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UN report reveals arms trade between Yemen and Somalia

Yemen flowing arms to Africa

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF AND REUTERS

A UN report submitted recently to the Security Council fingers Yemen as the source of weapons to a number of East African countries, particularly through Somalia, and often ending up in Ethiopia and Kenya.

The U.N. report said it was relatively easy to obtain surface-to-air missiles and import them to Somalia, noting that the missiles used in the failed attack on an Israeli airliner leaving Mombasa last November were brought to Somalia from Yemen.

The report was an attempt to unveil needed information about the flow of light weapons from the Arabian Peninsula to the Horn of Africa, which adds to the insecure conditions of this vulnerable region of the world.

The report also highlights the mysterious trips by ships docking at Bosasa at Yemen, apparently without passengers. And it identified the need to track the sources of weapons in Yemen and the region, and then work on preventing arms dealers from easy access to such arms.

Somalia: A haven for terrorists

The UN report noted that Somalia continues to be a haven for terrorists by providing the ground and environment needed by terrorist organizations to flourish.

Meanwhile, at least four al-Qaeda suspects remain in Somalia, where additional weapons may have been imported for the purpose of carrying out further attacks in east Africa, according to a draft of the UN report obtained by Reuters on Tuesday.

"Before, I thought there was only a little such activity going on, but this huge activity in our country is a danger to our innocent people," said Said Duale, manager of the Wireless African Communication Company. "This kind of activity will prevent Somalia getting back to towards law and order."

Some Somali faction leaders have pointed to the danger of militant activity as a reason

for increased international efforts to restore central authority.

Rival warlords have carved Somalia into a patchwork of fiefdoms since the overthrow of former military ruler Siad Barre in 1991, defying 14 peace initiatives aimed at piecing the country of seven million back together.

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A Somali gunman stands next to the ruins of the once picturesque Mogadishu Cathedral which stands on the city's green line dividing North and South Mogadishu and which was destroyed during fighting between rival Somali factions. Reuters

Release of detainees delayed

BY MOHAMMED AL-QADHI
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Yemen's security authorities have expressed reservations over a presidential decree to release around 150 detainees with charges of terrorism and having links with al-Qaeda elements for 'they still represent a challenge and threat to national security'.

Reliable sources told Yemen Times that high ranking officials are reserved to get these fanatics release and informed the political leadership their resentment over

the presidential instructions to set them free in response to the committee of clerics involved in dialogue with the detainees.

Release 'too risky'

Security officials argue that they do not trust the undertaking made by the detainees that they would give up their fanatic views and not target foreign interests in Yemen. These extremists, according to security officials, depend on a juristic rule that they can lie in issues relating to Jihad duties and therefore they lie to authorities and the committee that they have relinquished their extremist ideas and therefore go to practice or plan for terrorist operations after they are released.

Some weeks ago, the Minister of Interior, Dr. Rashad al-Alimi, confirmed that some of the released fundamentalists were found red-handed, planning or taking part in some terrorist operations.

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Terrorist activity killed the AFZ: Bajammal

BY MOHAMMED AL-QADHI

SANA'A - Prime Minister Abdulqader Bajammal recently responded to Yemeni media reports over the purchase of the operation of the Aden Free Zone from its previous owner, Yeminvest, for U.S. \$200 million.

In a statement to the 26th September weekly newspaper, the organ of the Yemen's armed forces, Bajammal focused on different phases of the Aden Free Zone, and bodies that took part in its operation.

He indicated that the Aden Terminal Container started its operation in 1997, "but terror incidents that took place in Yemen such as, the explosion of the USS Cole destroyer and the French supertanker, Limburg have led to a withdrawal of activities at the terminal. It led also to a 300 per cent increase of the insurance duties on the part of ships coming to the Yemeni harbors."

As a result of those conditions, the investors at the Aden Free Zone have decided to discard continuing working in the project due to some circumstances, said the prime minister.

The Yemeni government's purchase of the AFZ project at a cost of US \$200 million, will bring positive results and benefit to Yemen's troubled economy, said Bajammal.

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FBI director visits Yemen

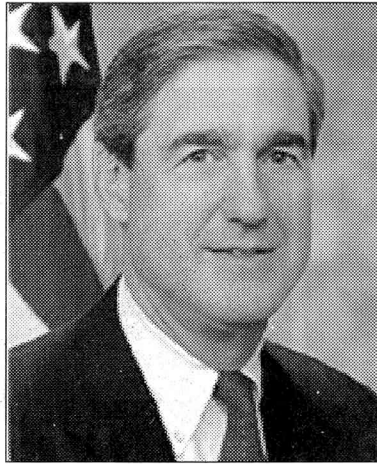
BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

SANA'A, Nov. 8 — Robert Mueller, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, (FBI) paid an unexpected short visit to Yemen last week.

Mueller was received by President Saleh, and discussed with him aspects of joint cooperation such as, fighting terror within the framework of exerting international efforts.

During the meeting, the two also discussed the issue of al-Moayyad, who has been still in custody in Germany along with his associate.

The president has made demands to set al-Moayyad and his associate free,



Robert Mueller

and to be handed to Yemen.

Sheikh al-Moayyad and his companion, said to be al-Qaeda suspects, were detained in Germany on Jan. 10, 2003.

The FBI director highly spoke of Yemen's efforts in fighting terror, confirming the US keen interest in enlarging the existing partnership between the two countries with a view of enhancing the mutual interests.

The visit of the FBI Director has come when Sana'a has recently intended to refer the USS Cole suspects to court and those involved in al-Qaeda organization, after the end of the Ramadhan.

Arson in Taiz causes damages of YR 12 million

A fire destroyed commercial stores of al-Dhubaibi for furniture and carpets in Taiz at the end of last month. Estimated damage is YR 12 million.

The stores located on Jamal Street near the Taiz education office, belong to Abdullah Taha Saeed al-Dhubaibi, who reported the incident to al-Judairy Police Office.

Investigations conducted by officer Mohammed al-Kataban in charge

of the office and lieutenant Fahmi al-Yosifi revealed that the fire was arson, and the criminal had forgotten or left his shoe at the site, an action which, threw some mystery on the case.

Investigation discovered a suspect who was caught in Sana'a by the local police. The suspect confessed, say police, but they are investigating due to certain mysterious details.

Readers' Voice

Have your voice heard, and go to <http://yementimes.com> and answer this edition's poll question.

THIS EDITION'S QUESTION:

Do you think the latest Riyadh blast is an introduction to a series of al-Qaeda attacks in the Gulf?

- Yes, it is only a beginning of many al-Qaeda attacks.
- Yes, but they are not al-Qaeda attacks.
- No, it is only an isolated incident.
- No, and it is not by al-Qaeda

LAST EDITION'S QUESTION:

Do you believe in the reliability of the poll results showing that Europeans believe that Israel is the biggest threat to world's peace?

- Yes, that is normal and Europeans do think so 77%
- No, this cannot be, and the results were fake 14%
- I cannot tell because the results are not scientific 9%

Woman Economic Empowerment Association:

Workshop held on NGO management

BY FAHMIA AL-FOTAIH
AYEMEN TIMES STAFF

SANA'A — While most civil society organizations have stopped their activities during Ramadhan, Woman Economic Empowerment Association (WEEA), cooperating with Dutch Embassy, concluded its three-day workshop on how to manage NGOs, Nov. 8.

The workshop tried to accomplish a number of objectives, such as to teach how to run civil organizations and concepts of the institution-building, as well as to understand the internal and external relationship for any organization, and lawful frames with which an organization depends on in its relations with partners through coordinating the individual activities and put them in a complete and balanced frame to follow the society during establishing NGO.

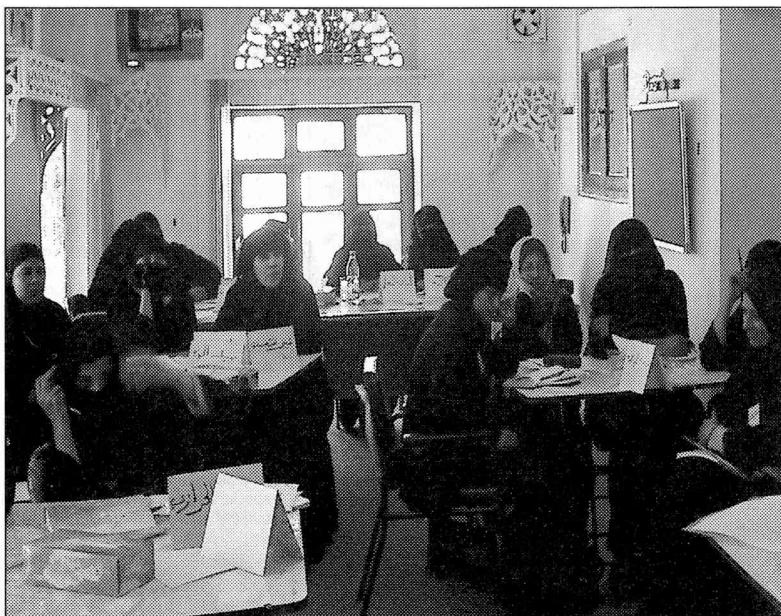
In addition, the workshop helped participants acquire the ability of running volunteer organizations, and get acquainted with the means of planning, organizing, observing and evaluating the level of organizations performance and development.

The workshop aimed also to improve the skills and abilities of the members, volunteers and the regional coordinators and the way of dividing the work as well as giving authority to achieve WEEA objectives.

