today. You will make contacts that will assist you in the future. Your imagination will inspire you to try something new today.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20)
Guard against saying something you will regret. You won't win if you see only one side of a situation. Gather the facts first.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)
You are in a great place today. You have experienced many setbacks in the past, but what you learned will help you make the right choices today. Romance is prevalent.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)
You may be feeling emotionally upset because of money matters. You may have to consider consolidating your debts. A much better budget will have to be structured.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 22)
Chances are that your mind will be on love, not on what you should be doing. Social or sports events will promote romantic attractions or bring you closer together with a special someone.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)
Push your ideas and you'll be sure to get some positive response. If you are quick to take action, money can be made. Don't let someone who is negative dampen your mood.

Libra (Sept 23 - Oct 22)
You will be able to follow through with your plans today. Don't procrastinate or let others interfere with your plans.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
Be aware that you are not being given the whole scoop when it comes to what's going on in your personal life. Ask questions and don't let anyone put demands on you.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
Partnerships will form if you give someone a chance to explain his or her intentions. Don't be too quick to overreact to a very good deal.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
You will have some wonderful plans that you must put into play. Put your energy into professional gains and you will prosper.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)
Don't fly off the handle or say something you'll regret. Communication will be the key to sorting through difficult situations.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)
Someone may be keeping information from you. Use your intuition and act on your instincts.

Four missing, power out after fabian whips bermuda

HAMILTON, Bermuda (Reuters) - Four people were missing, power was out in 25,000 homes and many roads were impassible in Bermuda on Saturday as the mid-Atlantic British colony began mopping up after Hurricane Fabian's fierce assault.

Fabian, the most powerful storm to hit Bermuda in 50 years, swept over on Friday, lashing the island with winds of up to 120 mph, felling trees and power lines and causing flooding in some areas.

Bermuda Premier Alex Scott said four people, including two police officers, were missing after two cars plunged into turbulent seas off the Causeway, a highway that links to the main island to the airport, on Friday afternoon.

There was no word yet of other injuries on the off-shore financial center and tourist playground of 62,000 residents. But Police Commissioner Jonathan Smith urged people to check their neighbors were all right on Saturday.

Members of the island's part-time army, the Bermuda Regiment, began unblocking roads strewn with trees on the 22-square-mile island.

"There's a substantial amount of road clearing to do," Smith said.

Officials did not yet have any details of damage to building and homes, although government spokesman John Burchall said several parts of the wall on Causeway had collapsed and that road was closed.

Burchall said some people were using the five emergency shelters set up across the island.

The roofs of the island's four police stations suffered damage in the storm. But widespread severe damage to property was unlikely as most buildings on the island are made of concrete and Bermuda also has building codes to ensure new structures can withstand storms.

"There has been considerable blockages of roads and Works and Engineering (government workers) and the Bermuda regiment are attempting to clear them," Burchall



A man observes a small yacht that washed ashore in the wake of Hurricane Fabian near Hamilton, on the island of Bermuda, September 6. Huge waves gouged Bermuda's coast and 120 mph winds tore at power lines, roofs and palm trees as Hurricane Fabian blasted the mid-Atlantic British colony on Sept. 5. Reuters

said.

"We've experienced a considerable beating when the storm was at its highest. We are coping and attempting to come to terms with the extent of the damage but it would be premature to assess the extent."

Officials urged people to clear roads near their homes but not to venture near possible fallen live power lines.

Fabian hit Bermuda, which lies about 560 miles east of South Carolina, as a Category 3 storm on the five-point Saffir-Simpson scale of hurricane intensity.

The most powerful storm of this Atlantic hurricane season, it was also the most powerful storm to hit Bermuda since Hurricane Edna hit in September 1953 with 120 mph winds.

Premier Scott said he would be touring the island later in the morning, and despite the grim situation, added, "I am so very glad I am a Bermudian because I know what is going to happen next. We are going to come

together like we always do."

The island, which draws tourists because of its mild climate, golf and beaches, is also an important offshore insurance center and home to registered offices of some 12,500 international companies.

By Saturday morning, Fabian had moved well away and was clipping along in the open Atlantic heading northeast, forecasters in Miami said.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center said that at 5 a.m. EDT the storm's center was located near latitude 35.6 north, longitude 63.3 west or about 245 miles north-northeast of Bermuda.

Fabian, still carrying maximum winds of near 115 mph, was moving toward the northeast at around 21 mph and was expected to continue in this direction for the day.

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(Sept. 12th 2003, 4.30 P.M. Onwards)

Ladies and Gentlemen,
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We cordially invite you on the auspicious occasion and make the event a grand success.
(Entry will be restricted by pass)

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Unemployment, a threat to security and social peace



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The unemployment problem in Yemen could be the largest of economic problems. Most graduates and students about to graduate, live in fear of unemployment. All this has been aggravated with the increasing birth rate that is the highest in the world.

Specialized researches and academic studies have analyzed the reasons behind this high rate, among which is that graduates' skills do not meet development demands. Another factor is the unavailability of important discipline where available seats are quite limited in number, forcing many of the young to drop out of college and seek better life opportunities for income.

Statistics indicate that 250 thousand students are now studying in public and private universities. All those are with less future prospects and with almost 100% certainty that they would join the segment of the unemployed.

Observers see that unemployment threatens more than 4 million students. The Yemeni labour market yearly receives more than fifty-thousand university graduates, 85% of them carry qualifications that are not demanded in the market. The government, represented by the ministry of higher education, vocational training, and education focused on establishing technical, vocational institutes and also colleges. But the financial resources stand against fulfilling these ambitious projects.

Academics see that the government never started seriously providing strategic solutions for this social problem that keeps on growing every year. Those academics see that the media fuss on the issue is far from reality of the present that produces every day more surplus workforce. Some see that security deterioration the country has been witnessing during the recent years, such as kidnapping of foreigners and bombings and such acts of violence, are performed by a number of unemployed youth suffering from this problem and that most of the individuals that commit crimes are those who dropped out of education institutes to search for work but in vain. All these problems lead to frustration that influences their behavior negatively and lead them to skew, and commit harmful acts of crime.

Among the immediate solutions of the government is to work on discharging a great portion of the foreign



Unemployed, depressed, melancholy expressions on their faces, yielding condition suitable for crime and insecurity to thrive

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