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**Yemen's Foreign Minister speaks on the occasion of the 58th anniversary of the United Nations:**

## USA's domination threatens UN's existence - Qirbi

Sana'a, Oct. 26 - Yemen's Foreign Minister Dr. Abu Bakr Al-Qirbi said on Saturday that developing nations needed not to be marginalized. In his speech, delivered during a celebration ceremony on the occasion of the 58th anniversary of the UN founding in Sana'a, Dr. Al-Qirbi also implicitly accused the United States for monopolizing world power and hence causing a lot of damage to the United Nations' role in solving conflicts and crises peacefully. "Change should be made to the United Nations structure... based on international law and regulations and not on the logic of imposing and control..." he said.

"The control and authority of a sole super-power and its domination in making international decisions in various aspects without considering the UN Charter or international law will limit the role of the UN and threaten its very existence and obliges the international community to stand seriously to face those challenges"

### Change in UN demanded

Dr. Al-Qirbi added that Yemen was supporting initiatives to overhaul and enhance the UN structure to conform to changing times so as to protect the developing and vulnerable countries. "We also look forward to the reviewing of the current Security Council formation and expand it to more accurately reflect the facts and changes that have taken place in the world recently and in accordance with ambitions of UN members."

### Injustice causes instability

Al-Qirbi has confirmed that what the world is suffering from today in various



Dr. Al-Qirbi

regions, including instability and violence, is due to the domination of the rich over the poor and the fact that rich countries are taking advantage of the resources and wealth of poor countries for their own benefit. "The conflicts we see in many countries are due to the lack of justice, freedom, and just distribution of wealth, along with the massive debts on poor countries, which prevent third world countries from development and progress."

### Yemen and the UN

Dr. Al-Qirbi stressed on Yemen-UN relations and the role the UN had in Yemen's development throughout the last four

decades. He said that the celebrations held on this occasion "marks Yemen's appreciation for the UN's role while in Yemen and for the massive missions that it carried out and made it gain respect and attention."

"We cannot forget the role the UN played in Yemen and its fingerprints that were reflected on various development fields and on our democratic practice plus its assistance to Yemen during times of disasters and crises. This organization and its specialized agencies have accomplished many projects for Yemen, specifically in helping fix and improve the basic infrastructure and support the economic, administrative, and financial reforms plus its role in fighting poverty. The UN also encourages donor countries and organizations concerned to provide needed assistance and support for our country in an effort to overcome the vital problems that Yemen faces."

### UNDP pledges support for Yemen

Furthermore, Mr. James Rawley, the Resident Representative of the United Nations renewed the United Nations' commitment to supporting Yemen, based on the UN charter and expressed his desire to work more closely with Yemen in total partnership to speed up the developmental process of Yemen to meet the goals for the new millennium.

Mr. James stressed that new ideas and steps needed to be taken in order to adapt with the changing environment and to move in the pace required to develop along other nations.

"Let us conclude by saying that we are now able to make change," he said.

## New prospects of releasing 150 detainees

Sanaa, October 26 - One hundred and fifty detainees suspected of links to Al-Qaeda are close to being released, said Judge Hamoud Al-Hitar, member of Yemen's Supreme Court on Thursday. The event is expected to take place in celebration of the holy month of Ramadan based on orders from President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

Al-Hitar is the head of the committee responsible for speaking to the detainees and trying to convince them to leave their extremist views and accept Islam as a religion of tolerance. "The 150 men are those who have already declared their repentance

and their rejection of all forms of violence and extremism, and they have not been involved in punishable acts," Al-Hitar said.

Al-Hitar added that five religious scholars are still holding talks with a group of eighteen extremists in an effort to have them abandon their radical views and become moderate Muslims.

Breakthroughs and successful attempts have been reported in convincing some of the prisoners to leave behind their old views and start a new life and have expressed willingness to join the mainstream and be active citizens in the community.

Furthermore, Al-Hitar confirmed that some 40 detainees are expected to be tried. The trial is expected to start next year. Those detainees are mostly accused of committing terrorist acts including the bombings of the American USS Cole in October 2000 and attacking the French tanker Limburg in October 2002.

## Syria says may strike Golan if Israel attacks again

LONDON, Oct 25 (Reuters) - Syria will strike back if Israel attacks again, and could hit Israeli settlements in the Golan Heights, Foreign Minister Farouq al-Shara said in a British Sunday newspaper interview.

Syria did not retaliate after Israel raided what it called a "terrorist camp" near Damascus earlier this month, its first strike on Syria in three decades.

"But if we are attacked again the people will not stand for it, and we will have to carry out the will of the people," Shara told the Sunday Telegraph.

"We have many cards that have not been played. Don't forget there are many Israeli settlements in the Golan."

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## Internews runs first media workshop in Yemen

By MOHAMMED AL-QADHI  
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Sanaa, Oct 26 - Organized by the Internews Arabic Network in cooperation with Yemen News Agency Saba, a 3-day training workshop wound up last Friday. Around 37 participants from Yemen, Oman and Bahrain took part in the event entitled "Journalism Ethics and International Protection Provisions". The trainers journalist Majdi Helmi, and law experts Mahmoud Kendeel and Mohammed al-Ghamri were all from Egypt. The participants were shown the code of ethics of journalism in some countries and how they can go for international protection in case their rights of free reporting were violated.

Mr. Karim al-Rawi, Internews Director for Middle East and North Africa told the Yemen Times that the idea of running this workshop which is the fifth for Internews in the Arab countries was a result of an invitation of Saba News. He said that the Internews Arabic Network which is a branch of Internews International was set up this year 2003. Internews has offices in 18 countries and is operating in over 40 countries; its branches work independently.

"Our purpose is to empower the independent media in these countries in which we work. We would like to see strong, healthy, responsible media supporting civil society and human rights," Alrawi said. He pointed out that the most common of their activities was the training of media professionals, journalists,

and business managers, etc.

We also have an important and very strong internet policy section that works with governments so as to help develop internet policy that keeps the internet open for the free flow of information.

"We strongly believe that economic and social development is tied to the free flow of information," he said.

Internews also runs other activities like training of lawyers and media advocates so that they can advocate and defend journalists using international provisions and agreements as well as local laws. Mr. Al-Rawi said that they also work as consultants to governments to help them develop media laws that allow responsible but independent media to function freely.

Internews also works with independent radio and television producers to help them find ways of becoming economically viable so that they can run politically independent.

Internews International is an independent NGO, generating funds from different sources which are mainly private. It also receives funds from the European Union and the US government.



Mr. Karim al-Rawi

## 2004 financial year budget confirmed

By YASSER AL-MAYASI  
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Sanaa, Oct 26 - The Yemeni council of ministers ratified last Wednesday the general 2004 budget for the state and independent projects and private funds. The expenses were estimated at around seven hundred and forty four billions and six hundred and two million Yemeni Riyals (YR 744,602,000). This signals an increase of 11.4% from last year's budget. The general revenues were estimated to be six hundred and eighty one billion and one hundred and fifty two million Yemeni Riyals (681,152,00 YR) yielding an increase of 12.7% from that of last year.

The deficit therefore, is calculated to be sixty three billion and four hundred fifty million five hundred and seventy one thousand Yemeni Riyals (63,450,571 YR) composing 3% of the total national production.

It is worth noting that annual budgets are usually overwhelmed by new expenses that result from ill estimates or outdated information and sometimes unexpected incidents. Hence, it is expected that the deficit may exceed the estimated amount significantly.

## Agreement at Aden Free Zone brought to end

By RIDHWAN AL-SAQQAF  
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Aden, Oct. 25- An agreement between the republic of Yemen and the Yeminvest company was amicably brought to an end on October 24 in the field of the right of concession at the Aden free zone.

According to the agreement, all moral as well as material rights including the projects' assets are for the benefit of the government of Yemen. This will pave the way for Yemen to enlarge its horizons for developmental agreements for the industrial zones. It will also provide large-scale work opportunities along with agreements to operate the container terminal.

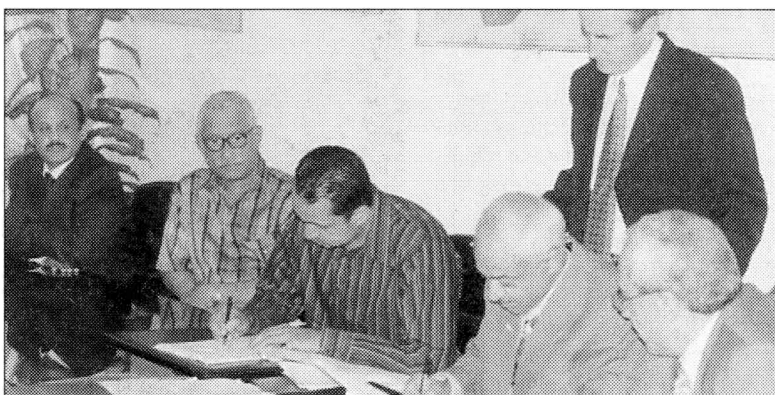
Yemen has started receiving various offers from international companies specialized in this field.

The increasing demand to run and operate at Aden Free Zone has come in the light of the expectations of some of the Yemeni experts on that the zone is featured by strategic location in both the Middle East and the world. It is fully equipped with highly sophisticated industrial equipment.

The agreement was signed by Mr. Derhem Noaman, the Vice Chairman of the General Authority for Free Zones and Mr. Sultan Bin Khaled Bin Mahfoudh, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Yeminvest Company.

The Signing ceremony was attended by M. Khaled Ahmed al-Wazeer, a member of the Shoura Council, Mr. Ahmed Ahmed Ghaleb, the finance ministry deputy, and a host of others.

An agreement was signed in 1996 with Yeminvest Company.



During signing ceremony

## Shura Council forms a committee on manpower issues

Sanaa, Oct 26 - The Shura Council has formed a committee consisting of committees from the Ministries of Social Affairs and Labor, Civil Services, Insurance and of relevant committees in order to discuss issues of manpower in the country.

The council recommended that the committee brings forward a solution

with clear vision and practical procedures which would help expand the production industries requiring significant manpower such as agriculture and tourism as well as versifying production in all aspects.

The council also called to setting a national strategy in cooperation with all the concerned authorities whether

governmental or non-governmental. The council also called for encouraging the private sector, businessmen and banks to participate in funding the small loans projects in order to provide jobs and new means of income for millions of unemployed youths in the country.

## WTO runs test for Yemen

By MOHAMMED BIN SALLAM  
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Sana'a, Oct. 25- Efforts have currently been underway by the republic of Yemen to answer about 167 questions made by the World Trade Organization. WTO for Yemen's access to become a WTO member, media sources said last week.

Answers to those questions will center around different economical and trade

policies.

Al-Mithaq weekly newspaper, the GPC ruling party mouthpiece said in its issue published last week that comprehensive studies had been conducted by the industry and trade ministry aimed basically at getting acquainted with capabilities of different economic sectors such as, industry, agriculture, and other services.

Those questions will enable Yemen to

determine its needs during negotiations made with the WTO.

In this context, the concerned ministry has been exerting efforts to amend legislation to be fit for that of the WTO legislation. "Yemen will demand holding the first special teamwork meeting with the aim of following the bilateral negotiations where some countries have an interest at the Yemeni market," the paper said.

## Fasting, triumph over one's self

By M. NOAMAN AL-HAKIMI  
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Taiz, Oct. 25- Held by the Al-Saeed Foundation for Sciences & Culture, a worthwhile religious lecture was given by a prominent Islamic cleric, Shiekh. Mohammed Bin Yahya Abdulmuati al-Junaid on October 23.

Shiekh al-Junaid shed a light on the great significance of fasting, (Soum) and its active role in standing victorious against one's selves. "Attaining piety is the ultimate and utmost aim behind fasting of Ramadhan," Shiekh

al-Junaid said.

"Hearts are bleeding for what has been befallen on this nation. Today, we gather together for addressing ourselves as Arabs, *"O you who believe (in the oneness of Allah-Islamic Monotheism)!"* with the aim of purging our selves and attaining the celestial piety and then the acceptance of His supplication which might rescue us from this condition" the Shiekh further noted.

At the end of the lecture, a number of fasting-related inquiries were made by large attendees.



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## Polish ambassador meets media representatives

Sanaa, Oct 26 - A dinner party was hosted by the Polish Ambassador, Mr. Tadeusz Strojwas in the honor of major Yemeni representatives of both the local and official media on October 21.

During the meeting, a number of issues concerning bilateral relations between Yemen and Poland were discussed along with means to help promote those relations further. It is worthwhile mentioning that the Polish Ambassador to Yemen presented his credentials to the President of the Republic early this month. Mr. Strojwas worked for the United Nation delegation in Aden in the past.

## League to Defend Journalists elects new director

Sanaa, Oct 26 - The Sanaa-based League to Defend Journalists elected last week Mr. Mohamed Sadiq Al-Odaini as its new director. The league, which consists of senior editors and journalists representing a number of newspapers, was formed as a result of an initiative of those journalists to start a project that is expected, according to their founders, to grow and become Yemen's largest journalist organization that is totally independent and does not have any commitment to the state or any political party.

Asked whether it was endorsed by the Ministry of Culture of Information, Mr. Al-Odaini told Yemen Times that the league is an independent body that needs no permission or license to operate because it is a mere effort to organize journalists' moves and bring joint stances in protection of editors and writers throughout the country.

"The league, which includes editors of Al-Wahdawi, Al-Sahwa, Al-Tajammu, Al-Umma, Sawt Al-Shura, plus correspondents of Arab and for-

eign news providers, was established as an attempt to bring about an organization that would promote professional journalism and implant values of honest and accurate reporting and respect to journalists and their rights to report the facts to the public transparently and without being subject to any pressure or prosecution."

Mr. Mohamed Sadiq is a writer and activist among many journalists, who were harassed, detained, and subjected to assassination attempts in the past.

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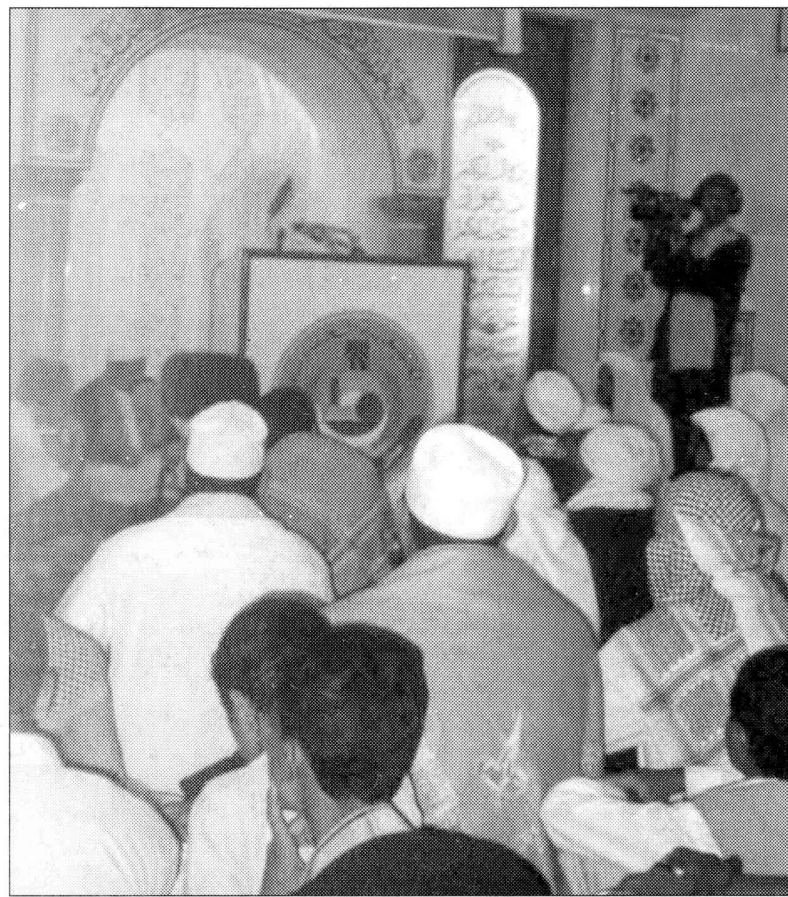


# Hayel Society graduates new batch of students

Taiz, Oct 25 – Last Thursday, the Hayel Saeed Anaam Society for teaching Quran has graduated its 11<sup>th</sup> batch of students who learned the Quran by heart. The graduates are among 3,500 students studying at the society's schools in Taiz and Aden, and who are taught by 170 teachers. So far, the graduates of those schools reached 229, and who all know the Quran by heart. The qualifying courses held so far reached 41 courses for 1,288 students.

During the graduation ceremony, which included readings of the Quran of various graduates, Mr. Abduljabbar Hayel Saeed, said in his speech, "I hail the society for its role in qualifying teachers through 42 courses and allowing 1,288 students to benefit greatly."

He mentioned the society's role in



combating illiteracy besides its role in teaching Quran. "Those mothers who benefited from the illiteracy classes have reached 736" he said. He also added that almost half of those mothers have learnt the Quran by heart and probably the first batch of them will graduate soon.

It is worth noting that the society had in the past participated through its graduates in several international competitions in Quran and have demonstrated great abilities as many of them have gained awards in competitions held in Cairo Dubai, Malaysia, apart from winning the major prizes in the competition of the President of the Republic for the youth and the national TV's Ramadan Quran competition.

The first batch ever to graduate from the society graduated in the academic year 1989/90 while the founder, late Hayel Saeed Anaam was still alive, and he even made sure he witnesses the graduation ceremony.

Ever since then, the society continued to grow to the level it reached today.

## Kuwaiti Cleric released

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Sana'a, 26 Oct. – Yemeni authorities released last Friday a Kuwaiti cleric who was suspected for having links to al-Qaeda.

Jaber al-Jalahimah was detained at Sana'a International Airport for 24 hours while leaving Yemen as his name was suspected by the security authority, a Yemeni official said. He added that al-Jalahima was set free and his passport was returned to him and that he could stay or leave Yemen. A diplomat at the Kuwaiti embassy in Sana'a confirmed the release of al-Jalahimah, denying information about the reason of his arrest.

The Counter Terrorism Police arrested al-Jalahimah after he was on board a Qatar Airways flight and already granted exit visa. He was reported to be an extremist cleric and was already detained by police in Kuwait several times in the past.