Around 25 women from the WEEA, members and volunteers, as well as different governorates and areas where WEEA project activities are implemented, participated in the workshop.

It is noteworthy that there is a follow up-plan for the trainees.

Rokia Saleh, an expert at WEEA, led the three days of the workshop.



Female participants during a workshop on how to manage NGOs, Nov. 8

Security officer dead, three wounded

BY IMAD AL-SAQQA
YEMEN TIMES STAFF
TAIZ BUREAU

Taiz - A security officer was killed, and three more were injured Nov. 1, when a security unit came under fire in the Hasab area, west of Taiz, to enforce a judicial verdict.

The forces arrived to enforce a verdict allowing Abdulqadir Al-Khulaidi to take back his land confiscated by a group of people from Al-Misrakh district. The latter group refused to leave, and retaliated by firing at the security forces, killing Abdulkabbar Al-Maleeki, a member of the Taiz security administration.

Abdulqadir Al-Khulaidi was among those injured in the attack.

The security forces called for reinforcement. Some of the attackers were arrested. Security forces are still chasing the rest of the clan.

Such incidents frequently occur in various parts of the country as land disputes are among the most common disputes witnessed in Yemen. Hundreds have died in similar incidents throughout the country in the last two decades, while efforts by the government are always hindered by the fact that around 50 million pieces of weapons are in the hands of civilians and tribesmen and constitute a threat to Yemen's stability.

Polluting cars illegal in 2004

Starting January 2004, the general administration for traffic will stop any vehicle with ill-maintained engines that are polluting the environment.

Traffic authorities had given time so that owners could change engines to

those that are friendlier to the environment. As for those who don't meet the deadline, authorities will deprive the drivers of car papers and keep their owners from driving those cars.

Man shot dead

Taiz, Nov. 8 — The body of Yemeni man was found by security authorities inside a car in Taiz, Oct. 29 at the Sheb Salman.

Dead is Jalal Razzaz Khaled from Shara'ab Assalam. He was shot dead, killed by unknown people.

Investigations are still underway by authorities in Taiz.

The car owner was arrested and interrogated.

Most murders in Yemen take place in scattered parts of the country and can be attributed to long term land disputes or revenge, which have become a headache for the government to gain control over.

Eid Al-Fitr exhibition starts

Starting from 14th of Ramadan to Eid Day, Apollo center's hall will be holding an international exhibition for various products ranging from clothes, perfumes, shoes, accessories, sweets, gifts, toys and home goods. The

exhibition contains a Chinese, Syrian and Iranian sections.

Omar al-Nihmi marketing manager of Apollo company, said that this exhibition is a yearly event that helps people, especially those with limited

income to be able to purchase goods and products at reasonable prices. He also emphasized that many international and local companies will participate in this exhibition and will offer a wide range of products to the consumers.

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UNESCO proclaims Sana'ani song to Oral & Intangible Heritage of Humanity

BY MOHAMMED BIN SALLAM
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Sana'a, Nov. 8- In a celebration held in Paris on February 7, the Yemen's heritage including the Sana'ani songs were included in the Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, UNESCO.

On this occasion, the UNESCO director-general handed the ambassadors of countries certificates of his organization to countries including Yemen.

UNESCO members had unanimously adopted a non-binding resolution over this in 2001. That declaration described cultural diversity as a "common heritage of humanity" and considered its safeguarding a concrete and ethical imperative, inseparable from respect for human dignity. UNESCO adopted the International Convention on the Preservation of the Intangible Cultural Heritage as a complement to the 1972 Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, which concerns monuments and natural sites. This new convention aims to preserve oral traditions and expressions, including languages as vehicles of cultural heritage, as well as the performing arts, social practices, rituals and festive events, knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe, and traditional craftsmanship.

It is worthwhile mentioning that Sana'a has been proclaimed along with other 3 Arab countries as one of the countries nominated for the Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity.

The other 3 Arab countries are Egypt, Morocco, and Iraq.



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Massive thunderstorm hits Mocha City

BY YEMEN TIMES
TAIZ BUREAU

Mocha - A massive thunderstorm hit the coastal city of Mocha on Oct. 29, killing one person and causing tremendous loss to houses and other complexes.

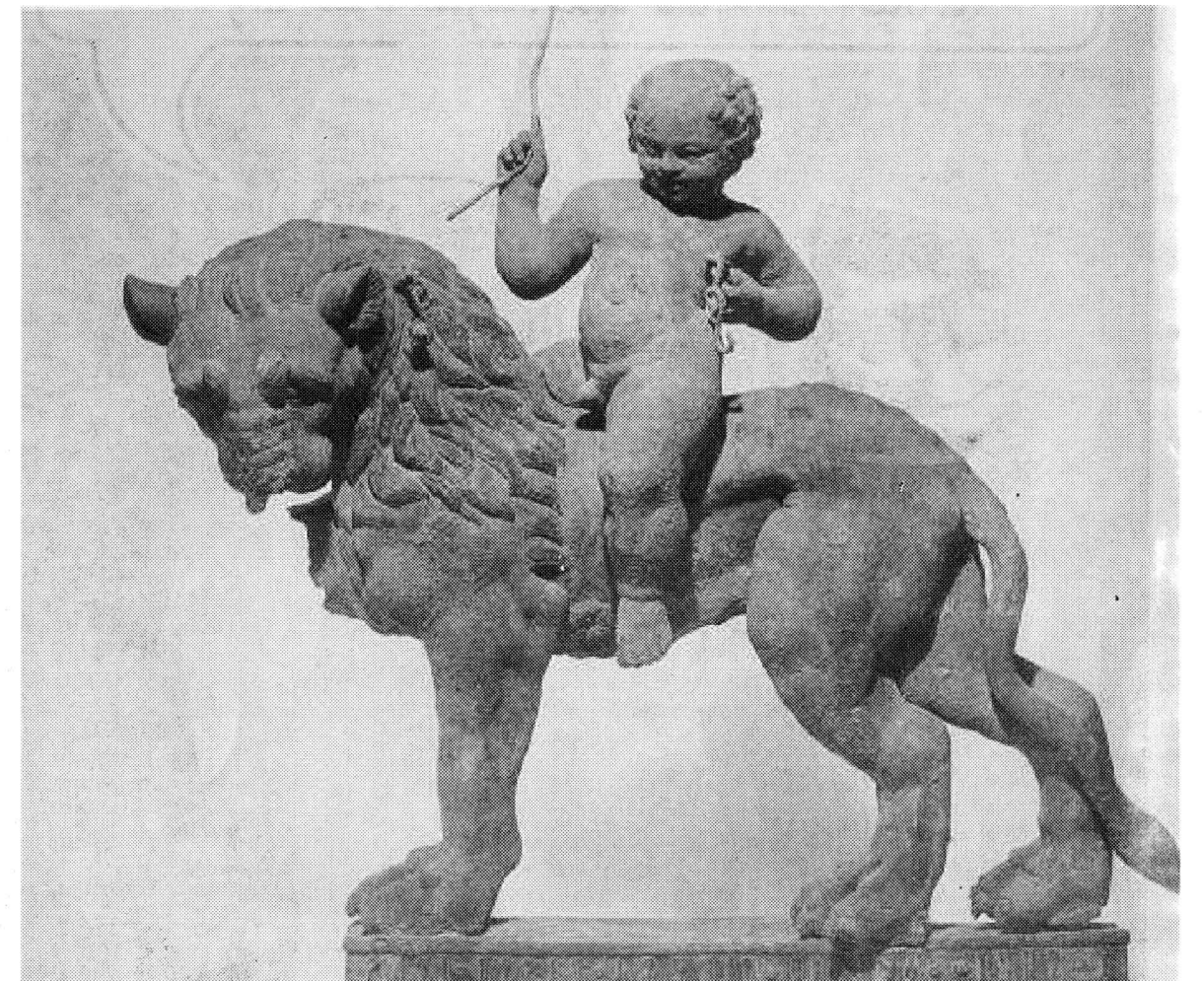
The storm also resulted in the halting of electricity. The workers at the electricity generators' compound were trapped for hours before they were rescued by the authorities.

The storm caused fear and panic to the residents of the city, and particularly to the workers at the central electric-

ity station, which could have caught fire if it were not for the precautionary measures taken by the management and staffers at the scene.

According to residents, this is the most severe storm of its kind to hit the city, which is known for its calm and hot weather throughout the year.

State intends to buy antiquities from locals



Sana'a, Nov. 8- The minister of culture and tourism, Mr. Khaled Arrowaishan said on Thursday that his ministry is planning to implement a plan to make use of the old antiquities and manuscripts possessed by citizens in Marib, Jawf and other governorates in the republic.

This has done through forming committees which have been entrusted

with purchasing those antiquities from tribesmen and citizens of those areas.

On its part, the Attagammo newspaper has disclosed that there are officials who are involved in smuggling antiquities seized last month at the Sana'a International Airport.

But those who are involved in smuggling operations of the Yemeni antiquities had been released after

extensive mediations.

For disseminating awareness among people of Yemen and due to the great significance of preserving these antiquities, a significant role has been played by the Yemen TV. As a result, a drama series is now being broadcast on the Yemeni TV channel has been currently shown on the first Yemeni TV channel.

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Yemen flowing arms to Africa

The latest attempt to unify Somalia's divisions has run into problems in Kenya in recent weeks, with the withdrawal of key faction leaders after more than a year of negotiations.

The United States has warned that al Qaeda fighters seeking a new refuge after being chased out of Afghanistan might hide in Somalia, using its lack of authority to cloak their activities.

The document was written by an expert panel investigating arms smuggling into Somalia in violation of a 1992 arms embargo and is due to be

presented to the U.N. Security Council.

Others were keen to point out the paradox of Somalia: gunmen with truck-mounted machineguns still roam the streets of Mogadishu, but ranks of businessmen and professionals seeking to rebuild are exerting a growing influence towards order.

"We can export these bad ideas to outside countries, but at the same time we can show the world that a community can manage without a central government," said schoolteacher Yusuf Ali.

But for many Somalis, the dominant feeling was one of surprise that al Qaeda could be operating within their capital — and fear for what it might mean for the future.

"I think the international community won't solve our problems because it is our people who committed those crimes, with the support of some international terrorists," said peace activist Halimo Kaahie.

"Somalia is a no-man's land, and many of those who live here are not genuine Somali citizens," she said.

Release of detainees delayed

Security defiant

Security authorities insist that they are not obliged to carry out recommendations of the committee of clerics set by President Ali Abdullah Saleh to convince those extremists to give in their fanatic beliefs and live normally in the society. They believe that it is they who should decide whether to release or continue holding those extremists in custody.

Detainees were militants

The sources said that the number of the detainees mount to 240 militants and that the number of those who will be tried is to raise to 65 including those extradited to Yemen by some countries like Saudi Arabia, Iran and Oman, instead of 40 as announced by the committee.

The trial, which is expected to commence after the Eid vacation will basically target people charged with involvement in the terrorist attacks on the USS Cole, French Tanker Limburg and the plane of the US Hunt Oil company.

Less than a hundred of the detainees are expected to be released during the second half of Ramdhan. The Yemeni authorities already announced that some of those extremist militants have been released and pardoned including leaders of the Islamic Jihad (formerly known as the Aden-Abyan Islamic Army).

The decision has been taken on the basis of the committee recommendations that these people pledged to repent and abide by law and order. However, the fate of the other

detainees is not known as there is no evidence against them so that they can be brought to court.

They can not be released as some of them, according to the same sources, challenged a law government committee and security officials who visited them in prison that they would kill what they name infidels and secular-minded people in the country once they are released. Security officials are in a real fix as they do not have law provision entitling them to hold such people for over 2 years in custody or present them to court.

The Yemeni government has been harshly criticized by some human rights international organizations for violating human rights in its war against 'terror'.

Strong women will build strong societies**What's wrong with being a woman?**BY NAWAL ZAID
FOR THE YEMEN TIMES

Many people in our society view women as a source of shame or as a reason for wrong. She is viewed, especially in the eyes of men, as someone who can't do things right or incapable of doing many things supposedly labeled as "men only".

The cycle goes like this: first she is not trusted so there are many restrictions on the girl child and she is given less priority than the boy, then she is deprived of education so it means that she can not fulfill her need for knowledge and when she grows up she can not hold a good job.

When she grows up she gets married mostly without her consent and then she is treated as a babysitter and for home-care. If she tries to prove herself she is seen as a rebel, sometimes a sinner and definitely not a good example for women to follow.

Men feel threatened if the woman has a strong character or if she is more successful and hence they opt for the uneducated woman or the subdued ones so that they can dominate and show off their "manliness" over them.

Even in the streets women are abused through eve-teasing and assaults, sometimes if she tries to defend herself or shout back she is seen as a bad woman, and condemned for a life sentence of shame.

If a woman is lucky enough to get some education and be allowed to work it would be either teaching or nursing, and better not have men as colleagues because then it would give a chance to taking to a man and that is so horrible and such a bad behavior of a woman to talk to her male colleagues, so better in the first place let her stay at home and peacefully talk to the wall or herself.

So she is uneducated, then poor, so she can't work and she can't help in the family. Consequently her daughters might not be able to go to school and so on.

With the pressures of today's life



Women are complementary to men in building the society and can perform a leading role in development

many men don't seem to be able to afford everything for the family he could have used a helping hand had he given women a chance to participate positively in development.

But instead the domination chauvinistic ego has to turn the voice of logic aside and listen to his male voice terming women and all that they are as wrong and must be controlled.

If women are allowed to participate through working then the most suitable work is to stitch or any other activity that keeps the woman at home. It doesn't matter if she hates it or if she has much higher ambitions or if she is good at something better. It just matters that she stays in-doors and to hell with her dreams and desire.

The worse thing is that even young men from this generation think this way, so if we thought that a change is coming or that women would find some more freedom and respect for their identity and individuality it would more be of a wish than reality.

We have to make aware about women's right... it is only a part of human rights and women are human if you didn't know. She should be given good education, and before that she should be raised as a confident independent human being able to protect herself and defend her rights.

Give women a chance to participate positively in life, don't prejudice her

without allowing her to achieve and give her the tools she needs to do so. Both men and women should be careful about choosing their partners, men should not go for the uneducated woman just because they want to dominate.

A strong and educated woman would prove to be a better mother and a more understanding wife. She could help in the income and she could be a friend to her husband and participate in all aspects of life with him.

After all, a Moslem home is based on understanding and trust and not domination and power. If men were to really abide by religion and preaching of the prophet (mpbh) they should be much more tolerant and understanding towards woman and should hold much more respect for her.

They will be asked about the deeds they do in this life, fathers, brothers, husbands and all the males who demean women and are unjust to them. Instead of holding slogans and blabbering about human rights and development in the society we should look at the situation more than half of the society is living and improve on it.

Reality shows that the perception of women in this culture is very bad and it is not getting better, this will ruin women and if you didn't know it will ruin the whole society which is built on their shoulders.

NCC Yemen receives award

The international education establishment NCC conducted its annual conference for 2003 in Dubai between Oct. 30 and Nov.

1. The conference was attended by representatives of NCC centers all around the world including the Yemen branch. Educational issues and the troubles facing education were discussed.

The new programs in business administration were also discussed and it was noted that these courses would

prove useful for many groups, especially businesspeople with bachelor degrees, who will be provided through Huddersfield University in Britain.

In the concluding ceremony Georgina Moorhouse, product marketing manager, presented a certificate of distinction to NCC Yemen for the great efforts of NCC and the success of its students.

Wael Abdullah Hashim, marketing manager of NCC Yemen, received the certificate on behalf of Khaleel al-Jabal, NCC representative in Yemen.

This note of appreciation was con-

veyed to all NCC staff in Yemen who are doing great jobs in the education in Yemen under the management of Khaleel al-Jabal.

The courses conducted in the NCC Yemen are recognized worldwide and are a trusted source of improving the cadre of any institution that wishes to improve on its performance.

The British government relies on NCC education for many of its employees, so this is an invitation to all institutions, public or private, who aspire for higher ambitions. NCC has recently moved into a new building.



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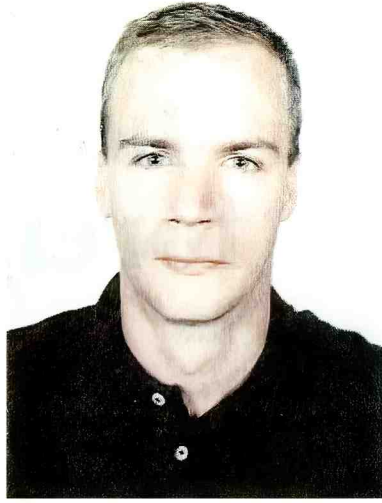
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An interview with the manager of Aden's French cultural center:

A place of dialogue

With Yemen's president recently paying a visit to Paris to sign many agreements, which include educational assistance for teaching French language at secondary schools in Yemen, French is one of the doors opening to modern Yemen. With this in mind, Mohammad Saeed Al-Mekhlafi from the Yemen Times met with Sebastien Deledicque, the manager of French cultural center in Aden. Following is their conversation.



Sebastien Deledicque

In Aden, the French department registers more than 100 students yearly. French is taught in the Faculty of Education and in the secondary, so we are in front of a lot of students who have already been initiated to this language and who want to perfect their capacities in it. On the other hand, the level of these students is the fruit of the perfect work of the Yemeni teachers specialized in French, so we are really enthusiastic. Now it is not so rare, in daily life, to meet some Yemeni students speaking French in the streets of Aden.

Q: What is your future plan?

A: Now we are trying to pay more and more attention for developing the center and presenting modern services and equipment for our students to continue their learning project deservedly. Nowadays, we are having a lot of students in the center who have finished their classic formation, so we have to make all teaching activities easy to be understood by different classes of students, and encourage them to practice the French language with each other. On this point I would like to thank, on behalf of the center's staff, all the students for their fidelity. We are also studying and discussing how to affirm the mission of the center that I presented at the beginning: to be a window opened on the French civilization, her culture, her technology, her vitality, and secondly, to affirm itself as a partner for the local artists, painters, musicians, to work with them and to present their arts to the French community living in Yemen.

A: Well, the programme of the center contains through its name "French cultural center and for linguistic cooperation", so the main goal for the Pedagogic Staff is to offer the opportunity to learn from the beginning by using modern skills. Briefly, our goal is the excellence in teaching French language, therefore the Pedagogic programme is frequently controlled and many opportunities are offered by the French Embassy to our local teachers to perfect their capacities in French. In a second time, as a cultural center, our mission is to be, firstly, a window opened on the French civilization, her culture, her technology, her vitality, and secondly, to affirm itself as a partner for the local artists, painters, musicians, to work with them and to present their arts to the French community living in Yemen.

Q: Can you evaluate understanding of the Yemeni students for learning French?