## Turkish embassy celebrates Turkish Republic Day

Sanaa, Oct 25 - The Turkish embassy held a reception at the embassy premises on the occasion of celebrating Turkey's 22nd Republic Day anniversary last Wednesday.

Several diplomats of various embassies and representatives of national and international organizations attended the celebration, which marked the 80th anniversary since the formation of the Republic of Turkey. A rich session on the long lasting relations between Turkey and Yemen and the historical background

as well as predicting and giving visions of a better future for the bilateral relations between the two countries were held.

On October 29 1923, the Republic was proclaimed and Mustafa Kemal Pasha was unanimously elected President of the Republic. This took place months after the national government signed the Lausanne Treaty with Great Britain, France, Greece, Italy and others. In mid-October, Ankara became the capital of the new Turkish State.

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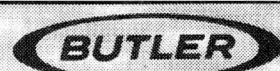
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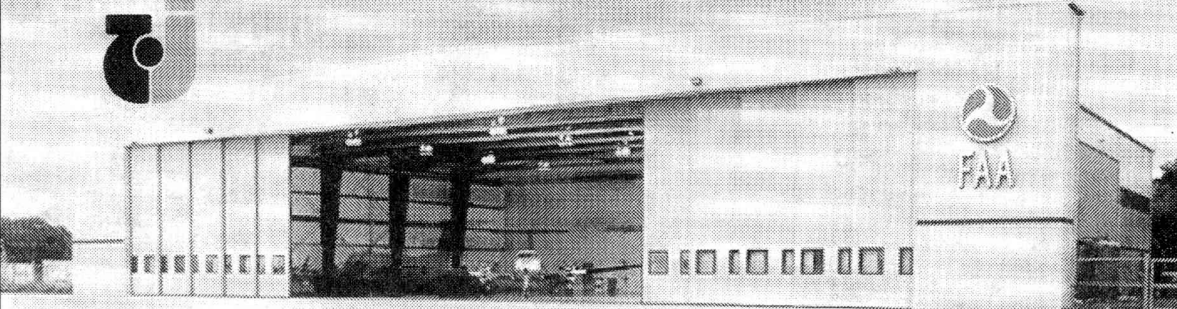
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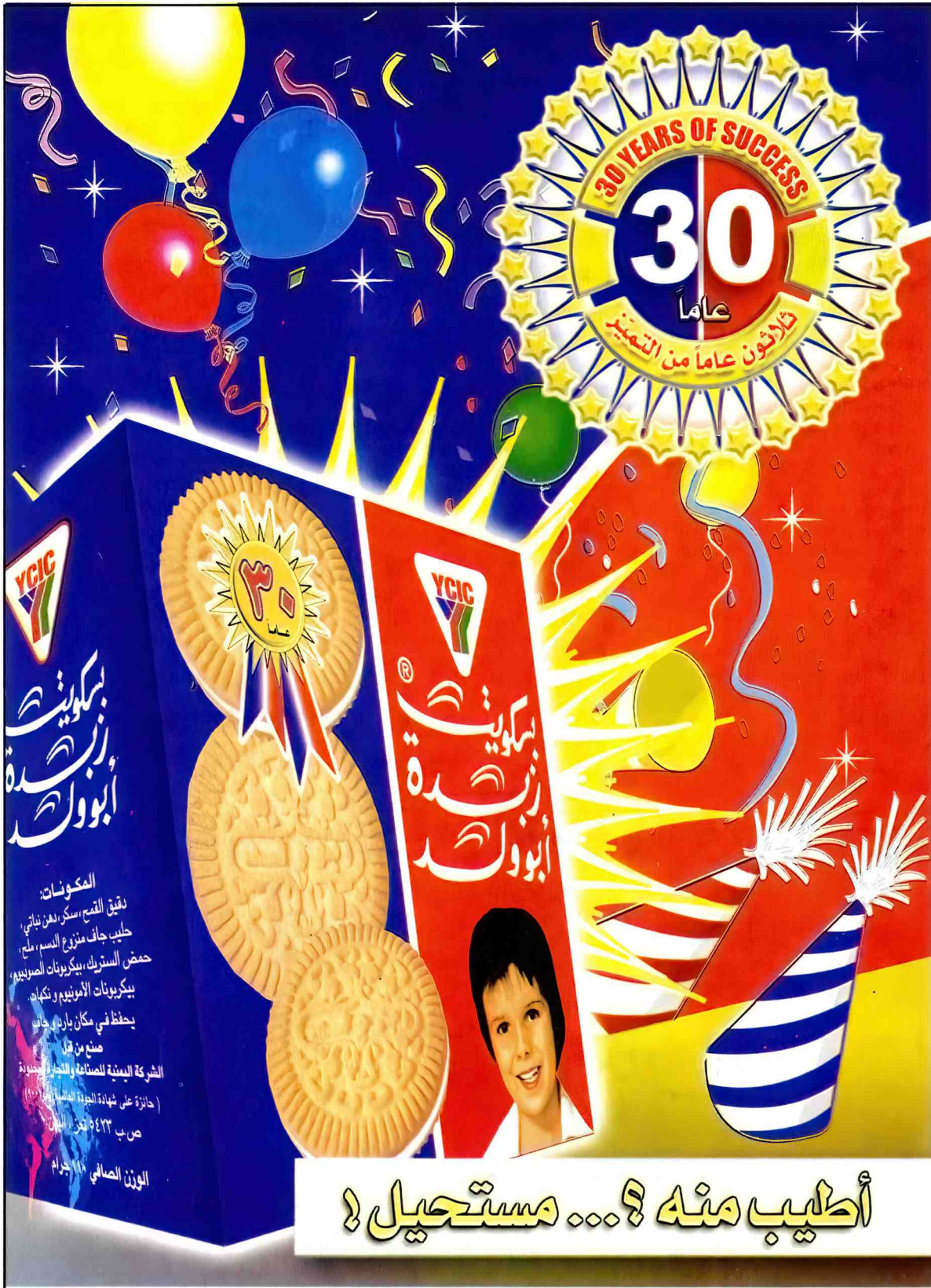
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# Dreams + Teams: education through sport

By FAHMIA AL-FOTIH  
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

**T**wenty young girls and boys from Yemen Modern School who belong to Dreams + Teams managed on Thursday 16 October to organize a wonderful festival that took place at Kentucky Park.

Ms Frances Guy, the British ambassador to Yemen attended the festival in which she said "I am very happy to see these young girls and boys acting a very good leadership role and showing the younger people in school what can be achieved with encouragement. The most important thing is that they enjoy it. The other thing that they genuinely and individually seem that they have achieved the experience of understanding they can play some kind of leadership role and that hopefully will give confidence for future."

She said further "In fact we as administration and teachers are just audience and everything is prepared by the students themselves. In cooperating with British Council, these students have been trained by our teachers how to be successful leaders. Today we see the fruitful results in reality. This is the first time for effective participation performed by the students themselves. I am very happy as I have not expected the skills that the students have shown and I feel that our kids are capable scientifically, logically and successful to lead."

Khadija al-Sarhi, British council marketing manger, said "Dreams + Teams is an international program aimed at developing Young Leaders through sport. We run training courses for Local Tutors, who then train young people to act as Young Leaders and organize sport festivals in their community. By running sports events for



Ms. Amatalkareem Abdulkader, Yemen Modern School, commented on the event "Actually, this program is considered a gathering for students in which they were trained how to be leaders and how to run such activity themselves without any supervision and introducing a big sport festival within which they are divided into groups each one has responsibility and duty."

hundreds of local young people these Young Leaders are challenged to demonstrate leadership, be active citizens in their community and value and promote cross-cultural understanding."

She added "British Council has adopted this project and program in 20 countries over the world. Yemen is considered one of main participants in the Middle East. So all the participants have recognized 17th of October to be

the sport day and now all of them celebrate this day."

#### Teachers/trainers

Also the teacher/ trainer comment on the event. Mr. Ammar al-Twaili, said, "First, we thank Yemen Times for attending this successful program under a title "Dreams +Teams". "Dreams + Teams" is a non-governmental and international organization seeking to develop youth skills and discover their talents. This program also attempts to engage all youths in regardless of their abilities including the handicapped"

Adel al-Azani "In the beginning this program was just an idea till we went

to Egypt and had a training course where we trained students there and came back to train students here in Yemen. The Yemeni students have shown that they are really talented. The festivals are successful in all measures."

Kahlid al-Fashosh, another teacher, "Today my tongue is unable to describe my happiness of seeing my trainees performing a successful work. I thank everybody who has participated in scudding to the success of this festival"

Dreams + Teams group  
Khadeer Saif al-Harithi, one of the

team, said, "I feel very happy and excited."

Ebtehaage al-Shareef, another member, said, "I am in the executive group. Today we are going to train the children and implement what we have been taught. I hope that our festivals to be successful one."

Amani Mohammed Abdualgahani, "We did not expect that the festival would be like this. We really worked hard but to see today the festival successful and teacher appreciation, we feel very excited. The officials who visited us exalted our efforts and encouraged us to do better."

Reem Maher, "It is a program about teaching students in our age how to be leaders of kids now and to be leaders in the future. I have learnt how to be a leader that does not mean to be tough but on the contrary she/he has to be gentle and friendly."

Adnan al-Qasos, First, "Dreams +Teams" is an educational and sport organization to improve children skills and talents. We have been trained in British Council for three days under a title "leadership". We have also an evaluating session of this festival and hope to take part in international festivals."

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# Black Hawk downed in Iraq

TIKRIT, Iraq, Oct 25 (Reuters) - Iraqi guerrillas fired rocket-propelled grenades at a U.S. Black Hawk helicopter which came down near Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit on Saturday, wounding one American soldier.

Initial reports had said five soldiers were wounded.

As the aircraft blazed on the ground within sight of a major U.S. base, soldiers told a Reuters photographer at the scene that a rocket-propelled grenade (RPG) hit it in the air. But a U.S. military spokeswoman in Baghdad said it was unclear what brought it down, only that RPGs were fired on the wreck.

"After the aircraft was on the ground, it was attacked with RPGs," she said, saying it was "presently not known" what brought the Black Hawk down.

She said only one soldier was wounded among the crew of five who were rescued by a second helicopter from green, low-lying farmland about three km (two miles) east of the U.S. military base.

Reuters photographer Damir Sagolj heard a loud bang before the helicopter fell from the sky.

Rocket attacks are a daily fact of life for the U.S. forces on the ground. But there has been only one report of hostile fire bring-



A U.S. military Black Hawk helicopter burns after crashing as another one flies away carrying injured in Tikrit, 175 km (110 miles) north of Baghdad, Oct. 25. The helicopter went down near a U.S. base in Tikrit after a loud boom was heard, a Reuters photographer reported. At least one soldier was wounded, he said. No other details were immediately available. REUTERS

ing down aircraft since major combat was declared over on May 1, despite American fears about the availability of shoulder-launched anti-aircraft missiles in Iraq.

U.S. Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz, one of the architects of Washington's campaign against Saddam, had left the Tikrit base by helicopter for Kirkuk in the north just hours earlier, after visiting troops engaged in one of the main hotspots of Iraqi resistance to the occupation forces.

Visiting Iraq for the second time in three months, Wolfowitz stressed the importance of speeding up the formation of a new Iraqi army, police force, border guard and civil defence corps.

He also questioned why the Iraqi civil defence corps is projected to have 22,000 personnel instead of 100,000.

Tikrit is around 175 km (110 miles) north of Baghdad, near the apex of the "Sunni Triangle" north and west of the capital where many of Saddam's fellow Sunni Muslims, fearful of power going to the Shi'ite majority, have opposed U.S. occupiers.

The Black Hawk is the U.S. Army's front-line utility helicopter, designed to carry 11 combat-ready assault troops and is also used for medical evacuations.

# U.S., Britain warn of imminent threats in Saudi

RIYADH, Oct 25 (Reuters) - The U.S. embassy in Saudi Arabia warned on Saturday that "terrorist" groups in the kingdom may strike during the coming Muslim holy month of Ramadan after Britain said attacks may be in the "final stages" of planning.

Saudi officials vowed to thwart any "terror" plots in the oil-rich kingdom, birthplace of al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden.

The fasting month of Ramadan is expected to start on Sunday, depending on the sighting of the new moon.

A U.S. diplomatic advisory issued in the Saudi capital Riyadh said: "The embassy continues to receive information that terrorist groups within the kingdom are still active and planning future operations."

"It is the embassy's assessment that terrorist groups may place special operational significance on the

upcoming month of Ramadan and American citizens are therefore urged to be particularly vigilant during this time."

Saudi authorities have intensified a crackdown on Muslim militants since suspected al Qaeda suicide bombers hit expatriate housing compounds in Riyadh in May, killing 35 people including nine Americans.

It has arrested nearly 600 people since then.

"Saudi security forces are working hard to foil any terrorist organisation and have uncovered several cells in past weeks and thwarted all their plans to destabilise security," said a Saudi official without identifying the possible targets.

He told Reuters that local security forces would continue "intense" efforts to maintain security.

British, Australian warnings

The official was responding to earlier warnings by Britain and Australia that attacks against Westerners may be imminent and after London on Friday sharply strengthened its warning to citizen to avoid Saudi Arabia.

"We believe that terrorists may be in the final phases of planning attacks," the British Foreign Office said.

Australia, which allied itself with the United States and Britain in the Iraq war and has strongly identified with the U.S. campaign against violent Muslim groups like al Qaeda, had issued a similar warning on Thursday.

The U.S. mission had on October 15 issued an advisory saying Saudi authorities warned that militants may be targeting two of the most prominent commercial centres in the kingdom, both popular with Western expatriates and firms.

But the embassy said on

Wednesday the "time period specified in the threat has passed". It said business was now normal at the luxury Al Faisaliah and Kingdom Towers complexes in Riyadh.

Saudi Arabia has faced intense pressure to crush al Qaeda cells since the September 11 attacks on the United States two years ago in which 15 of the 19 hijackers were Saudi citizens.

The issue has strained ties between Washington and its traditional Arab ally, the world's biggest oil exporter, and has focused international attention on the conservative monarchy's efforts to deal with domestic Islamist opposition.

In its latest operation, Saudi Arabia said on Monday it had arrested Islamic militants and seized large amounts of weapons and explosives, including bomb-belts of the kind used by suicide bombers.

# Israeli forces nab militants in W.Bank hospital

NABLUS, West Bank, Oct 25 (Reuters) - Israeli soldiers snatched two Palestinian militants from West Bank hospitals on Saturday in a raid launched after three soldiers were killed in the Gaza Strip in a joint attack by Islamic militant groups.

The arrests followed a week of escalated violence which dealt a further blow to a U.S.-backed "road map" to peace already marred by bloodshed since its June launch.

Soldiers barged into the Anglican hospital in Nablus and seized Hamas militant Khaled al-Hamad from an intensive care unit bed where he was being treated for wounds sustained when a bomb he was transporting apparently detonated prematurely.

They put him into a waiting military ambulance and transferred him to a Tel Aviv area hospital where he will be treated under guard, an Israeli security official said.

A second senior Palestinian militant, Jawad Ishtayeh, was arrested at Nablus's Rafidia hospital where he ran a cell of the al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades from the hospital's basement, the official said, adding he was armed and was "in perfect health".

Ishtayeh's relatives confirmed he was an al-Aqsa brigades member but had no details on what he was doing in the hospital.

Rafidia medical staff were shut in their offices as troops searched for the suspect who was taken away with bound hands.

"This is not the first time that Israeli troops kidnap wounded Palestinians from hospital beds and endanger their lives," said chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat. "It's a grave development that contravenes international law."

Israel accuses Palestinian officials of violating international law by allowing militants to use hospitals as sanctuaries to evade arrest and plan attacks against Israelis.

HAMAS, ISLAMIC JIHAD HOLD STRATEGY TALKS IN SYRIA

In Gaza, hundreds of mourners attended the funeral of a Hamas mili-

tant who carried out a joint attack with an Islamic Jihad gunman against the Netzarim settlement in Gaza on Friday. Three soldiers, including two women, were killed in the raid.

The attack took place days after Islamic Jihad leader Ramadan Shallah and senior Hamas leader Khaled Mashal agreed to enhance "field cooperation" in a meeting in Syria. Both groups are sworn to Israel's destruction.

Hamas, Islamic Jihad and the al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, which is linked to President Yasser Arafat's Fatah faction, have spearheaded attacks against Israel in a three-year-old Palestinian uprising which began after peace talks deadlocked.

Senior Hamas official Adnan Asfour told Reuters that Hamas leaders also held a separate meeting with leaders from the Iranian-backed Lebanese Hizbollah guerrilla group.

He gave no details on the talks with Hizbollah, but said the Hamas and Islamic Jihad meeting was about on-the-ground cooperation "to resist the occupation".

Violence escalated earlier in the week as Israel killed 13 Palestinians, including civilians and militants, and Palestinian gunmen killed three Israeli soldiers in a West Bank ambush.

The peace plan received a further set back this week when Israel announced it would build more than 300 houses in Jewish settlements and said it may expand a controversial security barrier it says is to keep suicide bombers out of its cities.

The plans to extend the barrier along the eastern side of the West Bank would encircle Palestinians with electronic fences and concrete walls. Erekat said it showed that "Israel's intention is not security but to turn our land into big jails".

Arafat's aide Nabil Abu Rdainah said the plan amounted to "a declaration of comprehensive war against the Palestinians".

Washington has criticised the barrier due to its intrusion on territory Palestinians plan for their state.



Young relatives of Palestinian Samir Fouda, 22, a gunman of the Palestinian Islamic militant group of Hamas, mourn during his funeral in Jabalya refugee camp, in northern Gaza Strip, Oct. 25. Fouda was killed after killing three Israeli soldiers, two of them women, at a Jewish settlement in the Gaza Strip on Friday in a joint shooting and grenade attack by the two main Palestinian Islamic militant groups. REUTERS

# Jordan king to swear in new government

By SULEIMAN AL-KHALIDI  
AMMAN, Oct 25 (Reuters) - Pro-U.S. ally King Abdullah was expected to swear in a government on Saturday to accelerate Western reforms to modernise his tribal kingdom.

New Prime Minister Faisal al-Fayez, a close palace aide from the influential Bani Sakhr tribe, was appointed by the king last Wednesday to replace Ali Abu al-Ragheb, a businessman with extensive ties in prewar Iraq, who resigned after three years.

The cabinet line-up is likely to play well in Washington, which has shored up the kingdom, its closest Arab ally in its campaign in Iraq.