A: The French linguistic cooperation began in Yemen in the 1990s, till now. We are honored to see that our language is taught in the Yemeni educational life from secondary to univer-

Q: As the general manager of French cultural center in Aden, what is your personal view about Yemen?

A: I'm really happy to be here in Yemen and especially in this interesting city Aden, which is considered to be an important and famous port. The French people know that this city received many French writers who wrote about it, and for each French Aden is the "mythical port" as the famous French scientist Jose Marie Bel said in his book recently written about Aden.

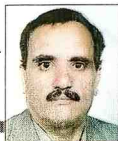
Q: Have you ever been to Yemen? If yes, what are your views about this visit?

A: Yes, I have been in Yemen. I spent eight months in Aden as a teacher in the faculty of education and in the French department. I have not known the rest of the country except Sana'a and Mekhlaf-Sharab in Taiz. Surely Yemen is a rich country for its environment, architecture, historical places and natural sights as well.

Q: The French culture center is the only one in Aden, can you tell us about the contribution of this center towards the mission of teaching French language?

Seminar hears how . . .

Media can help social development



By ISMAEL AL-GHABERI
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Organized by the Media Institute for Qualifying and Training, MIQT, a seminar was organized on Nov. 5 focusing on Yemen's media and development.

Two working papers were presented during the symposium. The first was by Dr. Mohammed Ali Azzabedi, the Dean of the Economy and Commerce, Sana'a University.

The working paper focused the globalization and its consequences on development and economic methods as well as the constituents, which lead to the emergence of the globalization.

The following factors, which lead to the emergence of the globalization, were summed up by the lecturer:

- The role played by the media cultural growth.
- Electronics, digital technology and applied software.
- Blocs which divide the countries of the North.

The working paper also dealt with the consequences of the globalization in the sphere of schizophrenia on the part of individuals of the targeted nations.

"Schizophrenia as well as the split of the national identity which has accompanied by failures on the part of the educational institutions. This manifested itself clearly through its inability to pursue the written and substituted by the audio and visual culture as a strong source for erecting values, symbols as well as forming an awareness and consciousness," the working paper said.

The culture has become the social outcome in accordance with what has been imported and the ultimate aim of this is creating a market for imported cultural, political and economical prod-



Seminar on Media and Development in progress.

ucts.

This can be briefed as follows:

1- Absence of a strategic vision for political leaderships groups at the developing countries.

2- Absence of the coherent institutional frameworks among the systems of research, development plus production and exchange machines.

3- Lack of interest on the part of the human resource and generating an alteration in the educational system.

4- Freezing of the administrative system on the part of the production unit in front of those huge changes.

5- Failure in making links towards the regional blocs, particularly the countries of the South in general and the Arab countries in particular.

The working paper also centered on the globalization's tendencies in the Arab countries.

Economists and politicians have indicated in their writings that there are a number of US-oriented scenarios as well as its allies towards the Arab countries to:

- Disunite the Arab countries into sub-blocs incorporated into Arab as well as non-Arab regional blocs linked to the New World Order.
- Seeking towards collapsing the

Arab bloc and make it a recipient side.

The second working paper which presented by Dr. Taha Ahmed al-Fusail, the Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Economy and Commerce, Sana'a University. He focused on the role of the media in development considering it as a main resource for reporting information and economic media news.

"This is because, it has become difficult imagining the modern life in the absence of the media means which provides people with inconstant information, news, photos, and ideas," the working paper said.

The role of the media is not restricted to visual means, such as, TV or audio, such as, radio, other things such as, the written media. This includes magazines, papers, leaflets and periodicals that are of great importance, particularly after the world under the effect of the Internet revolution and digital telecommunication to an electronic village.

It is not easy for us to underestimate the leading role performed by the information and news circulated by the media in the field of social and economical development.

The seminar was enriched by a number of interactions between members.

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Red Cross closes Iraq's Baghdad, Basra offices

By RICHARD WADDINGTON

GENEVA, Nov 8 (Reuters) - The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said on Saturday it had decided to shut its offices in the Iraqi capital Baghdad and the southern city of Basra because of concerns over staff safety.

"A car bombing at the Red Cross headquarters in Baghdad last month killed 12 people and shocked the foreign aid community, stirring doubt about whether U.S.-led coalition forces can bring order to the country."

"We are temporarily closing our offices in Baghdad and Basra," Florian Westphal, spokesman of the Swiss-based group, said. "We are still discussing what to do with our foreign staff. The situation is extremely dangerous and volatile."

He declined to elaborate, saying: "We are trying to ensure we don't go public with too many details on this because we feel it may be problematic for our people on the ground."

He was confirming a report by Zurich's Tages-Anzeiger newspaper, which quoted ICRC President Jakob Kellenberger as saying that the group had decided not to operate in Iraq under military protection. This, he said, could not be reconciled with its concept of independent humanitarian action.

"But we will remain present in northern Iraq. Our future activity will focus on visiting prisoners, re-establishing family contacts and providing emergency aid in the areas of water and medicine," he said.

The ICRC had had around 30 international and 600 Iraqi staff active in Iraq before last month's bombing.

The attack was the bloodiest on an international organisation since a massive truck bomb devastated the U.N.'s headquarters in the capital on August 19, killing 22 people, including Sergio Vieira de Mello, the top U.N. envoy to Iraq.



Iraqis carry furniture in the front of damaged Red Cross headquarters in Baghdad on Nov. 8. The International Committee of the Red Cross has decided to shut its offices in the Iraqi capital Baghdad and the southern city of Basra due to concerns over its staff's safety, the Swiss-based organization said Saturday. REUTERS

It was the first the ICRC had suffered in its 140-year history and prompted it to reduce international staff. The Red Cross has been in Iraq continuously since 1980, through three wars.

Explosion rocks Riyadh housing compound foreigners

By DOMINIC EVANS

RIYADH, Nov 9 (Reuters) - A large explosion rocked a Riyadh residential compound housing foreigners and Saudis on Sunday, a day after the United States warned of terrorist attacks and shut its missions in Saudi Arabia.

"A huge explosion blew out the windows. I saw a lot of people injured and I believe there a lot of people dead," Bassem al-Hirani, an Arab resident of the Muhaya compound, told Arabic television network Al Arabiya.

The blast occurred shortly after midnight and could be heard across the capital. A Saudi security source told Reuters the explosion was at the compound, west of the capital, but he had no immediate details about casualties.

Security forces packed the area around the compound while helicopters flew overhead. One Western diplomat said a thin plume of smoke was seen rising from the compound, which is located near the Riyadh diplomatic quarter.

Hirani said the blast had damaged many buildings. He also said almost all his neighbours were Arabs.

"Maybe three out of the 200 plus houses are foreigners but everyone else is Arab," he said.

The blast occurred nearly six months after triple suicide bombings at Riyadh housing compounds on May 12 killed 35 people, including nine Americans as well as other foreigners and Saudis.

Saudi Arabia blamed these explosions on the al Qaeda network of

Osama bin Laden who, in an audio tape released last month, promised suicide attacks inside and outside the United States.

Supporters of the Saudi-born militant have threatened both Saudi rulers and Western expatriates who hold key jobs in the kingdom, the world's biggest oil exporter.

Surge of violence

Saudi Arabia, the birthplace of Islam, is battling a surge in Islamist violence believed to be linked to al Qaeda.

Five militants have died in clashes with security forces since Monday, when authorities said they had foiled a planned attack on Muslim pilgrims in the holy city of Mecca.

Late on Friday, the United States issued its second security warning on Saudi Arabia in almost as many weeks, saying terrorists were planning attacks in the kingdom. U.S. missions were shut in the kingdom on Saturday for a security review.

Britain said it had no plans "at present" to shut diplomatic offices in the kingdom. But it said "the threat from terrorism is particularly serious at this time and that terrorists may be in the final phases of planning attacks in the kingdom".

Diplomats estimate there are 35,000 U.S. and up to 30,000 British citizens in Saudi Arabia.

British embassies in the neighbouring Gulf states of Bahrain and Qatar also warned UK nationals of a high threat of terrorist attacks against Western targets in those countries.

Arafat divides security powers in bid to revive talks

RAMALLAH, West Bank, Nov 8 (Reuters) - President Yasser Arafat agreed to divide security powers between the interior minister and a national council on Saturday, a move designed to resolve a power dispute and pave the way for a new government.

The breakthrough, which is hoped to satisfy U.S. calls for reforms in a "road map" for peace with Israel, coincided with fresh violence in which Israeli soldiers shot and killed three Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qurei had proposed that Hakam Balawi, favoured by Arafat's dominant parliamentary faction Fatah for interior minister, give up the portfolio's control over Palestinian security forces.

That authority would instead go to the Palestinian national security council, which is under Arafat's auspices but includes General Nasser Yousef, Qurei's original choice for interior minister who was rejected by Fatah.

"The interior minister will most likely be Hakam Balawi, with responsibility for administrative affairs while security issues will be conducted by the national security council headed by Arafat," Qurei told reporters after meeting Arafat in the West Bank city of Ramallah on Saturday.

The Qurei-Arafat power struggle had held up formation of a permanent Palestinian government after the 30-day mandate of a emergency cabinet expired this week, further stalling the road map that has been battered by renewed bloodshed.

Three dead in territories

On Saturday, the Israeli army said it killed two Palestinians spotted near the Gaza Strip boundary, an area that sees frequent infiltration and ambush attempts. Palestinian

security officials said the dead men were not known militants and may have been labourers seeking to sneak into Israel to find work.

In the West Bank, witnesses said Israeli troops shot dead a 19-year-old stonethrower and wounded two children as troops imposed a curfew in the city of Jenin and conducted searches.

Military sources said soldiers opened fire after being shot at by gunmen among the crowd of stonethrowers. A building in Jenin's refugee camp found to contain a bomb laboratory was dynamited, the sources said.

The road map seeks to end violence in a three-year-old Palestinian uprising by creating a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza by 2005 and guaranteeing for Israel.

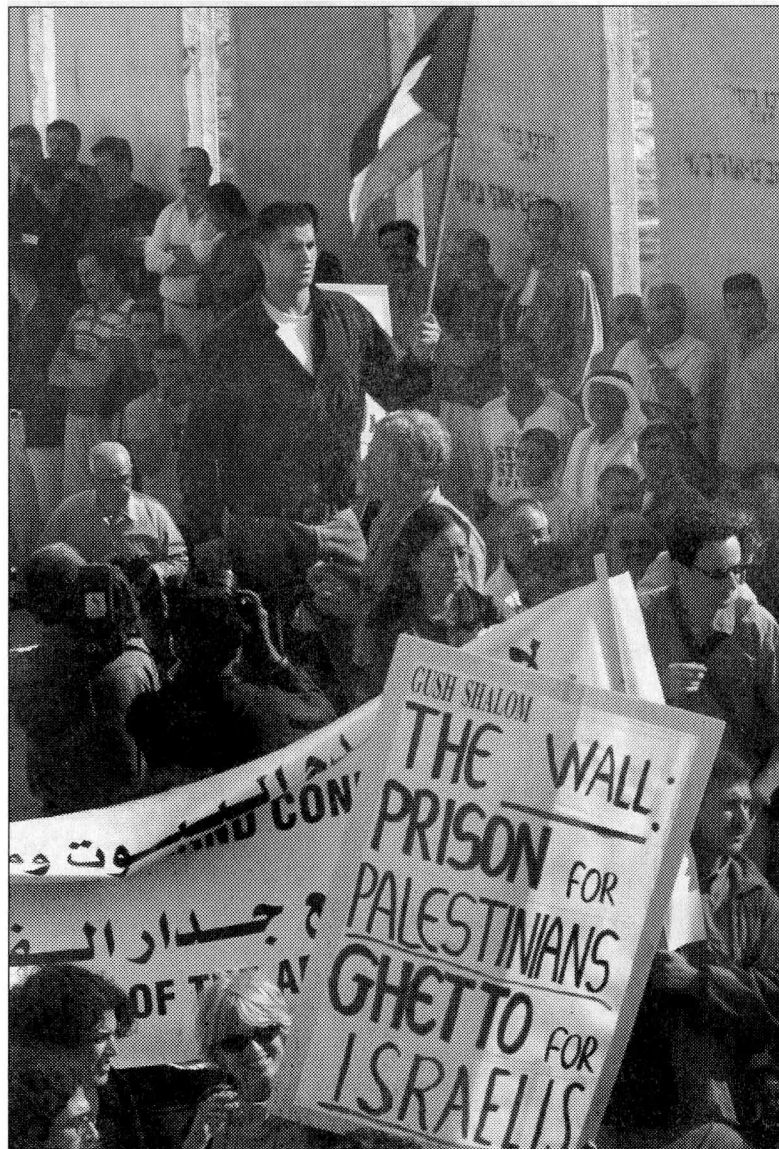
The United States and Israel have said Arafat must hand over security powers to a new independent government for any peace talks to move forward.

"I hope it (government) will be announced soon," Qurei said on Saturday. There was no immediate Israeli response to the move.

Qurei's agreement with Arafat was a reversal of Fatah's decision on Friday to give Balawi exclusive control over security forces. The faction appointed Yousef to the national security council in what was seen as an effort to soften the blow to Qurei's power.

Arafat had converted Qurei's emergency cabinet into a caretaker government on Tuesday, hours before a deadline for a more permanent government, to allow time to resolve the dispute.

In an apparent attempt to bolster Qurei, Israel eased a West Bank blockade on Friday. Palestinians said the removal of the Ain Arik checkpoint was the first sign Israel was implementing a pledge to ease a blockade around West Bank cities.



Palestinian and Israeli people protest against Israel's policy of building a vast separation wall, in the Arab village of Swahre, near Jerusalem November 8, 2003. Worldwide activities will take place Nov. 9 in solidarity with the Palestinian people on the "International Day Against the Wall", on the anniversary of the demolishing of the Berlin Wall. REUTERS

Israel says it erects such blockades to stop suicide bombers, who have killed hundreds of Israelis in the revolt.

Iran ready to accept tough nuclear inspections: IAEA



Hassan Rohani (R), the head of the Iranian Supreme National Security Council, shakes hands with the chief of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Mohamed ElBaradei, in Vienna on Nov. 8. Tehran prepares to suspend its controversial uranium enrichment, United Nations officials said. REUTERS

VIENNA, Nov 8 (Reuters) - The head of the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency said on Saturday Iran promised to hand over two crucial letters making official its acceptance of tougher nuclear inspections and a suspension of its controversial uranium enrichment programme.

"Next week we will get the letter for conclusion of the Additional Protocol," International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) chief Mohamed ElBaradei told reporters after a more than 90 minute meeting in Vienna with the head of Iran's Supreme National Security, Hassan Rohani.

ElBaradei also said Iran had promised a letter formally announcing the uranium enrichment suspension next week.

When asked when the uranium enrichment will be stopped, Rohani

said through an interpreter: "In the next week I will announce that."

Iran denies it wants an atomic weapon and insists its Rohani's meeting with ElBaradei came days before the IAEA was expected to circulate among Vienna diplomats its latest report on nuclear inspections in Iran, a report ElBaradei said would detail more failures by Iran to report required information to the United Nations.

This report will be discussed at the November 20 meeting of the IAEA's 35-nation Board of Governors.

Asked about that report on Saturday, ElBaradei said "it is a factual report about what we have seen".

Iran promised to deliver a letter formally declaring its intention to sign the Additional Protocol to the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), which Iran has signed.

Last election pitches made in Japan

TOKYO, Nov 8 (Reuters) - With just one day left until Japanese voters go to the polls, Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi and other political party leaders took to the streets on Saturday to woo urban voters, seen as crucial to the outcome.

Koizumi, hoping to lead his three-way coalition to a decisive victory and win a mandate for his economic reforms, told voters in Tokyo that only the ruling camp could push ahead with his agenda for change.

"I want to put reforms on track under a stable government. Please hand us victory," Koizumi, his voice hoarse from 11 days of campaigning, told a crowd of some 1,000 who braved the windy autumn evening to listen to him.

The leader of the main opposition Democratic Party, Naoto Kan, urged voters in a western Tokyo suburb to give the party a shot at ruling the country, governed by Koizumi's Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) for most of the past five decades.

"Whether we can achieve (a change of government) depends on your votes tomorrow," said Kan, a former grassroots activist and one-time health minister.

Polls last weekend suggested Koizumi's camp would achieve a comfortable win in the first general election since he took office in 2001, and that the LDP could keep its simple majority.

The campaign, in which the parties debated a range of issues from the nation's pension system to the dispatch of troops to Iraq, was to end at 8:00 p.m. (1100 GMT) on Saturday.

Both the ruling and the opposition camps are keen to attract the urban electorate, most of whom are "floating voters" without any preference for a particular party. Such voters make up nearly half of the entire electorate by some estimates.

The generally pro-reform Democrats view these non-affiliated voters as the key to increasing their presence substantially in the election for parliament's powerful 480-member Lower



Supporters wave to Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi during his last campaign rally in Tokyo Nov. 8. With just one day left until Japanese voters go to the polls, Koizumi and other political party leaders took to the street on Saturday to woo urban voters, seen as crucial to the outcome. REUTERS House.

Ruling blocs edge

Floating voters have tended to cast their ballots for the opposition, but their turnout has historically been lower than that of party faithful such as the farmers, small business owners and building contractors who traditionally vote LDP.

Public opinion polls published on Saturday showed that more voters wanted a government led by the LDP rather than one dominated by the Democrats, in line with the earlier surveys.

In a poll conducted by the Asahi Shimbun, 40 percent of respondents said they favoured an LDP-led government against 33 percent for one headed by the Democrats.

But among non-affiliated voters, the numbers tipped slightly in favour of the Democrats, with 29 percent favouring a Democrat-led government against 26 percent for one dominated by Koizumi's LDP, the Asahi poll showed.

The Democrats — who share much of Koizumi's reform views — argue only they can effect true change —

might also take heart from data in a separate survey showing that 76 percent of respondents intended to show up at the polls on Sunday.

Democratic Party leaders have said that if voter turnout tops 65 percent or nears 70 percent, they would win enough parliament seats to take power away from the ruling bloc.

In the last Lower House election held in 2000, turnout was 62 percent, the second lowest on record.

Clear victory crucial

Even if the LDP and its two partners keep their majority, Koizumi needs a clear victory for the LDP to silence opponents in the party, many of whom are unhappy with his reforms because they threaten the interests of long-time party backers.

Analysts said that if the LDP could secure a majority on its own, Koizumi would be able to push ahead with his reform agenda, including more cuts in public spending and privatisation of money-guzzling government corporations.

Myanmar's Suu Kyi refuses to accept freedom: U.N.

YANGON, Nov 8 (Reuters) - Myanmar's generals have freed democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi from house arrest, but she is refusing to accept liberty until 35 colleagues are released from detention, U.N. envoy Paulo Sergio Pinheiro said on Saturday.