Downsized by one third to 20 ministers, the cabinet is dominated by Western leaning pro-reformists as opposed to the conservative politicians who held sway in previous governments.

There will also be three women ministers.

For the last two days the cabinet has been holding brainstorming sessions in the Red Sea port of Aqaba, a palace official told Reuters.

The new cabinet make-up will help win public support among a restive population angry over a retreat in freedoms justified by the former government on security grounds.

But the pivotal security and intelli-

gence functions remain in the hands of old guard East Bankers, tribes who inhabited the area east of the river Jordan.

The monarch is counting on a renewed U.S. drive to bring Middle East peace and the emergence of a stable Iraq to deliver prosperity to Jordan, but wider violence in the region may wreck such hopes, officials say.

KING'S AIDES LEAD REFORM AGENDA

Planning Minister Bassem Awadallah, 38, a U.S.-educated Jordanian of Palestinian origin and King Abdullah's closest economic advisor will have a bigger say in shaping reforms, officials said.

Fayez's background will command respect among the tribally-dominated parliament elected under a voting system favouring Bedouin areas over the largely Palestinian cities, which are Islamic strongholds and highly politicised.

Palace officials say the king will face fewer of the hurdles he encountered with previous conservative administrations that frustrated the palace with its defence of the interests of the East Bank dominated state bureaucracy.

Many East Bankers fear free-market reforms will allow their countrymen of Palestinian origin a bigger political role.



Jordan's King Abdullah (C) flanked by his new government during a family photo at the Throne Hall at Raghdan Palace in Amman Oct. 25. Pro-U.S. ally King Abdullah swore in a new government led by a palace aide on Saturday to accelerate western reform to modernise his tribe kingdom. REUTERS

At the moment they are mostly excluded from the army police and intelligence, but are pillars of the business community.

Abu al-Ragheb formed his government in June 2000 with a mandate to boost the economy and attract foreign investment.

But many politicians have questioned his business ties with influential Iraqi

businessmen and officials in former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's government.

His administration was accused by liberal, Islamist and conservative opponents alike of spawning corruption and nepotism.

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# German peacekeepers arrive in sleepy Afghan town

KUNDUZ, Afghanistan, Oct 25 (Reuters) - Twenty-seven German soldiers arrived in rural northern Afghanistan on Saturday to launch an eagerly awaited expansion of a NATO-led peacekeeping force outside the capital Kabul.

The deployment has been welcomed by residents of the town of Kunduz, but aid workers are wondering why peacekeeping troops have arrived first in one of Afghanistan's safest provinces when they are urgently needed in other parts of the country.

The German army is planning to send 150 soldiers into Kunduz before winter sets in, and up to 450 by the middle of next year. The contingent may include a small number of Dutch commandos.

In their wake are also expected dozens of German aid workers, with the German government likely to fund development projects in Kunduz to make sure their soldiers continue to be welcomed.

"Our hope for the mission is safety for all our men, a safe return home when we have finished our mission and a safe environment for those who follow," Colonel Kurt Schiebold told reporters as he stepped off the C-160 military cargo plane.

Schiebold added that German troops were aiming to help "establish a secure environment" to enable Afghan authorities, the United Nations and aid

agencies to do reconstruction work and provide aid to the region.

"The security situation is fine here, but we want even better security in our city, so it is good they are coming here," said Najibullah, who works in a local chemists' shop. "We hope they rebuild our roads, and build clinics and schools."

The German troops are sure to stand out in the dusty tree-lined streets of Kunduz, where brightly decorated horses and carts usually outnumber cars.

Aid agencies hope the deployment will be the precursor to a much wider deployment of peacekeepers, especially to the south and east of the country where militants from the ousted Taliban regime have been increasingly attacking and killing aid workers.

With elections due to take place next year, the need for thousands more foreign peacekeeping troops outside Kabul is even more pressing, aid workers and diplomats say.

But so far no country apart from Germany has agreed to send significant numbers of troops to expand the 31-nation 5,500-strong International Security Assistance Force outside the Afghan capital.

## A good example

Kunduz suffers from less of the political and ethnic tension that bedevils other parts of Afghanistan, which is



A German soldier stands guard as his colleagues unload their C-160 cargo plane at the airport outside the northern Afghan town of Kunduz, October 25, 2003. Twenty-seven German soldiers arrived in Kunduz on Saturday to launch an eagerly awaited deployment of NATO-led peacekeepers outside the Afghan capital. REUTERS

perhaps why the cautious Germans chose it as their new base.

It has also been chosen to launch an

ambitious U.N.-backed plan to disarm 100,000 militiamen over the next two years, with 1,000 men handing in their

weapons this week and being demobilised by President Hamid Karzai to get the scheme under way.

Officials in Kunduz hope the two initiatives will complement each other, with German aid money providing jobs for some ex-combatants and even encouraging other provinces to take part in the Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration (DDR) plan.

"If people see changes here after the beginning of DDR, everyone will benefit," said Sergiy Illarionov, the senior U.N. official in Kunduz. "If they see good results in Kunduz, they may think 'we have to join them'."

Schiebold said the Germans would help to monitor the DDR process and would also help to train local police and security forces.

But one thorny question does await the German peacekeeping force whose mandate will ultimately cover all four provinces of northeastern Afghanistan.

Remote and mountainous Badakhshan is one of the country's major poppy-growing areas, and much of the opium which ends up as heroin on the streets of Europe transits through Kunduz on its way to Tajikistan.

Combating the drugs trade is not part of their mandate, and Schiebold said it was "not our business". But the German public might not be happy if their soldiers do nothing to prevent Afghan heroin ending up on the streets of Berlin.

## Taiwan march supports Chen's call for referendum

KAOHSIUNG, Taiwan, Oct 25 (Reuters) - Over 100,000 people marched in southern Taiwan on Saturday calling for a referendum law and new constitution, in a strong show of support for President Chen Shui-bian ahead of next year's elections.

China, which considers self-governing Taiwan a breakaway province, has slammed Chen's calls for referendums, saying it is dangerous independence talk that could pave the way for the island to split permanently from the mainland.

Shrugging off warnings from opposition politicians that they risked provoking Beijing, the protesters in Kaohsiung waved green flags and carried a giant banner over a kilometre (0.6 mile) long with slogans such as "national referendum, birth to a new constitution, basic human rights".

"We're here because we love Taiwan and we hate China," said Lee Hung-ting, a blue-collar worker who brought his wife and two young children to the peaceful rally in Taiwan's second largest city and a stronghold of Chen's Democratic Progressive Party (DPP).

"We want a national referendum to allow the whole country to have a say in our future," Lee told Reuters, waving a green flag, the colour of the DPP.

Chen, facing a tough presidential election in less than six months, has made the right to hold referendums and constitutional change key to his re-election campaign.

Analysts say he is trying to make the independence versus reunification debate the focus of the March 2004 polls.

While the overwhelming majority of Taiwan's 23 million people prefer to maintain an ambiguous political status rather than risk war with China, Chen has struck a deep chord with many voters by calling referendums a basic



Taiwanese marchers carry banners saying "referendum" during a rally to support President Chen Shui-bian's call for legislation on national plebiscites in Kaohsiung Oct. 25. More than 100,000 people joined the rally, despite opposition politicians' warnings that such a move risked provoking China. REUTERS

human right.

"If Chen Shui-bian loses next year, Taiwan will reverse 25 years of progress," said school teacher Cheng Sheng-chun. "Chen protects the rights of the people, he won't sell out Taiwan."

## Bused in

Organisers of the rally in the port city of Kaohsiung bussed in DPP and pro-independence supporters from all over the island. Witnesses estimated more than 100,000 people attended, but not as many as the 200,000 promised by organisers.

The march was led by DPP Vice President Annette Lu and took place on Taiwan Restoration Day, which marks the anniversary of the island's return to Chinese rule in 1945 after 50 years of Japanese occupation.

Chen is due to give a speech later on Saturday evening.

"The most important thing is that we cannot be swallowed by China," said retiree Chiou Chun-chuen, who con-

vinced 60 neighbours to attend with him.

"Taiwan must be independent, Taiwan must have its own name and Taiwan must have its own flag."

Taiwan and China split after a civil war on the mainland ended in 1949. The island is bitterly divided between people who favour independence and those who want eventual reunification.

Earlier on Saturday, a few thousand anti-independence activists, including veterans from the Chinese civil war, staged a small protest outside the presidential palace in Taipei.

They carried a large portrait of Soong May-ling, the widow of former Republic of China President Chiang Kai-shek, who died on Thursday night in her New York home, aged 106.

The mass-circulation United Daily newspaper said a survey last week showed support for Chen at about 36 percent, compared to about 42 percent for a joint ticket from the opposition Nationalist and People First Parties.

"We have been cut off from the rest of the world. Civilian supply trucks have not been able to come but now we are happy," Saidi Bulelwa, an administrator in Mwenga, said as crowds gathered to welcome the U.N. mission.

"We have seen only abandoned homes and displaced people, now we hope."

For years, fear of armed groups has kept people in Mwenga away from their crops and markets. The food aid is intended as a stopgap until they can

## U.S.-Algerian "counter-terrorism" to intensify-Burns

ALGIERS, Oct 25 (Reuters) - U.S. Assistant Secretary of State William Burns said on Saturday "counter-terrorism" cooperation with Algeria would intensify at a time when an Algerian Islamic guerrilla group pledged its loyalty to the al Qaeda network.

"Algerian assistance is helping to save American lives, and we are grateful," Burns, who is in charge of Near Eastern affairs, told a news conference during a two-day official visit.

"For our part, we are doing what we can to help Algeria finally put an end to the terrorist scourge that has ravaged the Algerian people for over a decade," he said.

Burns said this included the exchange of information, stopping illegal flow of funds, training military personnel and providing non-lethal equipment.

Algeria is emerging from a decade of violence that has left more than 150,000 people dead, mostly civilians, according to human rights groups.

Islamic militants took up arms to overthrow the government and set up a purist Islamic state after the cancellation of legislative elections an Islamic fundamentalist party was poised to win in 1992.

Burns said the United States took "very seriously" an apparent statement from Algeria's hardline Salafist Group for Preaching and Combat — which kidnapped 32 European tourists this year — offering support to al Qaeda.

"We obviously will redouble our efforts not just in Algeria, but elsewhere

as well, in the fight against terrorism," he said.

The United States has over the past year equipped Algeria with non-lethal military equipment in its fight against Islamic extremists, Burns said. But he said he had no news to reveal concerning Algeria's desire to purchase weapons.

## Human rights concerns

The United States and its European allies have been reluctant to equip the Algerian military with lethal weapons because of concerns about its human rights record.

Authorities have long complained that the lack of modern arms, such as attack helicopters, hampered their ability to put an end to the Islamic uprising.

In what diplomats said was a cautious warning to Algeria, Burns said he had told his "Algerian friends that terrorism must be fought within the context of the rule of law and respect for human rights."

British Ambassador Graham Hand said in comments published in the newspaper L'Expression on Saturday that Britain was willing to equip Algeria's armed forces and that talks were at an advanced stage.

Burns called for fair and transparent presidential elections due in April. The call came only weeks after the largest political party, the National Liberation Front, withdrew from the government, saying President Abdelaziz Bouteflika was doing all he could to stop opponents from running for president.



U.S. Assistant Secretary of State William Burns gives a news conference in Algiers Oct. 25. Burns said on Saturday "counter-terrorism" cooperation with Algeria would intensify at a time when an Algerian Islamic guerrilla group pledged its loyalty to the al Qaeda network. REUTERS

"The holding of free, fair and transparent presidential elections next spring will be an important opportunity to make further progress in building democracy," he said.

After talks with Bouteflika, Burns said: "I think relations between the United States and Algeria are stronger than they have ever been since independence 40 years ago."

**Hungry Congo villagers cheer UN aid mission**

MWENGA, Congo, Oct 25 (Reuters) - Thousands of hungry villagers in the war-torn eastern Congo town of Mwenga turned out to cheer a U.N. humanitarian convoy bringing aid for the first time in five years, witnesses said on Saturday.

The convoy left the town of Bukavu on the Rwandan border on Wednesday, carrying some 15 tonnes of food and medicine through 130 km (80 miles) of mountainous jungle terrain past armed groups controlling the roads.

"We have been cut off from the rest of the world. Civilian supply trucks have not been able to come but now we are happy," Saidi Bulelwa, an administrator in Mwenga, said as crowds gathered to welcome the U.N. mission.

"We have seen only abandoned homes and displaced people, now we hope."

For years, fear of armed groups has kept people in Mwenga away from their crops and markets. The food aid is intended as a stopgap until they can

return to their farms.

The road to Mwenga has been reopened after a truce between the former rebel group, the Congolese Rally for Democracy-Goma (RCD-Goma) and Mai Mai traditional warriors, under a regional agreement to end five years of war.

The U.N. has mandated 10,800 peacekeeping troops to Congo and since the main warring sides put down their guns in July about 6,500-7,000 have been sent.

Many areas are made inaccessible

by poor roads, vast distances and continuing insecurity.

Congo's war has claimed more than three million lives, mainly through starvation and disease. Hundreds of thousands of civilians remain cut off from healthcare and food supplies.

Mwenga, like most towns in Congo's eastern province of South Kivu, is controlled by the RCD-Goma former rebel movement backed by Rwanda.

For five years, they fought tribal Mai Mai fighters, known for their use

of magic charms and backed by the former Congo government.

Both groups are now ordering their local commanders to respect the July peace deal that saw rebels and Mai Mai incorporated into a transitional government in Kinshasa.

But extremist Hutus who took part in the 1994 Rwanda genocide still lurk in the surrounding forests, launching attacks on villages and civilians.

"We want the U.N. to help unite us so that we can plan for the future and the lives of our people," Bulelwa said.



# Britain, Australia warn of terror attack in Saudi

LONDON, Oct 25 (Reuters) - Britain has dramatically raised its warning to travellers not to go to Saudi Arabia, saying terror attacks may be

imminent.

"We advise British nationals against all but essential travel to Saudi Arabia. We believe that terrorists may be in the

final phases of planning attacks," the Foreign Office said in a new warning issued on Friday.

The previous warning had said sim-

ply that attacks against Westerners were "likely".

Australia also said it had new information that terrorists might be close to carrying out new attacks in Saudi Arabia.

The Australian Foreign Affairs and Trade Department said on Saturday that the level of its warning against non-essential travel to the country was unchanged.

But it said in new guidance issued on Thursday "There is new information suggesting that further terrorist attacks in Saudi Arabia may be in the final stages of planning."

The warnings followed an admission from Saudi Arabia that it had arrested nearly 600 people in a crackdown on militants since suspected al Qaeda suicide bombers struck Riyadh in May.

The conservative kingdom, birthplace of al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden, has faced intense pressure to crush al Qaeda cells since the September 11, 2001, hijacked-plane attacks on the United States in which 15 of the 19 hijackers were Saudis.

It intensified its efforts against the network after the May 12 bombings in Riyadh which killed 35 people, including nine Americans, and analysts say it has sharply stepped up cooperation with Washington.

In the latest crackdown, Saudi Arabia said on Monday it had arrested Islamic militants and seized large amounts of weapons and explosives,

including bomb-belts used by suicide bombers.

Saudi Arabia has also tightened up monitoring of charities which have been accused of channelling funds to militant groups worldwide, shutting down some overseas branches of domestic charity groups.

The human rights pressure group Amnesty International accused the Saudi authorities on Friday of arresting without cause 250 people at a peaceful demonstration in Riyadh on October 14.

"The Saudi Arabian authorities must immediately and unconditionally release all people held solely for the non-violent expression of their conscientiously held beliefs," it said in a statement.

"The protest took place while a human rights conference organised by the Saudi Arabian Red Crescent was taking place in Riyadh. Contrary to what was announced by the Saudi Arabian authorities then, Amnesty International was not invited to attend the conference," it added.



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## Mikhail Khodorkovsky, Russia's \$11 bln oligarch

MOSCOW, Oct 25 (Reuters) - Mikhail Khodorkovsky, CEO of Russia's largest oil firm YUKOS and the country's richest man, is a tech-happy workaholic who has been tipped as a future president of Russia.

Police bundled the tycoon, worth at least \$11 billion, off his plane in Siberia on Saturday and flew him to Moscow where prosecutors charged him with fraud and tax evasion.

The charges were brought against him as an individual and as head of YUKOS, which is in talks to sell a big stake to ExxonMobil, the world's largest oil firm.

The move was a culmination of a months-long legal attack on YUKOS core shareholders, believed to be fuelled by Kremlin conservatives eager to curb Khodorkovsky's growing influence.

But the 40-year-old businessman, who sees the campaign as an attempt to freeze him out of Russia, has said he would rather become "a political prisoner" than "a political emigre".

Khodorkovsky is happy to spend hours at a time with journalists, but routinely deflects questions about his private life, saying he only wants to discuss serious issues "and anyhow I don't have much spare time".

The communist youth leader-turned-banker came to prominence in the murky early days of Russian privatisation that followed the break-up of the Soviet Union in 1991, when he persuaded the state to sell him some of Siberia's best oilfields for a song.

To learn his trade from the bottom up, Khodorkovsky spent months

working as a drill operator on remote Siberian plains.

### Western standards

Quick to realise that his business would only take off if Western standards were applied, he hired foreign managers and started treating minority shareholders with respect, paying them far more in dividends than he had paid for the whole company.

By April 2003, Khodorkovsky acquired smaller rival Sibneft in a complex transaction worth \$12-\$15 billion to form Russia's first oil "super-major".

The enlarged new firm, due to be formed before 2004, will have the world's biggest oil reserves and produce a third of Russia's crude.

But the greying Khodorkovsky, born in Moscow into a family of engineers, gives the impression of having little fun with his fabulous riches. "I don't like the seaside very much," he once said when asked why he didn't have a villa in Nice, seen as an indispensable accessory by other Russian "oligarchs", as the country's wealthy business elite are known.

Instead he says he prefers investing in technology and brains. His immaculate office is filled with hi-tech gadgets, but the man himself often turns up at work in a T-shirt and seems to have an aversion to ties.

Khodorkovsky, married with four children, is a public supporter of Russia's liberal opposition.