"She will not accept to have any privilege or any access to freedom of movement until everyone detained since May 30 has been released," Pinheiro told a news conference.

The U.N. human rights envoy said he had been told by the ruling generals during talks in Yangon this week that Suu Kyi, detained after a bloody clash between her followers and government supporters, was no longer under house arrest.

Pinheiro, who spent two hours with Suu Kyi on Thursday, said she demanded the release of 35 colleagues in the National League for Democracy before she would consider herself free.

She also demanded an inquiry into the May 30 violence, which each side blames on the other, and for those responsible to be held accountable, he said.

"She wants justice, not revenge," the Brazilian academic added. He quoted her as saying: "Let's move forward. Let's work so it doesn't happen again."

However, Pinheiro said, the generals who have ruled Myanmar since 1962 "have not yet agreed" to his offer to conduct "an independent assessment" of the May violence and gave no indication on when Suu Kyi might move around again.



Myanmar's generals have freed democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi from house arrest, but she is refusing to accept liberty until 35 colleagues are released from detention, U.N. envoy Paulo Sergio Pinheiro said in Yangon Nov. 8. REUTERS

Nor, he said, did he win agreement from the ruling generals for an independent investigation of alleged human rights abuses such as forced labour in Shan state, one of several minority regions that have long fought the Yangon government.

"Free political prisoners"

Suu Kyi has made similar pronouncements before during the long periods she has spent confined to her lakeside house in Yangon, including the last time when she emerged just

weeks before the May violence.

Diplomatic sources said Suu Kyi emerged then because she was confident U.N. efforts to get so-called national reconciliation talks restarted were going to be successful.

Instead, she was detained at a secret location after the clash — for her own safety, according to the government — from which she was allowed to go to hospital for surgery, then to house arrest in September.

Pinheiro made his own call to the government to clear the way for talks with the NLD on moving towards democracy by freeing all political prisoners and re-opening political party offices.

He said the government should give "credible indications" on how and when the reforms it has long promised would be implemented.

Pinheiro was only the second foreigner, after U.N. special envoy Razali Ismail met her in early October, known to have seen Suu Kyi since she went home from hospital.

He gave no indications of whether Suu Kyi's formal release from house arrest was a significant move towards resuming talks on a new constitution broken off in 1996 following an NLD walkout.

New Prime Minister Khin Nyunt set out a "road map to democracy" shortly after taking office in August, with resumption of the talks the first step.

There has been no word on when that might be.

The NLD was widely believed to have won 1990 elections in a landslide but was never allowed to take office.

Thai PM reshuffles cabinet, drops coalition party

BANGKOK, Nov 8 (Reuters) - Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra dropped a junior partner from the coalition led by his Thai Rak Thai (Thais Love Thais) party and reshuffled his cabinet on Saturday.

Thaksin dropped the Chart Pattana Party (CPP), which has 31 seats in the 500-member Parliament, from what had been a three-party coalition, and its three ministers from the 35-member cabinet.

Among the CPP ministers dropped were Deputy Prime Minister Korn Dabbaransi and Labour Minister Suwat Liptanlop.

He also dropped a minister from his own party, which still commands a hefty parliamentary majority with 334 seats. Thaksin added five ministers and moved seven others.

The portfolios affected are transport,

agriculture, industry, labour, public health, social development, commerce, culture and education.

Party insiders said Thaksin decided to drop Chart Pattana after talks on merging it into Thai Rak Thai fell flat.

Several CPP members, including party co-founder Korn, were expected to defect to Thaksin's party later, they said.

In his weekly national radio address on Saturday, Thaksin said he would not discuss his reasons for the reshuffle until the cabinet was sworn in by King Bhumibol Adulyadej on Monday night.

Thaksin's 34-month-old government is enjoying fast-rising popularity, thanks largely to a booming economy that has outperformed most major Asian economies except China and India this year.

Algerian security forces kill 10 Islamist rebels

ALGIERS, Nov 8 (Reuters) - Algerian security forces have killed 10 armed Islamist rebels and recovered a large quantity of arms, official media said on Saturday.

Government forces seized arms and binoculars in the two separate operations on Friday in the western provinces of Saida and Relizane, respectively 430 and 300 km west of the capital Algiers, the government-backed El Moudjahid newspaper said, citing security sources.

It gave no further details as to the circumstances of the two incidents, but said eight of the rebels killed were shot

dead in the mountainous Djebel Khelifa area near Saida. The other two were killed in the Relizane region.

State radio said earlier six rebels were killed on Wednesday by the army in Tlemcen province, 600 km west of Algiers.

More than 150,000 people, many of them non-combatants, are estimated to have died in the armed conflict which began after the authorities in 1992 cancelled elections an Islamist party was poised to win. Over the past two years, violence has continued at a sporadic, reduced level.

Mauritania leader is in, but opposition cries foul

NOUAKCHOTT, Nov 8 (Reuters) - Mauritania's long-standing leader was reelected on Saturday after winning two-thirds of the votes in a presidential poll, but the opposition called for a re-run and said the main challenger had vanished into hiding.

The interior minister told reporters the final results from Friday's poll showed President Maaouya Ould Sid'Ahmed Taya, a pro-Western former colonel who has ruled the Muslim nation with an iron fist for 19 years, had snared 66.7 percent of the votes.

During his campaign, Taya promised to deliver prosperity to Mauritania, where many hope offshore oil will bring riches to an impoverished desert nation with a patchy human rights record.

Mohamed Khouna Ould Haidalla, the man Taya booted from office to take power in 1984, was second with 18.7 percent but a coalition of parties backing him, ranging from liberals to Islamic radicals, called for a re-run alleging massive fraud.

"The coalition for a peaceful change in power declares the 2003 presidential election invalid, null and void," a Haidalla aide, Lo Gourmo, told reporters.

The run-up to the poll in this coup-prone nation, where power has never changed hands at the ballot box since independence from France in 1960, was tense and opposition candidates complained of intimidation.

Taya romped home in a 1992 poll and won with a massive margin in 1997 when the opposition boycotted the election.

But he angered some Arabs in a nation which straddles black and Arab Africa when he made an abrupt diplomatic about-turn, shifting support from former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein



Supporters of Mauritania's President Maaouya Ould Sid'Ahmed Taya celebrate his victory in presidential elections Nov. 8, in Nouakchott. Mauritania's long-standing leader was reelected on Saturday after winning two-thirds of the votes in a presidential poll, but the opposition called for a re-run and said the main challenger had vanished into hiding. The interior minister told reporters the final results from Friday's poll showed President Maaouya Ould Sid'Ahmed Taya, a pro-Western former colonel who has ruled the Muslim nation with an iron fist for 19 years, had snared 66.7 percent of the votes. REUTERS

to Israel and the United States.

Five months ago, renegade soldiers tried to depose Taya but the uprising was swiftly crushed and the president clamped down on the Islamic radicals he blamed for the attempted putsch.

Sombre mood

Haidalla, a former military ruler, was dragged away by police on the eve of the poll and detained briefly on suspicion of plotting to seize power again. His camp said he went into hiding on Friday after security forces were seen near his house.

"Those in power don't want to share it. This is a pseudo democracy," said Cheikh Faad Bou Kamara, head of the Mauritanian Association of Human

Rights and a sociology professor.

The mood was sombre at Haidalla's house on Saturday morning where his wife Lalla Mir Elvade was wailing as friends and family quietly sipped cups of tea.

"He left around 4 o'clock yesterday (1600 GMT)... He had a headache and he said he wanted to go somewhere to get some rest," she told Reuters, speaking in Arabic through a translator. "I am worried because I don't know where he is."

Haidalla's camp had condemned "flagrant" fraud, such as ballot box stuffing and the use of false voting cards, but stopped short of rejecting the results outright.

The interior minister said Ahmed Ould Daddah, the brother of the country's first president, was in third place with 6.9 percent while Messaoud Ould Boulkheir, the son of black African labourers enslaved by the Arabs, had 5.0 percent.

Turnout was 60.8 percent. There were 2,258 polling stations and 1,107,400 registered voters for Friday's poll.

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Prince Charles aides try to defuse mystery scandal

LONDON, Nov 8 (Reuters) - Britain's Prince Charles wrapped up a foreign trip on Saturday while the palace worked behind the scenes to defuse newspaper frenzy over a mystery incident the prince says never took place.

In one of the more bizarre scandals to befall the hapless House of Windsor, Charles has denied a rumour without ever saying what it was about.

The details have appeared in an Italian newspaper and on the Internet, but publishing them in Britain is banned by a court's gag order. Under arcane libel laws, any news organisation that can be seen in Britain and is aware of the ban is bound by it.

The prince spent the last day of a two week foreign trip in Oman, guest of friend and polo partner Sultan Qaboos bin Said.

In television pictures with Omani schoolchildren, Charles looked entirely unfazed by the swirling scandal. But the palace in London was laying careful plans for the bomb-



Britain's Prince Charles visits the Association for early Intervention for children with special needs in Muscat Nov. 8. Prince Charles is on a five-day visit to Oman, his fifth since 1986. REUTERS

shell's inevitable detonation back home.

The Mail on Sunday tabloid has gone to court seeking permission to run its scoop "of the deepest public interest" but has so far failed to persuade a judge it can back up its story well enough to lift the ban.

In an apparent bid to take the wind out of the sails of the feisty Sunday papers, Charles's office signalled to The Times newspaper, known as "the voice of the establishment", that he would not object if it aired essential details on Saturday.