He is still seen as a possible candidate for the presidency himself, possibly in 2008 when there is expected to



Russia's richest man, the chief executive of the oil giant YUKOS, Mikhail Khodorkovsky listens to journalists' questions during his news conference in Moscow in this October 20, 2003 file photo. Khodorkovsky was detained at the Siberian city of Novosibirsk on October 25 by special police after he failed to turn up for questioning in a probe targeting his company YUKOS. REUTERS

be a vacancy if current incumbent Vladimir Putin sees out a second term.

"Many believe that Khodorkovsky wants to be the president in 2008," MDM financial group said in a research note. "Powerful groups may be trying to prevent Khodorkovsky from strengthening."

## French find mini arms factory in pensioner's cellar

BORDEAUX, France, Oct 25 (Reuters) - French customs officers found dozens of rifles, pistols, shells and bayonets and a mini-munitions factory in a raid at the home of a 67-year-old pensioner, the customs office said on Saturday.

The man was detained after the raid on Thursday and freed after being placed under official judicial investigation on the grounds of possessing illegal weapons. He had no criminal record and described himself as a collector, the customs office said.

The cache found in the cellar of his house near Bordeaux in southwest France included 26 pistols, 24 rifles and automatic rifles, 13,000 ammunition rounds, 130 cartridge clips and a big range of knives and bayonets.

Gun powder, shell heads and casings were also found in what the customs office described in a statement as a "veritable munitions workshop".

"Even if no link has been established with any criminal act at this stage, the very existence of this arsenal in a private person's house is a danger to those in the neighbourhood," said the statement.

Conviction for possessing illegal weapons carries a sentence of up to three years in jail and fines of up to twice the value of the weapons cache, it added.

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## Democrats say Bush not backing U.S. Guard, Reserve

WASHINGTON, Oct 25 (Reuters) - Democrats on Saturday criticized President George W. Bush for opposing expanded health care insurance for U.S. National Guard and Reserve troops as they are pressed into extended service in Iraq.

Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont, giving the Democrats' weekly radio address, said the Bush administration wants \$87 billion to rebuild Iraq and keep U.S. troops there but opposes a Senate-passed measure to guarantee health care coverage to all members of the Guard and Reserve.

"They say it's not related to the war effort. But they're wrong," Leahy said. "And it's time for the country to come together to support our reservists, their families and their employers."

The House of Representatives did not include the expanded insurance coverage for Guard and Reserve members in the version of the bill it passed earlier this month.

House and Senate negotiators will meet on Tuesday to reconcile differences before sending Bush a final measure.

Earlier this week the Pentagon said more Guard and Reserve troops would be notified within weeks to serve in Iraq, and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld declined to say whether 133,000 troops now there might be reduced next year.

Guardmen and reservists make up 40 percent of U.S. forces in Iraq, Leahy said, and "many are serving far longer than they were told they would."

Leahy said "because the White House squandered the reservoir of the world's goodwill that we had immediately after September 11," 2001, Americans are having "to shoulder more than our share of the risks to our troops and the costs of the war and its aftermath."

He also complained that more than 600 members of the Guard and Reserve are now in "medical limbo" at Fort Stewart, Georgia, "living in substandard barracks, without adequate medical care."

Leahy said these reservists, who are not well enough to return to their units but not sick enough to be hospitalized, "should be sent to other facilities closer to their families to receive medical attention" and await their reviews.

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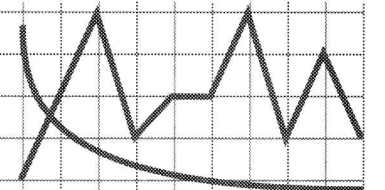
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## YT Business

*Modernization of banking sector,***Challenges of 21st century**

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**I**t is quite sure that all means of exchange, whether they are banknotes or gold or silver coins or barter operations, have all been contained into two factors; imported and exported. These two terms have been regulated through legislation and agreements organizing international trade exchange in a multi-way system.

Trade is the means of communication among peoples and tribes of humanity. Here in this regard I want to observe the development of banking systems in the republic of Yemen for the period 1962 till today in 2003.

We have to understand that the difference between units of the banking apparatus anywhere and in any country is not abrupt but the difference is rather in the number and quality and level of banking services and thus the clients would prefer to deal with this bank or that.

Therefore in order to bridge the gap

we have to understand first the syllabus of electronic banks and electronic trading. One of the priorities is to raise efficiency of banking performance by linking branches to the centres within the boundary of the country first and gradually among banks inside the country and then with banks in other neighbourly countries. The reason is that such expansion makes the client understand that the bank is as his agent or representative as banks are entities based on trust and feel assured about their role in initiating the leadership of the economic market and trade transactions and other banking tasks internally and externally.

In a guarantee gesture there must be a legislative leap having the results preserving legitimate rights of clients or the contributor or depositor preventing the occurrence of crises or loss of rights inside or outside the country. Recognizing the gap of information pushes us to give an idea about it via all possible instruments like press and publications about the concepts of virtual economy, virtual money and virtual banks and their outcomes which are services offered via banks. The client has to reach that

level of dealing, culturally, in knowledge and commercially. Small electronic calculators and personal computers and big computers are major inlets for the banks of money and information "digital technology".

The successful proceeding towards keeping pace with the age of GATT and globalization, makes us comprehend that trade exchange means increase in and variety of volume dealings of goods and services across borders accompanied by flow of investment and capital funding and local stock markets and removal of chains against their internationally movement. In other words connecting world markets with each other without any meaning of borders that would be merely political and geographical lines, as is the case now for European countries and those of the NATO.

The other aspect of modernizing the banking sector and challenges of the 21st century is that the existence of 18 commercial, Islamic and specialized for housing in Yemen makes us optimistic about joint efforts between financiers of capitals for these banks and makers of financial and monetary policy



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to go ahead with our expertise towards the future. No doubt the Central Bank, the Banks Society, the Bank Institute and the Union of Arab Banks have great effect in the

progress of the banking work at the 21 century. Also the Central Bank's ambitious programs aim at raising the performance level of the national banks and we want here to confirm

that leaders of national banking work know well that the world trend towards the economic reform means exportation and not only receiving foreign trade.

**Investment in Aden Free Zone**

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**T**he free zone authority in Aden has in the past nine months granted licenses to a number of projects with a total value amounting to \$46.7 million. The projects were 39 for public services, 10 for trade, 4 warehouses projects and 6 multi-activity projects. All those projects employ about 900 of local Yemeni labour.

Sources at the free zone said investment indicators were good, especially that their rate had receded during the

past two years by 25% because of the Yemeni ports and investment activities had been affected by blasting incidents of the USS Cole destroyer at Aden port in 2000 and the explosion in the French oil supertanker Limburg in 2002 and before that the events of 11 September in the United States.

The sources have made it clear that the overall volume of the capital licensed for installation investment projects in various areas reached YR13 billion while the value of the foreign capital has reached at \$one million. Industrial projects proportion out of the total invested capital in local currency

amounted to 32.1% and the foreign currency 41.9%. The tourist projects proportion amounted to 69.8% and trade projects by 19%.

It is expected that these projects would help employ 30 thousand of local labour while the value of projects licensed by the state authority for investment, whose number are about 1022 projects, is estimated at YR 266 billion and fixed assets estimated at YR 53 billion accommodating about 26884 workers from both sexes. Reports mention that the number of implemented projects in the free zone is about 147 with an investment cost of YR200 billion and

fixed assets of YR11billion.there are about 72 projects under construction at a value of YR 53 billion and assets reaching to YR13 billion accommodating about 3256 workers.

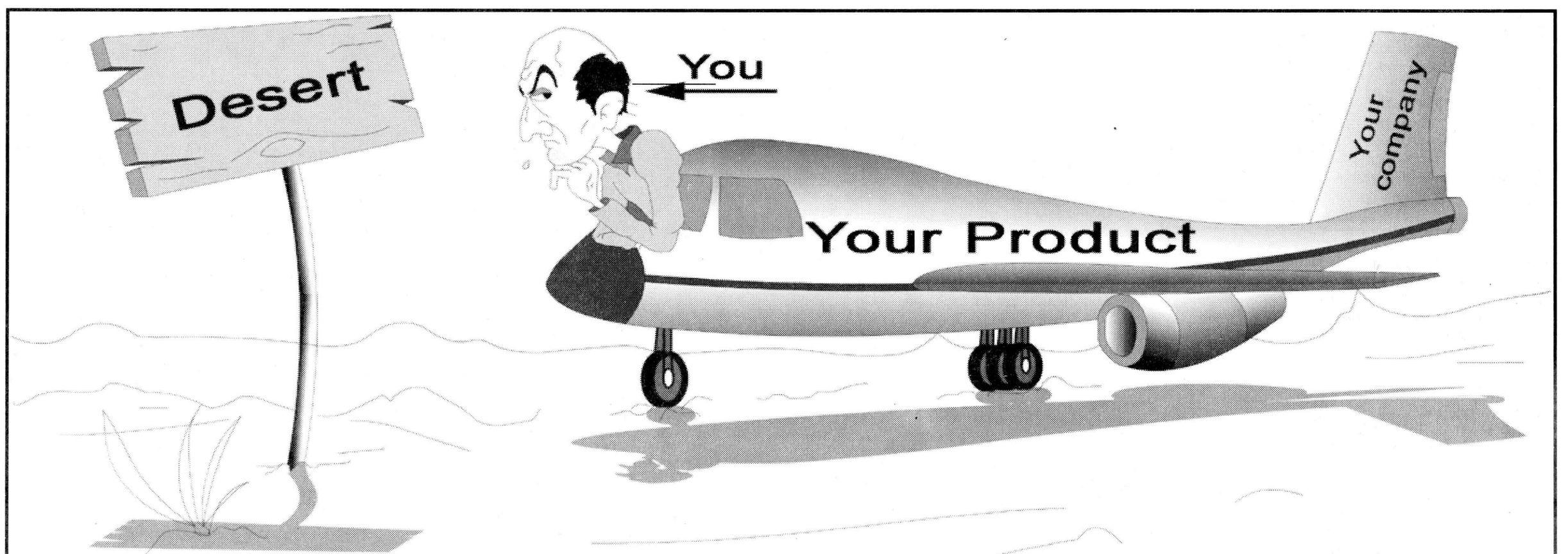
For developing the infrastructure needed for big investments the government has allotted the second five-year plan 2001-2005 a sum of YR 74.3 billion. The plan has given the Yemeni and foreign privates sector an opportunity to take part in implementation of the investment projects according to the latest investment systems. One of the most important projects of investment in the free zone in Aden is that of container

port. Naval sources at the container port in Aden mention that there is an increase in numbers of unloaded containers reached during the past months of this year about 5000 containers while the port of Aden has received about 200188 ships carrying more than one million containers in 2002. The sources also said that retreat in the port receiving of ships was because the consequences of the campaign against terror and imposition of insurance premiums on ship bound for the Yemeni ports and in consequence the country has lost in 2002 about \$ 7 million.

Director of the Yemeni company for

investment and international development (Yeminvest) Adnan al-Kaff explains that that despite of the increasing demand for using it by international navigation companies, the container port has not yet been operated to its full capacity. He further says that the port is capable of receiving more containers especially after the arrival of a new crane to the port, among such cranes are five giant cranes that would help speed up accommodation of more containers.

Statistical reports mention that the total verified customs revenues in the free zone in 2002 amounted to about YR 19 billion.



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

OUR  
OPINIONRamadhan  
Mubarak

The holy month of Ramadhan has come. Hundreds of Muslims around the world will be fasting during the day and asking for forgiveness and reward from God for their good deeds. Yet again, negative phenomena of less work and more sleep will also be there for us to witness. The story repeats itself again. Courts will be closed, governmental offices will be working with half capacity, and most disturbing of all, schools will face educational stagnancy.

Foreigners who lived in Yemen for a few years would realize how the level of productivity in our country is reduced tremendously during this month.

As if that is not enough, the extra expenses on food and Qat are also a misery. Families with extremely low income end up borrowing money to have their expenses met. Adults would chew qat for hours and hours after sunset to supposedly be 'rewarded' for their fasting and just live the Ramadhan atmosphere.

It may be true that Ramadhan in Yemen has a unique feeling of sensation and warmth, but this seems to be at the expense of the country's economy.

Trying to justify why this is the case in Ramadhan, many Yemenis say that fasting makes them 'exhausted', 'bored', 'unenergetic', and most interestingly of all, 'deprived of chewing qat'. So, how can daily lives go on? How can things be processed at the governmental and private-sector level? Well, an answer pops up from nowhere saying that night could be the time when things are done. Whenever you walk at night in Ramadhan, you would see liveliness wherever you go. People go about their daily routine work during the night. Even governmental operations are sometimes done around midnight in official buildings. The only difference is that you may end up signing your documents in a 'mafraj' (room for chewing qat) instead of the regular office.

Again, one cannot blame Ramadhan for this. As a matter of fact, Ramadhan in Islam is considered the month where extra effort needs to be exerted. One doesn't fast to sleep all day, but to rather feel the sufferings of the less privileged and be grateful for what God has given him. Work needs to continue as normal in Ramadhan, and extra time for worshipping God can be allocated.

Most of the combats between Muslims and Infidels in the early stages of Islam were done in Ramadhan. Muslim fighters would fight while fasting and not complain about it. This is why we should go on with our lives doing our work normally. We can even exert more effort and achieve work more efficiently when we are fasting because of the spiritual conditions we would enjoy when knowing that we are obeying God.

This is the true spirit of Ramadhan that we should understand and act upon.

Any way, I take this opportunity to greet all Muslims and non-Muslims alike on this occasion, and wish them all "Ramadan Mubarak".

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This is why we  
hate the USA

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I write this letter in response to Mr. Pete M.'s letter entitled "Why do Arabs hate the USA?" First, I would like to express my happiness that at least some Americans are asking this question because the answer they will find will make them question their government's actions before they put the blame on us. Any one who objectively observes the US policies and the way Arabs are portrayed in American media, Hollywood movies, and literature even before the 9/11 will ask "why Americans dislike the Arabs?" The blind support of America to Israel is another evidence of this hate. We are not asking for supporting us against Israel but to do justice to the suffering Palestinian people, they should not be so biased to Israel.

The way your administration views the Israeli-Arab conflict makes us feel that you do not consider us human beings with feelings like you. How do you want us to react to the crimes committed by

Israel with American approval and weapons and then protect Israel from the simplest condemnation using US Veto? How will you react if the Russians invaded California simply because the Russian President does not like Arnold, the new governor? Sometimes I feel pity for the ordinary Americans because they are manipulated by their politicians and they seem very busy to critically examine everything that is said in their media. You rightly say that the Iraqis were not given the truth by the last regime and that we in this part of the world have no access to the truth but now we know what is going in Iraq better than you do. You have no access to what is really going on here in the Middle East and the feeling here is that you are ruled by the Zionists who have the upper hand in your foreign policy.

We want to reach to you to make you listen to our complaints, to make you understand that we are human of flesh and blood just like you. Do not believe your administration when it says that this war against so-called terrorism is between civilized and uncivilized, or

between good and evil. It is this kind of rhetoric expressions used by your administration and Osama bin Laden that is creating this gap between us. How can we believe that this administration is spreading democracy in the region while it has double-standards in dealing with Palestinians and Israelis? Does your democracy tell you that killing the Palestinians is an act of self-defense while killing Israelis is terrorism? I do not support killing civilians but we must apply this to all parties equally.

In conclusion, let me tell you that solving the Palestinian issue in a just way will be a victory against terrorism more than killing the innocent Iraqis who are facing invaders thirsty for their oil. Sending international peacekeepers to the West bank and Gaza will be a great act that would save lives of both sides and will be much better than asking for troops to help the oil companies of Cheney and Rumsfeld secure huge contracts and greater wealth. You have to review your attitude towards us and answer the question on why you dislike us before you asking why we hate the USA.

It isn't what you need but  
what you already have!

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There were two young Yemenis. One had all the music equipment to create his own songs, to mix and master to a release quality and make money. Then there was the opposite artist to him. He didn't have anything but a slow computer, a walk man, a £1.00 old headphone and software that he paid for £25.00.

The one with all the equipment didn't appreciate the equipment he had and was not that inspired and he came from a rich family. The other artist came from a poor background but something happened to him. He would be excited when learning, excited with the struggle and a little achievement and success gave him joy. He would take notes on how he did things. He created music by singing on a computer microphone, which one uses for chat rooms, a walk man to record the beats that he created on the computer, and then he would put the headphones on and listen to the beat while he pressed record on the music computer software and sang. This kept his singing on time and recorded his vocals separately from the beat he created. That way he can put some sound effects on his recorded vocals without touching the beat.

When finished a song, he would burn it onto CD and run to his friends with excitement. His friends had the most sophisticated equipment you can imagine but he had something simple, and yet, they were moved by this Yemeni artist, and suddenly a change happened to them and they too got inspired and realized, more wasn't better. Less was better. Less was the key to take away power from technology and let their inner creativity take place. Less meant that they earn what they created, pushed their imaginations even further but this Yemeni didn't stop there.

He didn't have much to create beats. He didn't have a keyboard. He had something that shook the other rich artists. What he did was walk on trains and records the sound they make. He would walk into Yemeni cafes and record sounds of people talking, laughing and even

babies crying, using a powerful microphone he borrowed from his friend and a mini disk he swapped for his hi-fi system he got for a present. Whatever many took advantage of; he took advantage, even the wind, and the rain and went to home to do something amazing.

He would record the sounds back into computer, chop them up and make all of them into beats, hip-hop beats. Even the laughter became a beat, a groove, a skip to move you. He did this when he did this kind of work at home since he was 14 years old while his friends who were 17 were busy watching football, as their equipment were not used but gathered dust upstairs.

That young Yemeni boy was I. I wasn't blessed with an easy life; I wasn't blessed to have neither an education nor someone to support me. But I did the best I could with the little I had and I grew up to believe that it is not what I need in this world that will take me anywhere but what I already have inside me. Allah, gave us all what we need inside and it is when the heart is truthful, when we hold not to the world, whether material, wealth, power or flesh that we can speak with such passion and words to move people.

I remember a time, when I didn't have money. Not one penny to record in the finest of recording studios, yet, a week later, I sat in a recording studio that cost £500 a day to hire, equipped with the most amazing music software and equipment, and musicians of amazing calibre and they were all working. Working on what? Working for me, for free and I didn't even pay for recording time. If ever we wanted others to believe then I learnt that we must be true to the belief itself, and believe more in our dreams than anyone else.

I remember a writer I knew, a year ago. He was a friend and this what he said to me;

"I use to think that it was about the city I was in. I thought because of the lack of opportunities in this city that I would never get to write the articles I so wanted to write. I got tired writing stupid articles when I wanted to write about foreign affairs, economics, and politics but here I was, writing about fashion, about shoes, trainers and jackets.

I thought I needed to get out of this city.

I needed to leave and apply for jobs in another city or even a country. Then it dawned on me. I closed my eyes, imagined what I wanted to be, what I really wanted to write and opened my eyes to do exactly this. I left my job but I didn't leave the city because I was looking for job. I left the city 2 years later because I became a successful writer in politics."

He learnt what I learnt by Allah's mercy. We shouldn't wait for opportunities to come. They already came when we were born. It is just we look through the world with shades and not with the eyes of our hearts. We live in a world that dreams are just stories, fantasies and not real. It is only real when it happens. So damn ironic! It is a world that will cheer at a hero but heroes never accomplished anything with the help of this selfish world. The world always watches and stares at a hero when he or she struggled. When that hero overcomes the challenges then they cheer, then they come to help.

But is there a price you pay for a dream? Yes and that is why, in my field, I haven't met one Yemeni within the RnB, Hip Hop and Acoustic scene, writing, singing and producing in English. The price my Yemeni brothers and sisters is never knowing you will ever reach the end of your dream, the uncertainty that it will ever happen and no matter how many help you, whatever their agenda maybe, you will always walk alone and friends will be so few. You have to be a man or man who embraces struggle and willing to get up every time life kicks you in the face. It is never about what you need. You have already everything that you need, whether rich or poor. You have God. You are rewarded not for the result because the result is out of our hands. We are rewarded for deeds, our efforts. But what about the bad times or tears and the pain? There is no bad, or pain, or sorrow in my eyes. There are but tests that give the opportunity to bring the goodness or the bad within us, and though my armor is dusty, shield holds so many dents from many battles I lost and some I won, and my sword is blunt, I know, my grip is strong and Allah is watching. That is all I need to feel alive. Allah knows and He is watching. What else can I ever ask for? This for me gives me all the fight in me to get up, wipe the dust again and carry on.

## Letters to the Editor

## Mahathir was wrong

This is in response to your editorial claiming that Mahathir was right in accusing Jews collectively of controlling the world. How would Muslim people feel if a leader of a country stood up on a public platform and called all Muslims murderers and terrorists?

Every leader should respect all faiths and thus for Dr. Mahathir to label all Jews as arrogant and perpetuate myths about so called "world control" is racist, unfair, demeaning and should be rightly condemned

especially by Muslims who are trying to correct any negative images and stereotypes of themselves in the wider world.

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Why do Americans  
misunderstand us?

I really can't understand why so many Americans misunderstand us as Arabs and they always have a negative impression towards us. It's clear that most Americans think that we hate them. I can

assure and say we, Arabs, don't hate Americans. Nothing can jeopardize the strong and immortal relationships between Arabs and Americans.

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Crying on Yemen's  
current conditions

Yemen will always be in my dreams. Yemen needs people who are not selfish thugs who only worry to fill their pockets with money being stolen from poor Yemenis. I have been

living out of Yemen for thirty years and hope one day to go and live in Yemen. I visited Yemen last year, and what I saw make rocks cry blood. The gap between the rich and poor is very wide. The rich are like a wolf pack, one could smell the ugliness of their greed through the fake layers of clothes they bought with stolen money. The government is as corrupt as anything one can imagine...God help Yemen overcome these dark days.

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COMMON  
SENSE

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General Boykin or  
Pope Urban III?

When Pope Urban II made his famous speech in 1095 in Clermont, France, most of the civilized world west of the Khyber Pass was under Moslem control, in one form or another. Europe at the time was far from being civilized. That speech was said to be the launch pad for the bloody Crusades, which turned the Holy Land into a bloody battlefield for the next two hundred years after that. Of course the international scene was far different then than it is today, with most of European rulers eyeing for the splendor of the East, which was pictured by them by a whole sort of prejudices, envy and greed, adding more fuel to the "spiritual motive". Most western chroniclers view the speech as the "right speech at the right time", as the Encarta (Microsoft) encyclopedia wishes us to believe, to awaken the Europeans at the time when the Western World was "threatened by the heathens", as the Pope called the adherents to Islam and Moslems were "slaughtering Christian pilgrims" on their way to Jerusalem. The truth of the matter is that with the absence of a strong central Islamic state at the time, even Moslem pilgrims on their way to Mecca were being slaughtered by unruly nomadic marauders, and thus highway robbery was a common trait of the time. But religious fanatics are ready to take advantage of the prevailing circumstances and tickle the inherent spiritual drive that is found in human nature to suit their own gestation of Divine deliverance. This is true of many religious persuasions (including Islam), although the Islamic "Jihad" activists tend to be motivated by a real existing threat or oppression faced by Moslems, and never have genuine Jihad activists dared to cross the red lines of conscientious conduct (even Saladin in his wars against the Crusaders). As for many of the present "Jihad" activists, who are at the forefront of a dubious effort to distort the teachings of Islam, their origin is still dubious and many Moslems realize them to be no more than an extension of clandestine efforts by the enemies of Islam to discredit the teachings of Islam and are part of a long drawn out campaign to fulfill a Zionist - evangelical agenda, that was taken over from an earlier similar drive unleashed by the British Empire.

Lt. General William Boykin, the Deputy Undersecretary of Intelligence in the Department of Defense in the Bush Administration (II), has now declared himself to be the new savior of Christianity and wants to lead a new Christian Crusade against "Satan" and the heathens that are now threatening the West. Mind you, it is the Zionist intruders into the Holy Land that have desecrated the Christian Churches that existed peacefully in the Land of Palestine for centuries under Islamic rule, even those left over by the Crusades launched by Pope Urban II. But that does not seem to bother the evangelical dogmatists that are even more Zionist than the Zionist trespassers in the Holy Land. In fact they regard this ugly intrusion as "holy" and a part of the human destiny laid out by God Al-Mighty. God forbid that He should ever condone any form of suffering upon mankind emanating from any persuasion. We must come to terms with the fact that any oppression unleashed against any human beings is indeed the work of Satan (including the misdeeds of politicians and demagogues). God should never be associated with the evil intents of arrogant chauvinists, who claim to have a license to kill, maim and render people homeless. But Pope Urban III (Boykin) insists that Satan must be pursued in the Near East and wherever Islam has been peacefully implanted (To the dismay of many chroniclers, who sought to claim otherwise, Islam denounces forced conversion, since this conversion is usually heartless and does not provide the right moral foundations for true adherence to the faith). Yet Lt. General Boykin desires for the rejuvenation of the Inquisition and other pogroms that sought to solidify Christianity's hold on any territory by the outright slaughter of any non-adherents to the Cross. This is the kind of rhetoric that the unethical right wing - Zionist coalition is disseminating in the United States and is posing a real danger to any hopes of a peaceful world, where all religious, ethnic and racial cohesion should be an essential theme for human existence. What would prompt such a senior well positioned icon of the New Crusades to make such threatening remarks, at this time, is no more than an effort to nurture the hate mongering drives of these conservative iconoclasts, who have a very itchy craving for conflict and wars as the only basis for achieving their political ambitions. There is nothing dissimilar in what Boykin was preaching than what was propagated by former President Slobodan Melosovich, of Yugoslavia, who sought to rid Europe of "Moslem fundamentalists" by propagating the rape of Moslem women and desecration of Moslem mosques, not to mention the ethnic cleansing of an entire nation.

In this context, we should have no choice but return to the defense of what Mr. Mahatmir Mohammed of Malaysia said, when he pointed out that indeed Western thought is vastly being influenced by Zionist demagoguery in a disguised evangelical clout. Indeed, this is also the "right speech at the right time".



# Jewish lobby does 'rule' the US

By SHAHANAAB HABIB  
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No, really. Which bit of Dr Mahathir Mohamad's speech at the opening of OIC summit is inflammatory, offensive, repugnant and deserving of contempt?

That he called on Muslims to use their brains and not just brawn to fight their enemies? That he told them to stop blowing themselves up? And not act out of anger as irrational acts only beget more violence? Or that the Malaysian leader told Muslims they could learn a lesson or two from the Jews? And that numbers alone do not make strength?

This means unity - something the 1.3 billion Muslims lack and the few million Jews have.

Or was it his remarks that the Jews have become arrogant and arrogant people make mistakes? Or that the Jews rule the world by proxy and get others to fight and die for them?

Now, really, which of these are untrue? Just take the Jewish-rule-the-world by proxy comment.

Why the uproar about it? Isn't this a known fact? The difference perhaps is that others have not expressed it in such blatant terms as the plain-speaking Malaysian Prime Minister.

But many have studied and written on the powerful Jewish lobby in the US administration, their control of the media, influence on economy and even Hollywood.

A number of Jews sit in key positions in the US administration and they steer much of the US foreign policy.

Just take the current George W. Bush

administration.

There's Paul Wolfowitz, deputy defence secretary and close advisor of foreign policy, and Richard Perle, chairman of the Defence Policy Board, the Pentagon's advisory panel.

Perle comes with a colourful past. In the 1970s, he was expelled from Senator Henry Jackson's office for passing highly-classified documents to the Israeli embassy.

And later, he worked for an Israeli weapons firm, while Wolfowitz is said to have close ties with the Israeli military. Another intriguing character is Elliot Abrams, who is in the National Security Council (NSC), the principal forum for security and foreign affairs for the US president.

Hawkish, very pro-Israeli, Abrams is best known for his role in the Iran Contra scandal where arms were illegally sold to Iran to fight Iraq.

He pleaded guilty in 1991 about lying to Congress over the affair and a year later received a full pardon from Bush senior.

And today Abrams advises Bush junior on Middle East affairs and gets to present papers on policy to Condoleezza Rice, the National Security Advisor.

There's also Douglas Feith, undersecretary of Defence and Policy Advisor at the Pentagon whose appointment caused quite a stir in the Arab world.

Arab-American Institute president Dr James Zogby called it a "dangerous appointment" because having Feith, known for his extreme anti-Arab bias, as a chief architect of the US foreign policy was bad news for the Middle East.

There are also others like Dov Zekheim the under-secretary of Defence, Richard Haas

- director of planning at the state department and a strong advocate of the bombing of Iraq, Marc Grossman under-secretary for political affairs, James Schelesinger, an advisor to the Pentagon, Lincoln Bloomfield assistant secretary of state for political military affairs and Robert Zoellick and Robert Satloff.

With so many pro-Israeli American Jews in the US administration, why is there a problem when someone states the obvious? And questions who is really in charge?

And puts in perspective why US policies are always skewed in favour of Israel no matter how unfair?

One should not also forget the 60,000-strong American Israeli Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), the influential Jewish lobby group with deep pockets which funds election and re-election campaigns of senators, congressmen and presidents.

Although Jews make up only 2% to 3% of the US population, Jewish political scientist and author Benjamin Ginsberg points out that close to half of America's billionaires are Jews.

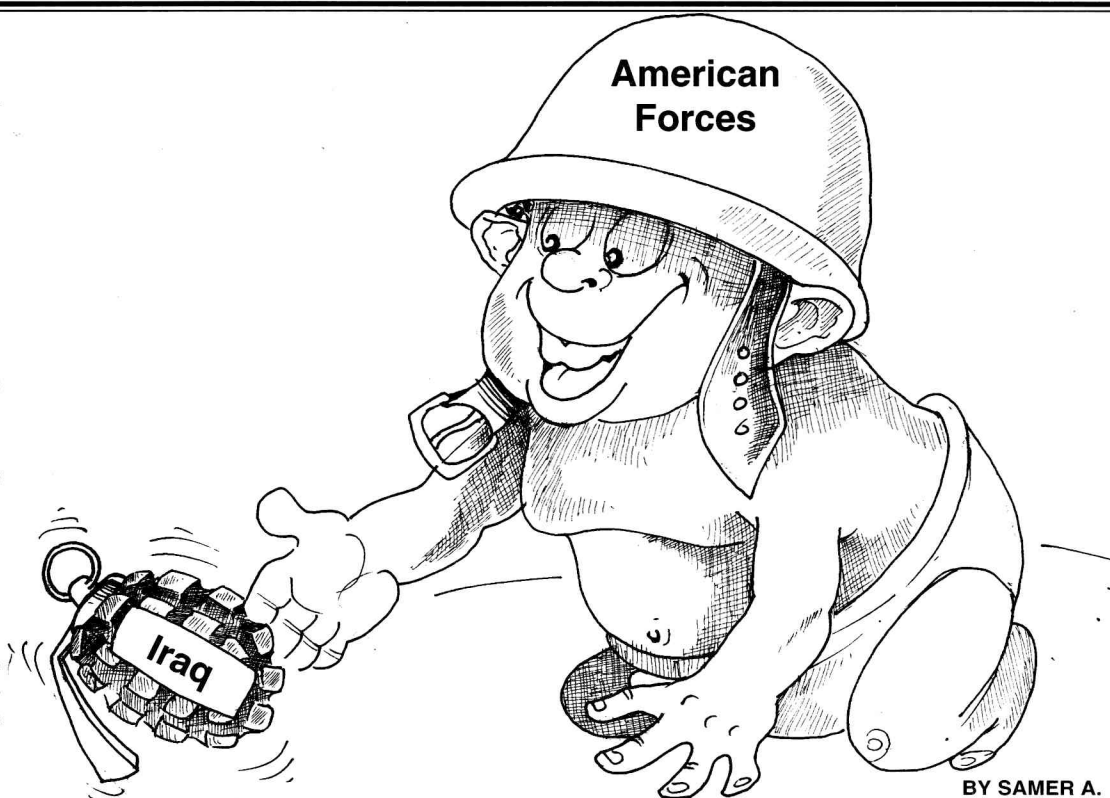
Just take Bill Clinton's re-election campaign in 1996.

A member of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organisations was quoted in a Jerusalem Post report that Jews alone had contributed 50% of funds for Clinton's campaign.

Therefore it is hardly surprising when Dr Fahed Fanek, a leading Jordanian economics and media consultant, writes that AIPAC has "enough clout to make or break politicians."

Bush "trembles with fear" at AIPAC which can "easily set the US media against him,"

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he says.

That fear is understandable since the Jews own a great chunk of the media and, in those they don't, they wield considerable influence.

Ginsberg notes the three major television networks in the United States have Jews as chief executive officers and that Jews own the nation's largest newspaper chain and the influential newspaper New York Times.

Kevin McDonald's of California State University in his study on Jews and the Media writes that the extent of Jewish ownership in media is remarkable.

These include holdings in major media companies like CNN, Time magazine, CBS, ABC, Wall Street Journal and Newsweek.

As for non Jew-owned media such as Fox News and NBC, he says ethnic Jews hold major managerial roles there.

There is also coercion of the media.

Dr Fahed cites the example of the Los Angeles Times losing 1,000 subscriptions in a single day for printing reports deemed not sufficiently supportive of Israel's military action in the West Bank.

Another popular newspaper, he says was forced to apologise to readers for printing a photograph of a pro-Israeli rally that had a

few anti-Israel demonstrators in the background!

Even former US joint chiefs of staff Admiral Thomas Moorer was once so exasperated with the Israeli-Jewish hold on the United States and that no US president dared to stand up to them.

"If the American people understood what a grip those people have got on our Government, they would rise up in arms. 'Our citizens certainly don't have any idea what goes on,' he had said.

So wasn't Dr Mahathir at the OIC summit then just calling a spade a spade and telling it as it is?

And why was there no attempt by the Western media to prove him wrong by showing that the Jews are not proxy rulers? Instead, they just indulged in bashing, name-calling and tagged him as anti-semitic.

Syrian editor Fuad Mardoud who listened to Dr Mahathir's opening speech at the summit says anyone who read or listened to the speech would not get a feeling of anti-semitism from it.

So he thinks the Western media take on the speech is a deliberate attempt to defame the leader.

"Dr Mahathir is rising as a great Islamic leader.

"The West anticipates that he will gain big results for the Muslim world so this is their way to cut it short," he says.

While some like Fuad may favour the conspiracy theory, the angling by the Western media may just be a case of different worlds, different perceptions, like some seeing half a glass of water as the glass being half empty and others seeing it half full.

The Muslim world has failed to unite on many issues in the past; honestly telling the Muslims to pause and think out strategies is certainly not "breaking news" as far as the international media is concerned.

It is far more exciting to stir up a controversy.

That makes sensational headlines. In the opening speech, Dr Mahathir stressed that revenge, anger and violence was not the way for Muslims to go forward but this did not attract much attention in the Western media.

And really this shouldn't be such a big deal.

Because what matters at the end of the day is whether the Muslim leaders and 1.3bil Muslims worldwide get the message.

And whether they take up the challenge to pause, think and strategise to unite the Muslim ummah.

## The uses and abuses of history

By Richard Reeves

"America is proud of its part in the great story of the Filipino people," said President Bush (news - web sites) to a joint session of the Congress of the Philippines last week. "Together our soldiers liberated the Philippines from colonial rule."

Unfortunately, we then killed more than 200,000 Filipinos. Almost all of the dead were civilians, killed in the two years after we liberated them from the Spanish in 1898. One of our generals there, a cranky Civil War veteran named Jacob Smith, told his men: "I wish you to kill and burn ... I want all persons killed who are capable of bearing arms in actual hostilities against the United States."

"How young?" asked Maj. Waller Tazewell Waller (cq) of the U.S. Marines. "Ten years and up," said Gen. Smith.

None of this was secret at the time. American soldiers — we sent 70,000 there after the Spanish colonial authority surrendered when Commodore George Dewey's fleet sailed into Manila Harbor — wrote of the details in letters to hometown newspapers. Here are samples quoted in a new book, "Flyboys," by James Bradley:

"We bombarded a place called Malabon, and then went in and killed every native we met, men, women and children" ... "This shooting human beings is a 'hot game' and beats rabbit hunting all to pieces" ... "Picking off niggers in the water is more fun than a turkey shoot" ...

"I am probably growing hard-hearted, for I am in my glory when I can sight my gun on some dark skin and pull the trigger. Tell all my inquiring friends that I am doing everything I can for Old Glory and for America I love so well."

Back in Washington, President Theodore Roosevelt was calling that "the most glorious war in our nation's history." The Filipino victims he dismissed as "a syndicate of Chinese half-breeds."