"The prince believes the allegations are so ludicrous it does not merit legal action," the Times quoted a palace official as saying.

The paper said the "potentially damaging but unsubstantiated rumours" concerned an "alleged sexual incident involving the Prince of Wales and a former royal servant", and named another ex-servant who says he saw the tryst.

But the Sunday papers will still have to be careful of what they print,

because a former palace servant, Michael Fawcett, still has a court order banning publication of the details.

The scandal has divided a country always thrilled by royal sensation into those who think they know what the 54-year-old prince says he didn't do, and those who wish they did.

Even if the mystery rumour is false — and the papers that say they know what it is have not actually said they believe it is true — the impact it is having on sales is real enough.

The last big royal brouhaha, the tell-all memoir of Princess Diana's former butler Paul Burrell, extracts of which appeared last month in the Daily Mirror, boosted the paper's circulation by 250,000 readers a day.

No royal family has had worse press than the Windsors, especially Charles. He became an object of ridicule in 1993 when a paper intercepted a phone call in which he told lover Camilla Parker Bowles he wanted to be reincarnated as her tampon.

Italian building collapses, eight escape

GENOA, Italy, Nov 8 (Reuters) - Eight workers have been rescued and one was still trapped after part of a building collapsed in the northern Italian port city of Genoa on Saturday morning, firefighters said.

The rescued workers suffered varying degrees of injuries, including concussion and broken limbs, but all were pulled out of the rubble safely.

Rescuers were still working to save a ninth worker trapped underneath the rubble.

A wing of the city's new three-storey museum of marine navigation collapsed at about 8:30 a.m. (0730 GMT) on Saturday morning when nine workers were on the site.

It was still not clear what caused the collapse.

Thousands rally in Georgia amid police warnings

TBILISI, Nov 8 (Reuters) - Thousands of opposition supporters rallied in the Georgian capital on Saturday in the latest of a string of protests against initial results of a parliamentary election and demanded the president quit.

Around 15,000 people, many waving national flags, demonstrated peacefully in Freedom Square in the centre of the capital, while riot police blocked off roads to the headquarters of veteran President Eduard Shevardnadze.

Police officials said they would use firearms to disperse the crowd if the situation got out of control. Unidentified masked men fired guns to disperse an opposition rally in a town in western Georgia on Friday.

The former Soviet state has been plagued by violence since independence in 1992 and Western governments and investors are keen to maintain stability in a country which will soon be home to a pipeline to take Caspian oil to the Mediterranean Sea.

The election results may also provide the first clues as to who might take over from Shevardnadze after a presidential poll in 2005 in which he is not allowed to run for another term.

The election commission was supposed to publish the final results of the parliamentary vote on Thursday but announced instead that it had another two weeks to do so.



Masked Georgian riot policemen wait for an opposition rally to begin in Tbilisi Nov. 8. Masked men fired kalashnikov assault rifles as they burst into a crowd of opposition supporters in Zugdidi, raising tensions in a row between opposition and the government over election results. REUTERS

Opposition leaders and the United States have urged it to speed the count, citing concerns about fraud and mismanagement.

An opposition bloc has also vowed to boycott the legislature.

Preliminary results show the pro-Shevardnadze For a New Georgia! bloc is in second place, just behind the opposition Revival Union party.

In third place is an opposition bloc led by former Justice Minister Mikhail Saakashvili.

"We will not allow these scumbags and rogues to govern this country," Saakashvili told the crowd on Saturday.

Another opposition group, Burdzhnadze-Democrats, which is yet to clear the seven percent threshold needed to enter parliament, said on Friday it would not join the legislature anyway in protest against the count.

"We will not join a parliament which is appointed by the president and his government. We do not want to take part in this dirty game," said parliament speaker Nino Burdzhnadze, the leader of the bloc.

Shevardnadze, 76, has dominated politics in the region for decades and was once seen as the saviour of Georgia.

But he is now deeply unpopular over broken promises to raise living standards and quell separatism in two areas outside government control.

Thousands protest against German nuclear waste

DANNENBERG, Germany, Nov 8 (Reuters) - Thousands of Germans rallied on Saturday in a noisy but peaceful protest against the transport of reprocessed nuclear waste to a storage site.

Police counted about 3,000 demonstrators in the northern town of Dannenberg, while organisers said up to 6,000 took part in the rally also attended by farmers on about 100 tractors.

The demonstrators whistled and cheered as they listened to speeches demanding an immediate halt to the transport of nuclear waste to a storage site in Gorleben, north of Hanover, but there was none of the violence of protests in previous years.

"We will continue to defend ourselves because we want to prevent a looming catastrophe for the next generation," anti-nuclear campaigner Jochen Stay said in a statement.

The centre-left government in which Greens are junior partners agreed with industry in 2000 to phase out all reactors by around 2025. Power firms are also obliged to build

on-site storage facilities for waste to avoid the unpopular transports.

A train carrying 12 containers with 1,300 tonnes of treated waste is set to leave the French reprocessing plant of La Hague on Sunday evening. The waste will be loaded onto trucks in Dannenberg and is expected to arrive in Gorleben on Wednesday.

The shipments to Gorleben have become the object of a ritual confrontation between police and anti-nuclear activists. Some 15,000 police were needed to guard the route in 2001 in the largest peacetime security operation in post-war German history.

Security costs have reached \$23 million in past years.

Last year, protesters disrupted the passage of a train carrying the nuclear waste by setting tyres on fire on the tracks and chaining themselves to the rails.

Police said they expected less trouble this year, but are still planning tight security particularly for the last stretch of the transport and up to 13,000 officers are on standby.

Poland prepared to stay in Iraq into 2005

BEIRUT, Nov 8 (Reuters) - Poland is ready to keep leading a multinational force in part of Iraq into 2005 even though a transfer of power may be on the cards next year, a defence ministry official said on Saturday.

Poland, a staunch supporter of the U.S.-led war to oust Saddam Hussein, took control of a slab of southern Iraq between U.S.- and British-controlled zones in September and is due to maintain command for at least two six-month terms.

Deputy Defence Minister Janusz Zemke said the commanders of the 23-nation force must speak both English and Russian, which is widely

spoken by troops there from post-communist countries like Bulgaria, Kazakhstan and Ukraine.

Spain, which has recruited several Latin American countries for the zone, is seen as a natural candidate to replace Poland.

"Poland is ready to stay on as the leader for a third term (ending in early 2005), even though international missions tend to rotate commanders," Zemke told reporters travelling with Prime Minister Leszek Miller to the Middle East and Iraq.

"Our officers have won the confidence of the central command, and one simply cannot get by without a

large group of bilingual officers trained in English and Russian," he added.

Poland is due to rotate its entire 2,500-strong regiment in Iraq in the first months of 2004.

The Ukrainians, already the second biggest contingent in the zone with 1,700 troops, will add about 200, and double their number of helicopters to about 20 early next year, said Zemke.

"Spain must also boost the number of troops in Iraq, from about 1,300, if it wants to take the rotating command," he said.

Troops from Azerbaijan are set to join the multinational force in 2004.

Croatian and Japanese units may also arrive.

Zemke said Poland, criticised for policing its zone less actively than U.S. forces, sought to expand patrols over the coming months with the help of newly trained local police.

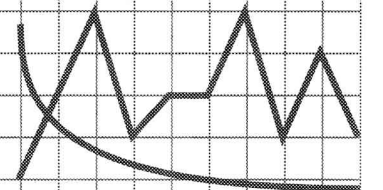
Poland, which has had only one soldier killed in Iraq so far, controls a Shi'ite-dominated southern region which is more secure than the U.S.-controlled north.

"Still, we detain about 50 suspects each day," Zemke said. "Relations with the Shi'ites are generally good, but it can be difficult to understand their leadership structures."



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Local councils need muscle

By MAHYOUB AL-KAMALI
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

The Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation is busy with cooperating with many sides for drawing up new mechanisms bearing the responsibility for watching the strategy of poverty alleviation at the central level and preparation for building branch units for following up practical measures in each governorate, to be fulfilled during next December.

The Ministry has specified responsibilities of the branch unit in each governorate by coordination with concerned authorities in order to establish databases in governorates' districts. The plan also intends to include development goals in the governorate as part of programs and projects to be followed up in terms of implementation in accordance with entrusting authorities and responsibilities with the local councils.

To accomplish the projects funded by donors there is supervising committee including representative from the Planning Ministry for linking the increase in appropriations to the capability of implementation of those projects and programs. The committee also includes representatives from major ministries and sectors.