George W. Bush knows all this. At Yale, he got a B in History 35, a study of that era, taught by John Morton Blum, a biographer of Theodore Roosevelt. And if he has forgotten, he could look up some of it in Bradley's book. This president's father, Lt. George H.W. Bush, U.S. Navy (news - web sites), is a hero of "Flyboys" (and of a CNN documentary with the same title), which includes a frightening section on American anti-Asian attitudes and Japanese anti-American and anti-Christian attitudes that fed slaughter, massacre and even cannibalism in World War II.

We are, more often than not, relatively decent people in war and occupation. The Spanish rulers of the 7,000 islands of the Philippines were worse than the Americans, and there was a significant anti-war movement at home between 1899 and 1902. On July Fourth of that year, Roosevelt declared victory, after 4,234 Americans were killed in guerrilla attacks during the first three years of occupation. Mark Twain proposed that the stripes of Old Glory should be black and red. Gen. Smith was court-martialed

and Maj. Waller tried (and acquitted) on murder charges. During Smith's court-martial, one of his aides said: "If people know what a thieving, treacherous, worthless bunch of scoundrels these Filipinos are, they would think differently."

That quote, in Stanley Karnow's 1989 book, "In Our Image: America's Empire in the Philippines," illustrates one of the more important historical lessons of occupation: Not only do the occupied inevitably come to hate the occupiers, the occupiers come to hate the occupied. Last Wednesday, a New York Times story by John Tierney — the headline began "Baffled Occupiers ..." — quoted a GI watching over a Baghdad market as saying: "If you really want to know, I'm sick of being in a country where lying is the national pastime."

A second important lesson is this: The occupied always prevail in the end, because they are there forever and the occupier one day will go home. It may take 50 years, which is how long we stayed in the Philippines, but that is not much time in history.

History can be revised or downplayed for a time — in Manila last week, everyone talked about new public schools and the 550 teachers sent from San Francisco in 1901 rather than the 70,000 occupiers — but reality emerges at embarrassing times because history is forever. As another American president, Harry S. Truman, once said: "The only thing new in this world is the history you don't know."

## Rumsfeld's trial balloon

By ABE MICHELSON  
FOR THE BERKSHIRE EAGLE

The memo from Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld that leaked out this week is a remarkably tough-minded assessment of the Iraq campaign, "a long, hard slog," and the war on international terrorism, "we lack metrics to know if we are winning or losing." It correctly identifies many of the difficulties in fighting an asymmetrical war against an enemy that hides rather than confronts, and in combating the undeniable appeal the ideology of Islamic extremism has for young Arabs. It excoriates the Pentagon for failing to develop a long-range plan to win this new kind of war and reshape itself into an effective tool to prosecute it.

Democratic critics of the Bush administration's war-making say they couldn't have said it better themselves. But they are

wrong to see it as a first sign of self-doubt seen emanating from the Pentagon, just as liberal pundits are wrong to equate it to the Pentagon Papers.

Think: How could such a memo have escaped from the purview of a skilled bureaucratic infighter who Henry Kissinger himself called "the most ruthless man I have ever met." Witness how Mr. Rumsfeld has effectively sidelined the State Department, usurping its function as the agency that supervises the rebuilding of countries once the Pentagon is done wrecking them and effectively supplanted the CIA as the source of intelligence the president trusts. No doubt the old fox has leaked the memo himself, to provoke a debate on his favorite subject — the unwieldy and change-resistant Pentagon bureaucracy.

Here is Mr. Rumsfeld's trial balloon: "it is not possible to change DoD fast enough to successfully fight the global war on terror; an alternative might be to try to fashion

a new institution, either within DoD or elsewhere, one that seamlessly focuses the capabilities of several departments and agencies on this key problem." Who would have the nerve and savvy to assemble this terror-fighting dream team. Why, Donald Rumsfeld, but only if he had an unlimited budget and protection from congressional interference.

There is no question that Secretary Rumsfeld knows the right questions to ask, and it is a healthy sign that he is forcing his key subordinates to grapple with the real problems that confront the United States as it faces new enemies, new challenges, in a radically changed world. His ideas about the prosecution of the war deserve serious consideration, public consideration. In a way, he has done the republic a favor by sharing his thoughts so publicly. But the president and Congress should think long and hard before they give such a man any more power than he has at present.

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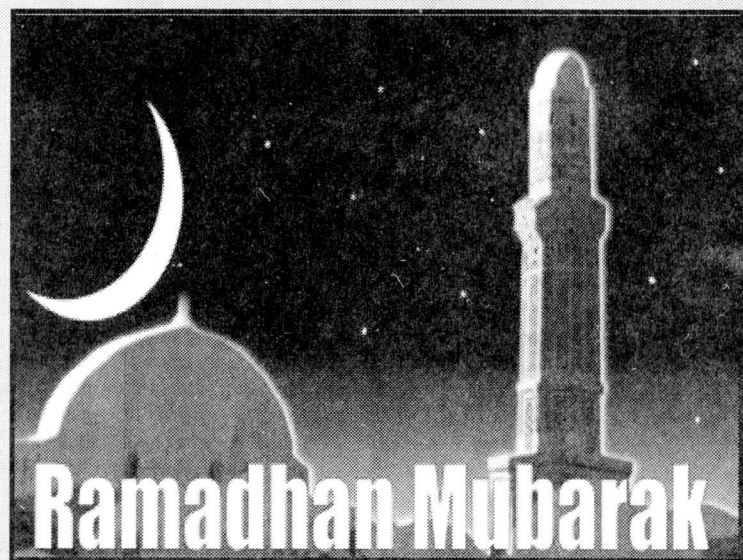


# Welcome Ramadan

By ABDUL-JABAR AHMED  
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**R**amadan is a holy month for all Muslims all over the world. This month, which Allah created, is an occasion during which Muslims get their faith renewed as well as energy and spirituality recreated for the rest of the year. So, on this great occasion, we implore earnestly to Allah the most Merciful and the most compassionate to show us the right path in order to do good deeds and to illuminate our lives. In Islam, a great important is given to this month because it is a month of fasting, prayer and reciting Qura'an. Fasting is one of the best ways for penance, there is to ask God's forgiveness for our wrongs knowingly or unknowingly. It further teaches us the virtues of self-control. By

controlling our hunger and thirst for such many long hours, we learn how not be affected by the physical desires. Controlling physical desires is the surest way to scale the greatest heights of spirituality. In fact, by enduring the effect of hunger and thirst for such a long time, we come to realize the misery of the poor who stay in hunger for days and thus we sympathize with those who need it. In other words, fasting is an obligation for Muslims in order to make rich Muslims feel the suffering of their poor brothers. Therefore, Ramadan is by all means considered as a significant Islamic month for us all. We must keep its virtues in mind and reflect them in all our thoughts and deeds. Finally, it is particularly worthy to remember our brothers who are at war. So we must invoke Allah's mercy and pray for Allah to destroy their enemies everywhere and liberate their occupied lands from invaders and colonizers.



# Looking after woman prisoners

INTERVIEWED BY FAHMIA AL-FOTIH  
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**I**t is obvious seen and known how oppressively the society treats woman and the degrading outlook it forms about her but what about it if she is a prisoner. We observe the miserable conditions that most woman prisoners find that the closest ones abandon them leaving them without a defense staying for along time in dark cells of prisons. More painful it is when those female prisoners have children who unfortunately live inside prisons for the simple fact of being the sons and daughters of imprisoned women. Such children are deprived of the right to health, education, leisure and socialization and they are treated as they were guilty adults.

So Ricerca e Cooperazione (RC) has come to tackle such important issues by drawing up a new life and a future for this poor portion of the society and start a new chapter in their life.

Yemen Times interviewed Guido Pollini, Ricerca e Cooperazione representative in Yemen to closely know more about this organization and its objectives, tasks, plans and projects that will soon implemented and help those poor imprisoned women.

**Q: Could you give a brief account on - Ricerca e Cooperazione organization please?**

**A:** Ricerca e Cooperazione (RC) is a member of an Italian Federation composed of 30 non-governmental organizations spread all over the country. It is accredited by the Italian Ministry of Foreign affairs since 1985 and registered upon UNFPA and IFAD.

RC is organizing development projects in the following sectors:-

- a) Rural development, regional planning, natural resources management and protection of environment.
- b) Social promotion and strengthening of local organization.
- c) Income generation activities and vocational training.
- d) Micro credit scheme implementation.
- e) Sexual and reproductive health.
- f) Cultural heritage rehabilitation and enhancement.

Among the projects RC conducted are the following:-

School health in the West Bank, Palestine 1994- 1997, costing USD 530,000

Sefwi Integrated Development Program in Ghana, co-financed by the European commission, costing, USD 600,000 / -.

Rural Development and Gender Extension services in Jordan, costing USD 1, 250, 000 / -.

Dignita alle donne in Kosovo, costing USD 963,076 / -.

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A number of versatile projects implemented in Lebanon, Palestine, Bolivia, Argentina, Colombia, Egypt, Tunisia, Malawi, and Yemen.

One of our main interests is the welfare of women prisoners and juveniles in conflict with the law in Sana'a and later on in other locations in Yemen, defending them in courts to get them out of prisons, providing shelter, food, education and training to reintegrate them into ordinary life and society. Like other organizations, we feel the drastic need for the civil society to work in development to raise the standard of living for the poor and spreading the awareness of human rights.

**Q: How do you evaluate woman prisoners in Yemen?**

**A:** Generally speaking, female prisoners in Yemen suffer the same conditions and live the same circumstances like prisoners in other countries. Particular attention is taken for these between 12 to 17 years of age with no possibility of reintegration into their original families, they are the weakest portion of the population rejected by the society and deprived of all their rights, and whose only opportunity for survival is begging. Their number, compared with other countries, is small 70- 80 cases, but number of cases are sometimes more than that.

**Q: What are the obstacles that you as an organization have faced?**

**A:** Obviously, no activity or effort exerted in any time and place is void for some type or other of obstacles, deterrent or inconveniences. Our proj-



Mr. Guido Pollini

ect is no exception; although they are not that significant to form serious impediment. There is the usual routine and delays that is hindering us to perform our tasks as scheduled in our timeline and plans. Besides, some of our partners do not fulfill their share of action in certain tasks on time creating thus the need for extra efforts in the follow up and motivation on the part of the executive in the project management.

**Q: Is there any cooperation between you and the government?**

**A:** Naturally the project cannot go ahead anywhere without the cooperation and good will of the competent government bodies and officials, the project agreement in the first place, was made with the Ministry of planning and almost all of our tasks and contacts are directly or indirectly connected with officials especially prison personnel and the law enforcing bodies, who provide us with the data and lists of the targeted groups and the beneficiaries of the project.

**Q: What have you achieved in the field of helping the female prisoners?**

**A:** The RC office in Sana'a was only opened three months ago, that is why it is still too early to speak of concrete

achievements. We are still in the early stages

Of preparations and foundation work, but our plans and action timelines are already set for launching as soon as possible. We are already on the track to realize our targets and goals according to these plans.

**Q: What are your future plans?**

**A:** As for our future plans, we have a long way to go during the three years of the project lifetime. All tasks are clearly identified within the prescribed timeframe detailed in the three-year action plan and the specific responsibilities of all our partners in the project. For your intimation we may cite the following items:-

- Training of lawyers.
- Defending juveniles.
- Lobbying actions for policy improvement. (Roundabout & inter-institutional meeting & research).
- Construction of the rescue training center.
- Provision of training.
- Provide school and nursery equipment inside the prison.
- Construction of the school extension.
- Provide educational staff to meet project requirement.
- Awareness in selection schools.



# Congratulations

Wyndell Caviness was recently named Vice President and General Manager of Yemen Hunt Oil Company. He has petroleum Engineering Degree from Texas Tech. University. Wyndell worked in Yemen from 1994, - 2001 at Yemen Hunt Oil Company central Production Facilities in Safer - Marib Governorate. He returned to Yemen in June 2003 as Manager of Exploration and Production and will be residing in Sana'a.

## Ministry of Telecommunications & IT Important announcement

The Ministry of Telecommunications & IT announces that it has taken steps to prevent international calls from passing illegally via the fixed and the GSM telephone networks as they are in breach of the telecommunications law.

Therefore, citizens who receive international calls which appear as local numbers on their fixed or GSM telephones are requested to cooperate with the ministry and notify the call center on free access number 170 at any time. The Information required by the call center is purely the local or GSM number that appears on the customer's telephone display.

The call center handling calls to 170 is available 24 hours aday, 7 days aweek.

The Ministry would like to thank the public for their cooperation.



# “The women struck by leprosy”

By Dr. MOHAMMED NABHANI  
NATIONAL LEPROSY ELIMINATION PROGRAMME.

Hajja is one of the most beautiful districts in Yemen. It has a breath-taking natural beauty that makes it a tourist attraction. Since Hajja has remarkable epidemic indications, the leprosy elimination programme pays it a special attention.

A great deal of field surveys/surveillances has been conducted to search for special cases in its Tuhamian parts. Because of the social stigma that makes the leprosy patient's life a misery, the health education has been given a special attention to enlighten the people's minds and rub off the despicable thoughts towards the down-trodden leprosy patients.

We headed for the "Aslem" district, where we conducted the health education in its health center and got the health workers acquainted with leprosy early indications. During this field visit I came to know about a leprosy case in a village far away from the center of the district.

We visited the village and met its sheikh. We explained the nature of

our task that we are in search for leprosy patients. What struck my eyes was a pale-faced stricken-in- years woman sitting in a ragged shabby hut. She looked so lonely and isolated from the rest of the residents that my heart went out to her. Near to her hut were a jar and a bowl. When we approached nearer to that woman, she flew away and shouted at the top of her voice. She tried to prevent us from reaching her lest that she would infect us. When we insisted on continuing our way to her, she gave up and said, "May god save you". I tried to shake her hand but she refused. I, however, put my hand on her shoulder. She didn't believe it and broke down in tears. She said "Oh my dear son, you are the first one ever touches me. I have never been touched for ages. We calmed her down and tried to relieve her fears and worries. After we had diagnosed and prescribed medicine, we left.

Three months later we went back to the same village. We were stunned and surprised by what we saw. The way the villagers treat that woman changed. They became friendlier to her and they visited her regularly. When she saw us she prayed saying "May God reward you back for what ever you have done for me".

# Separated Egyptian twins get to see each other

DALLAS, Oct 24 (Reuters) - Egyptian twins formerly conjoined at the head saw each other for the first time since surgery to separate them two weeks ago, their doctor said on Friday.

Two-year-old Mohamed Ibrahim was more awake than brother Ahmed and seemed to recognize his sibling after he was wheeled in a red wagon into Ahmed's room, said Dr. James Thomas, chief of critical care at Children's Medical Center.

"He was clearly delighted by the ride and when he saw his brother for the first time since surgery he stared at



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him intently," Thomas said in a statement.

"Those present for the encounter, including his parents, indicated Mohamed appeared to recognize his brother."

A second visit was planned later in the day when Ahmed was expected to be more alert, he said.

The visit came as Ahmed was upgraded from critical to serious condition and began physical therapy.

Mohamed was upgraded to serious condition earlier.

It will take several weeks to determine if the boys suffered brain damage in the operation in which a team of five neurosurgeons separated their shared brain material as well as the shared circulatory systems that fed blood to their brains.

The boys were born in a town 500 miles (800 km) south of Cairo on June 2, 2001.

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# Local Press

Prepared by Mohammed Khidhr

**Al-Wahdawi weekly, organ of the Nasserite Unionist Organisation, 21 Oct.003.**

## Min headlines:

- Organization's general secretariat holds its regular conference
- On the occasion of Ramadhan president orders release of detainees
- Government strips local councils of their authorities
- After Saudi Arabia, U.S. Congress monitors Yemen
- Security of Sana'a University scarps posters calling for boycotting Zionist and American goods

The newspaper's political editor says in his article that no one can say that what has been mentioned in the speech of the Malaysian prime minister Mahathir Mohammed at the latest Islamic summit conference it has surprised people because the man is well-known of his frankness. The has proved during his ruling tenure in his country that he is a man firm in his stand and opinion and a daring worldly wisdom very rare to be found with others in such a time characterized by the American aggression and terrorism.

Mr Mhathir Mohammed has led his country towards an economic and scientific advancement and above all no one could dictate on him any stance contradicting the fully independent policy of his country which preserving and keeping its sovereignty right against any foreign interference. The man did not surprise anyone even the west by his stand which launched against him a campaign of criticisms in favour of the Jewish Zionism that is controlling destiny of its leaders and aspects of its life. Such a control has made the west lose the objectivity of its stances and the balance between its relations and interests. The best proof of that is what is going on in Palestine for more than half a century because Zionism does not want a solution for that and also what is going on Iraq and what is going on against Syria starting from the Zionist aggression on a camp in Damascus through the American veto to the American law on punishing Syria and the countdown for launching an all-out war against Syria.

Although what has been mentioned in Mr Mohammed's speech was characterized with utter right and justice and commitment to historical objectivity he was not spared from attacking him and exposure to western threat. On the other hand the Islamic conference did not issue any stand defending Syria against any aggression. This stand has made the west and America be emboldened on Islam and the Muslims and encouraged and pushed them to launch aggression on them, violating their freedom and sovereignty.

**Al-Raie al-A'am weekly, 21 Oct.2003.**

## Main headlines:

- Popular dear and denunciation of he trend to cut number of local councils in the capital secretariat
- 2nd local councils conference concluded
- Yemen, deputy chairman of tourism organisation general assembly
- 24 thousand children die every day because of hunger,
- 840 million people, mostly in developing countries, suffer from pains of hunger
- Capital secretariat teachers union threatens by general strike
- Hadramout health bureau effects radical changes
- Coordination committee of industrial research centres in Arab countries holds a meeting

Aden University, president Ali Abdulla Saleh touched on the necessity of students heading for technical education. The same topic he had tackled at a graduation ceremony of the same university last year. It is a great gesture by the president. The great number of secondary school students from various branches is on the increase every year and this creates satisfaction about the spread of education and possibility of getting it by all segments of the people. The question is that the president's talk about urging students to join technical schools has aroused astonishment of parents of students who have applied to technical institutes in various parts of the republic and who were refused from joining those institutes due the latter's incapability of accepting all those applying for studying in those institutes. The president has been giving his directives for several years to pay attention to technical education and in the last years he gave his directives to the government to consider seriously the technical and vocational education. Now who is responsible for this question, are they the students parents or the government? What is the destiny of secondary school graduates who have not been accepted at those institutes under the slackness of the government in expanding and developing technical and vocational institutes to be able to accommodate the increasing number of students applying to join them?

**Attariq weekly, 21 Oct.2003.**

## Main headlines:

- The president receives delegation of the American institute, NDI
- Jubail Jabr court issues its verdict

## Main headlines

- GPC announcement and YSP welcomes the beginning of dialogue
- Council of ministers endorses draft state budget of 2004
- Preparation for developing the electoral system completed
- Ships movement at Yemeni ports increased
- Gas non-existing, a new severe "dose" by Bajammal government
- Arab leaders, each fears the other
- Politicians describe government activities as total bankruptcy
- Warnings against suspicious courses and grants funded by the American embassy, calling Yemenis to migrate to "Israel"
- American congress delegation in Yemen carries out monitoring task
- Yemen receives families of Saddam Hussein and al-Bakr for humanitarian reasons
- Parliamentary report discloses the government endeavour to damage the national currency
- Ten Americans killed in Iraq in three days
- Italian interest in political, economic and security development in Yemen
- American institute hosts a dialogue for political thought in the region
- Italian cities used for meting points and movement by al-Qaeda organisation
- Round table for Yemeni and Italian journalists in Aden
- Zionist occupation soldiers call names against the Prophet Mohammed
- American's new century plan to control the Arab world completely by the year 2008
- British navy warns of new attacks led by plots aimed at British vessels in Suez Canal and the Red Sea

- of death against killer Qassem Hassan
- School food program begins in Shabwa
- Smuggled cars bought and sold in Seiyoun
- Three youth kidnapped a girl in Abyan, captured
- PM patronizes ceremony on the UN Day

The political editor says despite of the elapse of three years since the events of blasting the American destroyer USS Cole on October 12, 2000, and despite of the advanced

security and military cooperation between Yemen and the United States in fighting terror the file of Cole is still wide-open. The urging question is when would this file be closed for good?

Since the escape of the ten prisoners, accused of destroying Cole, from the political security prison in Tawahi up till now the news is conflicting between the hiding of some of those prisoners inside our territories and their flee abroad and the neighbouring countries. In this regard some pres news reported a week or more ago that the third sus-

pect in the incident Muhsin Harhara had surrendered himself to security authorities. The same news had pointed out that Harhara gave serious information that the remainder of escapees is still inside the governorates of Abyan and Shabwa, particularly the accused number one Nabeel al-Badawi and his major accomplice Fahd al-Qasie. Other sources said one or more suspects had surrendered themselves to the Yemeni security apparatuses a few days ago. The question is has not time come yet for folding the black pages of the incident of the destroyer Cole?



**Al-Balagh weekly, 21 Oct.2003.**

## Min headlines:

- A Christian organisation offends Islam
- PM: There are scandals and corruption in the judiciary
- Minister of Planning and international cooperation: Up till now population figures and statistics are not real, census did not provide real information
- In a statement: Teachers Union demands the punishment of the one who attacked al-Hamza school headmaster

The editor in chief of the newspaper says in his article this week that laws, regulations, government establishments, ministries, police stations and all state apparatus are found for the purpose of serving the citizen, offering services and programs to facilitate life of the citizen and provide life requirements for him. He says this is the image supposed to be in the relationship between the state and the citizen but is this actually the image we find on the ground?

The author says he does not think that many officials understand this relationship. They oppositely make it reversed. Thus the citizen becomes in service of the government institutions and ministries, police stations and all members of the state institutions; civil and military and security.

Officials usually deal with the citizen in haughtiness whether in the street or inside corridors of government institutions. They talk to the citizen in an arrogant way and keep a distance between them as they are carrying very dangerous diseases. When a citizen commits any petit misdemeanor police would drag him from his neck as if he is a criminal of the first degree and beat him severely. The citizens are treated as if they are accused, but is it credible that all the people are accused and very few of officials or officers have the

right to offend an entire people?



**Al-Wahda weekly, 22 Oct.2003.**

## Main headlines:

- Health minister: Cancer threatens public health in Yemen
- Batheb and Anees back home
- Expatriates undersecretary: We enhance international interests and rights of the expatriates
- President of electricity establishment al-Junaid: We work to avoid electric outages during the month of Ramadhan
- Cuban ambassador to Yemen: Yemeni-Cuban relations witness steady development
- Yemen prepares to participate in London tourist exhibition
- Government measures limited violations of fishing companies

Columnist Ahmed Abdraba Alawi says in his article it seems the United States has abandoned all diplomatic values and manners and its foreign policy has become based on many terms: accusations-threatening-war and installation. By our following up of what is going on in the Arab region we perceive that the turn is approaching from Syria. The whole matter is but a short time or days to pass for settling pending things in Iraq and then the atmosphere would be clear and begin the military concentration to begin in the military bases near to Syria and talk begins to be repeated on alleged violations Syria is accused with. Those accusations against Syria are known even from now. The entire question is that the American administration is adopting the strategy worked out by the Israeli prime minister Ariel Sharon against Syria. The stands taken by the American administration against Syria in the past few days indicate that the orientation of the hawks inside the administration have managed to dictate their viewpoints that are rather identical to Sharon's greed in the region. Nowadays we hear about accusations against Syria of harboring remnants of the Iraqi regime and its possession of chemical weapons, these accusations are a new ill-boding against the Arabs and Muslims. The Syrian people are wondering if they are heading for barbaric attacks launched by the American war machine that does not differ between old, young people or a woman or a child.

We have become now in the age of power not the age of law and international charters and the side that possesses the military superiority guarantees the victory and occupies the country it wants to.

# World Press

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

## Egypt

### Al Ahram

Donor countries and international financial corporations participating in a Madrid conference Friday pledged to offer 33 billion US dollars, including more than 20 billion dollars from the United States, for rehabilitating Iraq in the next four years.

### Al Akhbar

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak is to receive on Sunday Japanese Foreign Minister Yoriko Kawaguchi, who will arrive in Cairo on Saturday for a three-day official visit.

The Japanese minister will hold

talks with Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Maher on means of boosting the Middle East peace process and solving the Iraqi crisis.

### Al Gomhuria

A mummy that is believed to be the remains of Egyptian pharaoh Ramses I is to be returned to Egypt after 150 years in the United States, news reports said on Friday.

### Egyptian Mail

Gunmen killed three Israeli soldiers, two of them women, at a Jewish settlement in the Gaza Strip on Friday in a joint shooting and grenade attack by two main Palestinian Islamic activist groups.

## France

### Le Figaro

Europe opens its door to genetically modified organisms as Brussels said it may soon lift a de-facto ban on bio-engineered foods.

### Le Monde

Minister of Labor and Social Affairs Francois Fillion launched a law bill proposing profound reform on rules of labor relations.

### L'Humanite

What is covered by the headscarves that Muslim girls wear in classroom? The debate lasts over the principles of secular education and the freedom of religion.

### France Soir

The last Concorde passenger flight was hailed as the end of a 27-year dream of speed-of-sound Atlantic crossings.

## Britain

### The Daily Telegraph

British Conservatives leader Iain Duncan Smith is fighting a last-ditch battle to remain his leadership despite being told by key members of his inner circle that he is losing the confidence of lawmakers and should stand down.

### The Times

Prince William publicly challenged his mother Diana's former butler, Paul Burrell, Friday night to hand over all her private papers in an attempt to stop any further "deeply wounding" revelations about her life.

### The Independent

Concorde, as graceful and remarkable as any creature that ever

took flight landed on a cold afternoon at Heathrow for the last time on Friday, and with it went every idea that the improbable was possible.

### The Guardian

As many as 50,000 asylum seekers and their children are to be allowed to live and work in Britain under a Home Office amnesty.

### Financial Times

British Chancellor of the Exchequer Gordon Brown is on course to break his cherished "golden rule" on government borrowing as rising public expenditure and disappointing tax receipts have led to a marked deterioration in public finances.

## Germany

### Die Welt

The rating of the ruling Social Democrats SPD fell this week to a historical low of 22 percent in a major opinion poll.

### Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung

With at least 15 billion US dollars promised for Iraq's reconstruction efforts,

organizers regard the Madrid international donors conference as a success.

### Der Tagesspiegel

The Bundestag (the lower chamber of German parliament) has approved the expanding the mission of German soldiers to other Afghan regions outside Kabul.

## Kenya

### The People

In a dramatic turn of events, the Kenyan government Friday sacked all forest officers, 829 in total, accusing them of condoning and facilitating the wanton destruction of forests across the country.

### Kenya Times

The Kenyan government will soon set up a National Economic and Social Council to advise it on policies that may

be required to address emerging socio-economic issues, Vice President Moody Awori has said.

### Daily Nation

Experts from eleven Eastern Africa countries have begun drafting a joint regional development policy document to be ratified by their heads of state at New Partnership for Africa's Development summit scheduled for next Wednesday in Kenya's capital Nairobi.

## Pakistan

### Dawn

Reciprocating the recent Indian gesture to provide free medical treatment to 20 Pakistani children, Pakistan National Institute of Cardio-Vascular Diseases, Karachi, has offered to undertake coronary angiography and bypass surgery on 20 poor Indian patients without any charge.

### The News

President General Pervez Musharraf

has said the goal of poverty alleviation can be achieved through greater focus on agriculture sector, as 60 percent of the country's population lives in rural areas.

### The Nation

Pakistan said Friday it was doing everything it could to stop infiltration of Taliban and al-Qaeda fugitives, but it needed more US equipment and money to plug its border with Afghanistan.

## Japan

### Asahi, Yomiuri, Mainichi

A producer of Nippon Television Network Corp. bribed four households designated as viewers in a TV ratings system to tune to his programs to help raise their ratings.

### Nihon Keizai

Nissan Motor Co. plans to trim about 170 domestic sales companies to 100 by 2005 in a fresh bid to reorganize its sales network and boost domestic sales.



# Improve Your English



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# 2007

## I. What to Say

Situations and Expressions (57):  
Felicitating a teacher (Part 2)

Words are grossly inadequate to accurately capture the spirit of appreciation the beholden students would like to extend to their teachers who have been a beacon light for them and who have spared no pains to illumine the dark recesses in the students' minds. Here are a few more expressions which have attempted to capture the students' thankfulness.

- Good things come once in a life time. So do good teachers like you.  
From the tip of the North Pole to the tip of the South Pole...  
And all those places in between...  
You rank amongst the greatest teachers that this world has ever seen. Many thanks Teacher!
- Thank you Teacher  
For your caring, thoughtful ways,  
for your willingness to listen  
and your kind supportive praise...  
Thank you, Teacher,  
for the special things you do  
I feel so very lucky to have a teacher like you.
- For a very dear Teacher: 'Knowledge is power', it is said. And many thanks to you that I taste this power everyday. I truly look up to you.
- Teacher! You are like a candle  
who spreads the darkness of ignorance  
and disperses the light of knowledge.  
I'm forever grateful to you.
- Dear Teacher!  
With the torch of knowledge  
You've lit up my world  
You've helped me to see with a better vision.  
Thanks a lot.
- Teacher!  
Thank you for being the most marvelous,  
superlative magnificent, dedicated, caring,  
outstanding person. You'll forever be remembered  
with great respect and admiration.
- For you, Teacher, on the New Year  
Here are good wishes for the future.  
May each passing day of the coming year bring  
you good health and cheer. May each passing  
month bring you nearer to realizing your dreams,  
and may the years ahead be full of all the happy  
things you wish for yourself.
- Teachers! This card is a special loving token of the  
gratitude often felt but all too seldom spoken –  
may this special day meant for all of you, bring the  
things you treasure and may the year ahead be  
filled with happiness beyond measure.  
Wish you all a lovely Teacher's Day
- Teachers are one of the priceless gifts of wisdom,  
very special people, indeed, and I thank you for  
being such a warm and considerate one.  
With regards
- Wishing you a beautiful Teacher's Day  
For bestowing the gifts of knowledge on your  
students,  
For teaching and reaching out to them in every  
way  
This comes to thank you for all your efforts and to  
wish you a beautiful Teacher's Day.  
Happy teacher's Day  
Happiness always.
- You're so enthusiastic and so dedicated. You  
always give your very best. Words fail to tell you  
how much you're admired and appreciated for  
being such a special teacher.
- There are many stars, but the moon is one.  
There are many teachers, but the best is one.  
To forget us it is upto you, but  
To forget you, we will never do.

## II. How to Say it correctly

Correct errors, if any, in the following sentences

- The patient died before the doctor arrived.
- Each of these books are very useful for you.
- She is more beautiful than anyone of her two

- sisters.
- He is the same man who has helped us in our work.
- He was taking exercise for three hours before he was called by his father.

### Suggested answers to last week's questions

- He never goes **within an arrow's flight** of her.
- Good evening!** I am very glad to see you again after a long time.
- I asked him **why he was** beating about the bush.
- Intelligent people always **avail themselves of** the opportunity.
- Money has become modern God which every man is **hankering after**.

## III. Increase your Word Power

### (A) How to express it in one word

- Subject to death.
- Resulting in death.
- Property inherited from one's father or ancestor.
- A paper written by hand.
- The result of a match in which neither party wins.

### Suggested answers to last week's questions

- A language that is no longer spoken: **dead language** (adj)
- The word which is no longer in use: **obsolete** (adj)
- The motive merely to get money: **mercenary** (adj)
- Existing for ever without a beginning or an end: **eternal** (adj)
- A speech made without preparation: **extempore** (adj)

### (B) Foreign phrases and expressions

Give the sources of origin and meanings of the following:

- basta
- beau garcon
- beau jour
- beneficiare
- bene qui latuit bene vixit

### Suggested answers to last week's questions

- Annie Christie** (Lat.): In the year of Christ.
- Ars longa vita brevis** (Lat.): Art is long, life is short.
- auf wiedersehen!** (Ger.): Till we meet again, goodbye.
- au contraire** (Lat.): On the contrary.
- auto** (Spanish): An act, a drama.

### (C) Words commonly confused

Bring out differences in meaning of the following pairs of words

- compare, comper
- angle, angel
- deny, refuse
- alien, align
- eminent, imminent

### Suggested answers to last week's questions

- medal** (n) (Flat piece of metal, shaped like a coin, given as an award): He won a gold medal in the inter-university sports championship.  
**meddle** (vi) (interfere with): I don't want to meddle in anyone's personal affairs.
- team** (n) (group of persons playing together as one side in some games): Our school football team won the trophy.  
**teem** (vi) (have in great numbers): His head teemed with many mischievous ideas.
- dissent** (vi) (have a different opinion from): He dissented from the opinion of his classmates.  
**descent** (n) (coming or going down): The plane is on descent.
- in** (prep.) (of place): The mount Everest is the highest mountain peak in the world.  
**inn** (n) (public house): The travelers took shelter in a country inn.
- dyeing** (adj) (coloring): He is working in a dyeing factory.  
**dying** (adj): The victim in his dying declaration named the culprit who attacked him.

### (D) Idioms and phrases

Give illustrative sentences using the following phrases:

- to be well off
- bear away
- break into

- break with
- bring about

### Suggested answers to last week's questions

- lead upto** (culminate in): Quarrel between the children led upto a major conflict between the two families.
- shake off** (get rid of): He is trying his best to shake off his evil reputation.
- long for** (have a strong desire for): The youths now-a-days long for a life of luxury.
- stave off** (prevent, avert): As a good crisis manager he is expected to stave off the tension in the party.
- trump up** (concocted, fabricated): His account of an encounter with kidnappers sounds trumped up.

## IV. Grammar and Composition

### (A) Grammar

Rewrite these sentences using either 'enough for (somebody to do)' or 'too (much) for (somebody to do)'

- This dress is big. I can't wear it.
- This car is cheap. We can buy it.
- The restaurant is good. We can hold our party in it.
- We have lots of food. We can feed everybody.
- The room is small. We can't all sleep in it.
- The book's language is difficult. I can't understand it.
- It's wet. We can't go out.
- It's hot. We can go for a swim.

### Suggested answers to last week's questions.

When I was at school, I was good at languages and I (1) **could speak** French and German quite well. I (2) **could** even pass my exam, and got quite good grades. But what surprised me was that when I went to Germany for the first time, I (3) **couldn't understand** a word – it was as if they were speaking a completely different language from the one I had learned. Speaking was less of a problem, because on the whole I (4) **managed to say** more or less what I wanted but it was a long time before I (5) **could have** my first real conversation.

### (B) Composition: Paragraph writing

Expand the idea contained in the saying

**39: A FOOL SEES NOT THE SAME TREE THAT A WISE MAN DOES**

### Last week's topic

**38: A MAN IS KNOWN BY THE COMPANY HE KEEPS**

A man's manners, behavior, temper, attitude, likes or dislikes potentially attract like-minded people to him. Men of a balanced, even-headed, and judicious mentality like to be in the company of men who are cool and calm, considerate and prudent. On the other hand, those with perverted minds shun the company of sensible people and love to loiter with notorious elements. In the same way, a noble soul always seeks company that is compatible with his character. It can, therefore, be said with a fair degree of certainty that a person's nature, character and propensities can be predicted from those of the people with whom he keeps company. Thus it becomes imperative to exercise utmost discretion in choosing one's friends. Proper counseling and guidance at a formative stage of life can serve to develop a sense of discretion and judgment in youngsters which would certainly stand them in good stead to judiciously select their friends and companions.

## IV. Pearls from the Holy Quran

**"A reward from Allah  
And from Allah  
Is the best of rewards."  
S3:A195**

## VI. Words of Wisdom

**"All creatures are the family of Allah;  
And he is the most beloved of Allah who does  
most good unto his family."**

*Sayings of the Holy Prophet Mohammed (PBUH)*

# Theory of Translation for Pedagogic Purposes A 2-day symposium

The Department of English of the Faculty of Languages, University of Sana'a, proposes to organize a two-day symposium in the last week of December 2003 on the topic "Theory of Translation for Pedagogic Purposes." The exact date of the symposium will be announced in due course.

The importance of translation in the context of the Arab world in general and that of Yemen in particular cannot be overemphasized. Arabic has a long tradition of translation beginning from the Middle Ages onwards. It is heartening to note that the enthusiasm for translation continues unabated in this part of the world and sets a model for the rest of all others. Many Universities in the Arab world either have full Departments of Translation or Language Departments offering courses in translation. Besides, there are also reputed Institutes that either undertake translation or teach the subject or do both.

### On Translation:

Translation, like all human sciences today, seems to have reached a point of criticality from where the field looks both baffling and fascinating. The radical changes that have been sweeping across the various disciplines of human sciences, often blurring the disciplinary boundaries, are all-pervasive and translation could not have remained aloof for long. Moreover, serious translation has never been just a witness to these changes but a host, providing a focal point and a centrifugal force to many of them. This was inevitable considering the fact that while other disciplines deal with single languages at a time, translation tackles two languages simultaneously. Furthermore, in collusion with modern philosophy of language, it has also helped problematize the very concept of language. Thus a single language is never 'singular', but already plural; therefore, when we say that translation tackles two languages simultaneously, we must reckon with the fact that it tackles 'two languages too many.'

Along the line taken in the field of research in reading skills, two views on translation can be adumbrated: translation as 'decoding' and translation as 'comprehension.' One stresses the localized nature of the activity of translation while the other emphasizes its global aspect. However, an exclusive emphasis on either one over the other will give us only a lopsided view of the field. A concentration on decoding alone leads to the *cul de sac* of the nagging problem of fidelity; on the other hand, concentration on comprehension alone will lead to the 'unbearable lightness of being' (to quote a beautiful phrase of Milan Kundera). A proper focusing seems to be possible only if we look at translation from both points of view simultaneously—as we use two eyes to look at one thing.

There are several differences between 'original' writing and translation: for example, original writing is done in comparative privacy whereas translation is more a public activity. Original writing is mostly single-author creations while translation is collaborative even when it is done by a single person—this is because the translator has an implicit reader-critic in his consciousness that the original writer may not have. Also, collaborative translation is more the order than an exception. As such it is ideally suited to class-room teaching. Yet another important distinction between original writing and translation arises from the fact that whereas original writing has a sense of finality translation does not have it—like a painting, translation is never finished but only abandoned. In other words, translation is an ongoing activity, always amenable to editing either by the translator himself or by others. This is yet another aspect of it that makes it attractive to class-room teaching.

Some old questions get radicalized in view of developments in the field of modern linguistics and language philosophy. For example, the question of 'equivalence' cannot be now raised in a prelapsarian fashion. Along with it goes the question of fidelity as well. This is because of the uncertainty of meaning itself—an uncertainty that results from the critique of language launched by poststructuralists in general and deconstructionists in particular. With the ideality of meaning under interrogation, there is no way in which equivalence can be established in any definite manner. Will this end up in a translational anarchy? As many translations as there are translators? If one may hazard a suggestion for the containment of such a situation, we may take a cue from Chomsky and say that although there is no discovery procedure for deciding the

correct translation, we may still have an evaluative criterion: thus given two or more translations of a text, it should be possible to select one as superior to others. But this only redeems ideality for we must still believe in an 'ideal meaning' of the text to do this even though we may not be certain about its nature.

Translation studies today is a vibrant field and many universities offer instruction in this area. Once again the traditional distinction between theory and practice in translation seems to have collapsed—especially after the path-breaking paper entitled "Resistance to Theory" by Paul De Man. Pedagogy according to De Man is already informed by theory. If this is so, we may ask if the activity of translation has to be looked at as a 'translation' of some theory or other at all.

### Translation thematics:

The range of translation thematics is wide and crosses all boundaries of disciplines. As such it is difficult to trace the outline of the topics for a seminar of this kind. Yet, the following broad areas are suggested as a thinking pad for arriving at your own topics.

- Source and Target language analysis—Syntactic, Semantic, and Stylistic—From thoughts to words and from words to thoughts—Structures & idioms—From one world to another: Cultural differences—Cross-cultural communication.
- The problematics of translation equivalence.
- Translation difficulties and solutions: case studies.
- Back translation: theoretical and pedagogic significance.
- Enigmas of translation: equivalence, invariance, fidelity, translatability, the unit of translation, equivalent effect, literal and free translation.
- Factors in translation: titles, metaphors, institutional terms, puns, dialect, punctuation, proper nouns, cultural terms, naturalization, transference.
- Translation types: Text (signifier, signified, signification)—Process (dynamic and static)—Medium (writing dimension, linguistic dimensions of mode and form, semantic dimensions: intralingual, interlingual, intersemiotic)—Covert & Overt, Secondary & Primary, Semantic & Communicative, Natural & Professional.
- Translation processes: Hermeneutic motion, penetration, embodiment and restitution.
- Phonetic factors: Sentence balance and contrast, sound harmony, assonance, alliteration, onomatopoeia, metre, and rhyme.
- The factor of time: old, medieval and modern texts, and genres related to periods.

### Last date for submission of abstract: October 2003

Scholars working in the area of translation studies who are interested in participating in the symposium are invited to send in abstracts of their presentations by **15th, November, 2003**. Although the working language of the seminar is English, papers dealing with languages other than English are also welcome. Scholars will be intimated about the acceptance of their paper at an early date. If accepted, they are advised to make a written presentation of their papers at the symposium: each paper will get about 30 minutes. The abstracts should be sent to:

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### The framework

From the point of view of uniformity as well as usefulness, it is suggested that paper-presenters broadly follow the ELT framework in formulating their proposals. Thus, ELT generally follows the framework comprising parameters such as:

Diagnosis, Materials, Skills,  
Test/Evaluation, Objective, Methodology,  
Technology, Prognosis/Prospects

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# WONDERWORD

by DAVID OUELLET

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

### CLUES

Accessories	Club	Leads	Resolution	Stare
Airbrush	Cruise	Leisure	Reveal	Stars
Alert	Cuts	Lens	Review	Stills
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Beds	Digital	Model	Script	Studios
Beware	Display	Movie	Security	Stun
Blink	Distance	Natural	Setting	Swoop
Blowup	Escape	Negatives	Shoot	Tabloid
Bold	Fashion	Output	Sightseeing	Title
Building	Fatal	Panel	Slides	Travel
Button	Film	Paper	Snafu	Vacation
Cable	Girls	Photographer	Snags	Veto
Catch	Guilty	Portrait	Snap	Video
Celebrities	Hiding	Pounce	Software	Vocation
Celluloid	House	Prints	Spools	Wait
Challenge	Install	Racing	Spot	Wide
Clear	Landscape	Rally	Stage	Zoom

ANSWER NEXT WEEK

Last Week's Answer: Degrees

### PAPARAZZI

Solution: 8 letters

Word Families										Sentence Starters									
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We wish our readers  
Ramadhan Kareem



# Record-breaking Australia run riot

BY MITCH PHILLIPS

ADELAIDE (Reuters) - Australia re-wrote the World Cup record books when they thrashed a hopelessly out-classed Namibia 142-0 in a pool A miss-match and set a host of team and personal bests along the way.

The score on Saturday was three points short of New Zealand's tournament record 145-17 win over Japan in 1995 but was by far the biggest winning margin.

Australia's total of 22 tries was a Cup record while fullback Chris Latham set a new Australian best with five tries, the second best in World Cup history. Wing Mat Rogers set an Australian individual points record of 42 from two tries and 16 conversions.

Winger Lote Tuqiri and stand-in fly-half Matt Giteau also got hat-tricks as 11 different players crossed the line plus a penalty try.

For the happy but faintly bemused full house watching the cricket scoreboard clicking over by the minute it was a bizarre first taste of international rugby at the famous old Adelaide Oval ground.

The score easily eclipsed Australia's previous World Cup best, last week's 90-8 demolition of Romania, and their best in any match, a 92-10 win over Spain two years ago.

## No threat

Namibia, who lost their opening games 67-14 to Argentina and 64-7 to Ireland, barely made a tackle, failed to compete at the setpiece or breakdown and never once threatened to score.

Australia coach Eddie Jones had kept only four of his starting team from last week's Romania game and the second string players certainly enjoyed their time in the limelight.

Scrumhalf Chris Whitaker, getting a rare start in place of the rested George Gregan, looked sharp while Giteau, given the luxury of operating almost totally without opposition pressure, also had a creative afternoon.

Stirling Mortlock and Nathan Grey controlled the midfield while wingers Rogers and Tuqiri, desperate to impress Jones enough to retain their places for next week's final group game against Ireland, were able to display their full repertoire.

Debutant prop Matt Dunning enjoyed his romp as did flanker John Roe, on for the second half to win his first cap.

Latham, who said earlier this week that he was going to just enjoy his rugby after appearing to lose his place in the first XV, got the massacre under way with a try after two minutes.

By halftime he had four to his name with number eight David Lyons,

Mortlock, Tuqiri (2), Rogers, hooker Henry Paul and a penalty try taking the halftime score to 69-0.

For all Namibia's inability to compete, it was entertaining stuff as Australia hit the wings at every opportunity and showed crisp passing and determined running.

Giteau got his name on the score-sheet a minute after the restart and Tuqiri completed his hat-trick soon after.

Grey, two more for Giteau, two for replacement Morgan Turinui and one for replacement Matt Burke took Australia past the century mark before Latham raced in on the left for his fifth.

Rogers added his second before Roe completed a great debut with the 22nd to surpass New Zealand's record of 21.

Australia now need to beat Ireland to top pool A and set up a probable quarter-final against Scotland.



Australia's Matt Giteau (R) is tackled by Namibia's Morne Schreuder during their Rugby World Cup match at Adelaide Oval on Saturday. Australia re-wrote the World Cup record books when they thrashed a hopelessly out-classed Namibia 142-0 in a pool A miss-match and set a host of team and personal bests along the way. REUTERS/David Gray

## Liverpool and Birmingham both win

BY MIKE COLLETT

LONDON (Reuters) - Liverpool have beaten Leeds United 3-1 to end their three-match losing streak in the premier league with Birmingham City 1-0 winners over Bolton Wanderers in the other lunchtime kickoff.

Michael Owen and substitutes Danny Murphy and Florent Sinama-Pongolle scored the goals that gave Liverpool their first league win since September 20 to ease the pressure on manager Gerard Houllier whose side rose from 11th to seventh in the table.

Birmingham consolidated fourth spot after winning at Bolton for the first time since 1965 with Finnish international Mikael Forssell scoring the only goal after 31 minutes. It was also Birmingham's first win in four matches after a defeat and two draws in their last three outings.

Six other matches were being played later on Saturday when there could be a change at the top as league leaders Arsenal do not meet Charlton until Sunday.

## Owen volley

At Anfield Liverpool took the lead after 35 minutes against Leeds after

the visitors failed to clear a corner.

Igor Biscan played the ball back in for John Arne Riise who headed the ball down for Owen. The England striker let it bounce once and then volleyed it into the top corner with his left foot for his ninth goal of the season.

Leeds scored a deserved equaliser seven minutes later after Jermaine Pennant crossed into the box where Alan Smith reacted marginally faster than Biscan to stab the ball into the net for his first goal since August 23 and his 50th for Leeds.

But Liverpool regained the lead after 56 minutes with a controversial goal direct from a Danny Murphy free kick awarded after Pennant handled.

Three Liverpool players were in offside positions as Murphy's 25-metre free kick eluded Leeds goalkeeper Paul Robinson. Although the linesman flagged, referee Jeff Winter allowed the goal to stand after consulting him.

Murphy, who had missed the last three matches with a back injury, scored just eight minutes after replacing the injured Vladimir Smicer.

Liverpool wrapped up the points when French teenager Sinama-

Pongolle, who replaced Owen at half-time, scored his first goal for the club on only his second league appearance with an 18-metre right-footed shot.

## Forssell strike

At the Reebok Stadium Bolton, without a league win in four games, were denied a penalty at one end after 30 minutes when Kenny Cunningham appeared to climb over Kevin Davies.

A minute later Birmingham capitalised on their double dose of good fortune by taking the lead at the other end.

Birmingham scored after a quick break with Christoph Dugarry putting Bolton defenders Emerson Thome and Simon Charlton under pressure.

They both failed to clear and Dugarry's cross was deflected off Charlton and into the path of Forssell whose first time shot gave fellow Finnish international team mate Jussi Jaaskelainen no chance in the Bolton goal.

Bolton were unlucky midway through the second half when Greek international Stelios Giannakopoulos thought he had scored with a spectacular overhead kick, only for the effort to be ruled offside.

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Lo	6	7	7	6	6	6	7

### Aden

Day	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Hi	34	33	33	33	33	34	34
Lo	26	27	27	27	26	25	25



## THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

BY Eugenia

**Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19)**  
Your philosophies are changing and you'll want to expand your knowledge. People from foreign backgrounds will be able to shed a different perspective on something you are considering taking part in.

**Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20)**  
Other people's money matters may surface, so be prepared to handle whatever responsibilities are dropped in your lap. Someone you live with may try to fool you. Follow your intuition.

**Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)**  
You may face some problems if you have been flirting or playing games with someone who cares about you. Consider what it would take to implement your ideas and incorporate your partner into your plans.

**Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)**  
Career advancement will be in your reach. Added stress will cause minor illness or fatigue. Your worrying may be justified regarding someone who is trying to take credit for your work.

**Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 22)**  
You will be feeling good and ready to take on whatever comes your way. You will put a social spin on everything you do, bringing you greater popularity as well as putting you in the spotlight.

**Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)**  
People you live with may not see things the same way you do. Prepare to make changes and move in whatever direction is best for you. Upset can often lead to more positive ground.

**Libra (Sept 23 - Oct 22)**  
Travel should be on your mind. Plan your next vacation or at least an outing with friends. Someone you least expect will have a story to tell that will leave an impact on you.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**  
You may feel restless about your financial situation. Hasty decisions will lead to regrets. Things may not be as bad as they appear, so have patience.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**  
Listen to someone who has already experienced something similar to what you are going through. Fund-raising events will bring you in contact with worthwhile acquaintances. Be careful not to overspend.

**Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)**  
Poor drivers will push you to the limit. Stay calm and ignore what's going on around you. Don't trust one of your colleagues to tell you the whole scoop.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)**  
The more you do with organizations that are trying to make improvements to society, the greater your chance to meet someone who will make a difference to your future. You're on the right track.

**Pisces (Feb 19-Mar 20)**  
People will hound you for the advice you have to offer. Don't let people drag you into the middle of their affairs, and don't believe everything you're told. You're likely to be misled.





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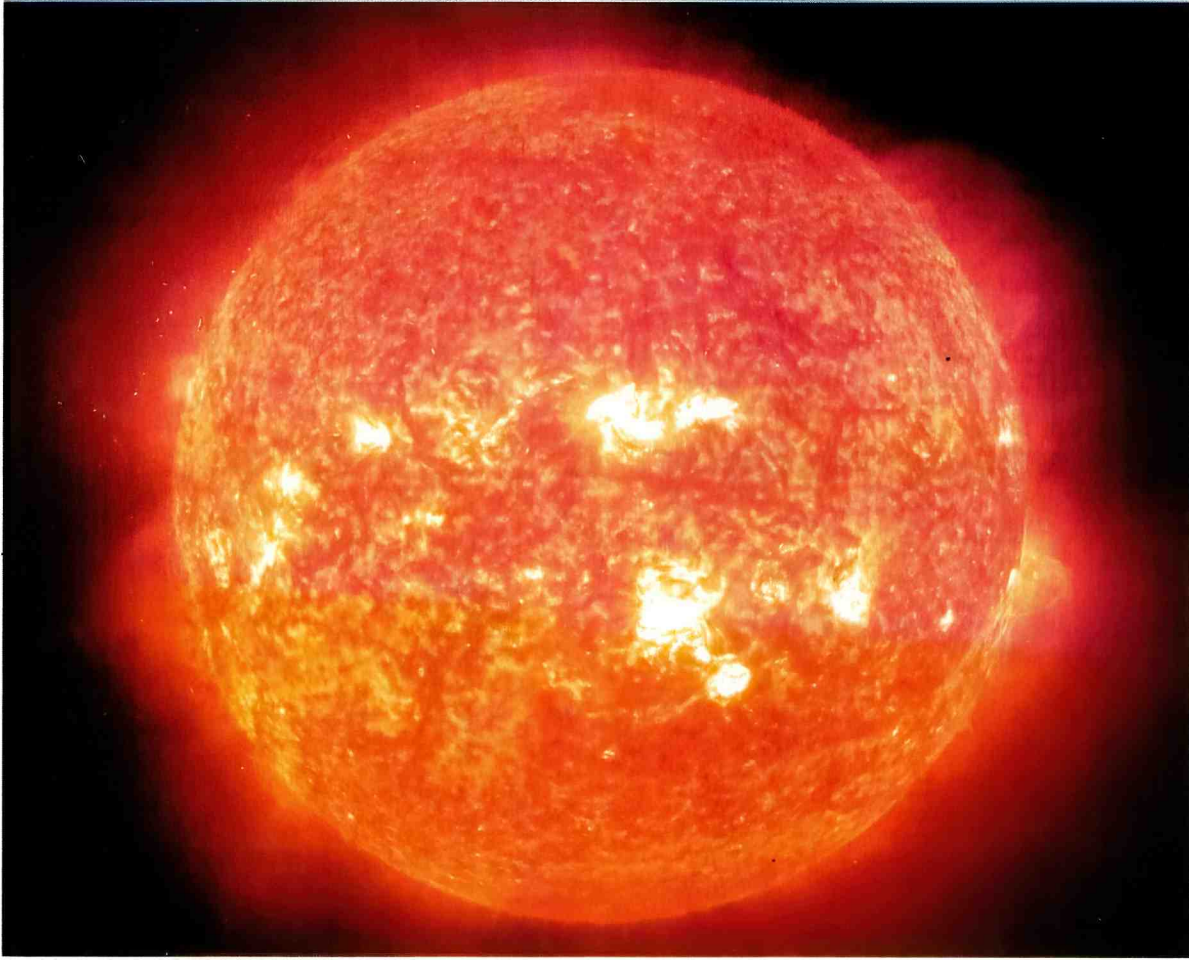
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The storm started around 11 a.m. eastern time and is expected to last through the weekend, Kunches said.

Electric utilities and other high-technology users were notified about the storm and no serious problems have been reported.

"We've heard from the power grid operators. They're doing OK, but they're seeing the effects of the storm in their data," Kunches said.

In a G-3 storm, power systems may need to correct voltage.

Communications systems in northern Canada have also seen some impact from the effects of the storm.

During the storm the sun sends more energy toward the Earth than usual. "The earth's magnetic field pulls it in ... and is now trying to balance it," Kunches said.

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