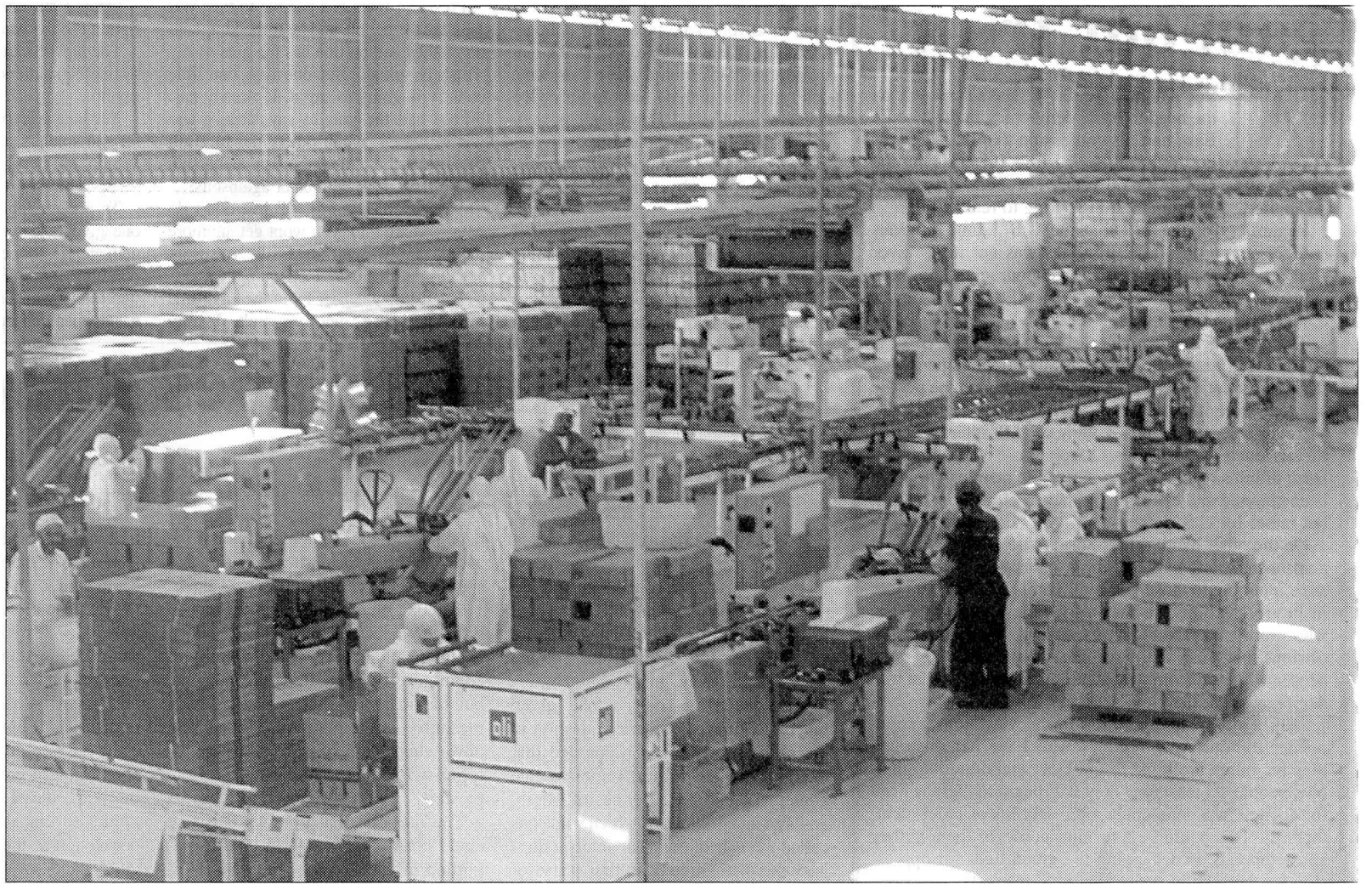
The central perception in the short-term discloses prominently that the volume of economic and social disparity between governorates is very big. It also discloses non-balance of development in them with their local potentials, diminution of natural resources in some of them and the situation of each governorate and level of communications and centres of

marketing and development of exports that would consolidate local activities and development of regions.

Improving the living conditions of citizens is the biggest challenge facing the realization of economic growth and creation of job opportunities and providing services by the local authority.

According to the yearly report on the implemented programs of the five-year plan 2001-2005 there are many indicators reflecting a low level in local councils performance. The total amount of revenues has amounted to around YR 15 billion and 662 million in 2002, the local self-resources formed 31%, joint resources 36% and joint public revenues 9% and central support 24%. The indicators also disclosed a variance among governorates in proportion of actual collection of revenues. The expected proportion in the capital has exceeded 103%, the general medium in Taiz, Hadramout, Lahj, Al-Baidha'a, Abyan, Shabwa, Al-Jawf, Al-Mahra and al-Dhalee exceeded 74.4%, whereas the proportion has recorded a drop in the rest of other governorates. Causes of this variance are attributed to weakness of the local authority and lack of experience of its cadre in implementation of their responsibilities. Added to that is the incompleteness of the institutional construction of the local authority. On the other hand the fund for giving care to youth, and sport and the fund for maintaining roads do not fulfill payment of their commitments to the local authority.

Out of all these, it becomes evident that local deficiencies indicate to inaccuracy in calculating estimations



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of resources according to each governorate, in addition to weakness of the best utilization of collected revenues as they have in some governorates exceeded the average of 50%, such as the capital secretariat and the governorates of Taiz, Sana'a, Hudeidah,

Shabwa and Dhalee.

Volume of remaining assets from accounts of administrative units that have not been used in the last year amounted to about YR 6 billion, 848 million and 4 thousand and they have been posted forward to the gover-

norates the current year. The volume of revenues of this year has been estimated at YR 18 billion and 660 million.

For this reason the Yemeni government has worked for increasing its central appropriations for the local

councils in the draft project of the budget as they have exceeded by YR 100 billion for the purpose of expansion in building infrastructure projects and establishment of development balance in governorates and districts.

Immigration office to open in Sana'a

Meetings slated on expatriates affairs

By YEMEN TIMES STAFF

A delegation representing the International Organisation for Immigration has recently held talks in the Yemeni capital Sana'a aimed at discussing issues associated with topic of immigration and its changeables under globalization and the ideas about affairs of expatriation as a preliminary phenomenon of the very images of globalization itself.

In his meeting with the delegation chaired by the official in charge of immigration at the organization, Prime Minister Abdulqader Bajammal described immigration as the natural phenomenon of the globalization aspects; requesting the organization that it should work for enhancing legal protection for expatriates, respect their legitimate rights and increase of humane treatment for them.

Head of the delegation to Yemen has found good response by the officials to the organization's activities. The organization is intending to open soon a bureau for it in Sana'a with the aim of contributing to develop its

activities meant for expatriates' affairs.

The organization is planning to hold a number of symposiums in the capital Sana'a with participation of the region's countries for reaching at solutions to issues of expatriates in a detailed manner and to present their results to a regional conference the organization is to hold later.

The organization's delegation has also discussed with deputy prime minister, the minister of planning and international cooperation Ahmed Soufan projects related to expatriates and the goals intended from holding the international workshop on dialogue on expatriation scheduled to be held in Yemen next year.

The workshop would be attended, in addition to Yemen, by countries like the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the sultanate of Oman. The workshop, acquiring a regional conference characteristic, is intended to discuss issues of expatriates and immigrants and their rights. The workshop is also to discuss issues of illegal migration, labour market and rehabilitation of labour. This could be a step forward to establish a serious

dialogue on the phenomenon of expatriation and problems resulting from it.

Mr Soufan has confirmed during his talks with the organization's delegation Yemen's support for expatriates and it endeavour to provide better care for them in addition to strengthening contacts with them, especially with Yemeni expatriates in the region's states and the Horn of Africa, saying Yemen sends labour and receives refugees and foreign workers and that the problem of seeking refugee status has affected the economy in Yemen.

Following its meeting with the minister for expatriates affairs the delegation has come out with positive results and perceptions that would increase cooperation between the immigration organisation and Yemen in a manner that is expected to help implement projects of expatriates via practical and serious measures.

Yemen considers its people as among the successive generations in search for work opportunities since ancient times and it intends to benefit from their capitals and money for investment in available opportunities for them in Yemen, especially in the Free Zone in Aden.

Yemeni-Saudi power partnership

By MAHYOUB AL-KAMALI

The Yemeni state establishment for electricity has taken part in the preparatory meeting held recently by the Kuwait-Based Arab Fund for Social and Economic Development. The meeting discussed the technical aid offered by the Fund that is related to studying the feasibility of the power link between Yemen and Saudi Arabia. The meeting has also discussed the reference on the economic feasibility study of the project and the timetable of its implementation.

The Arab Fund for Development appropriated KD 100,000 for funding upgrading of the study concerning the project of power-linkage between Yemen and Saudi Arabia to be finished within the next three months, taking into account the completion of the project in a period ranging between 4-5 years.

On the other hand an analysis is currently conducted of the tenders for the building of a 300 MW gas power station in Safer areas at a cost of \$50 million, a good part of it is a contribution offered by the Arab Fund for Economic Development. Work in the power station project in Safer is expected to begin in period not far from now and it is scheduled

that the project construction would be finished by 2005. Another gas power station is also scheduled to be built in Marib at a capacity of 400MW to be constructed according to investment system.

A Saudi delegation from the Development fund headed by Yousuf al-Basam had earlier visited Yemen and got acquainted with

maps of the Yemeni electric network system and the measures the State Establishment of Electricity is implementing for improving performance of the Yemeni electric power through reducing the amount of loss and building additional stations in addition to drawing up new plans for distribution of power and to develop the electric network.

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The fall-out from technology advances, notably globalization, is clearly ahead of us. We need to grapple with this and the sooner we assess the issues and decide on what we need to do, the better prepared we will be. A main component of globalization is liberalization.
Prof. Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf, (1951 - 1999)
Founder of Yemen Times

OUR OPINION
Can the U.S. gain our trust?

After listening to G. W. Bush's speech on the need to bring democracy to the Middle East, and his confession that the U.S. was not right in supporting dictators in the region for 60 years, I wonder, why has it taken the U.S. administration so long to realize this? Regardless of the fact that the U.S. administrations realizes supporting brutal regimes was not in its favor after all, and regardless that it is encouraging democracy merely for its own interest, it is still a positive development that we have waited for.

The constructive criticism of the way the U.S. government has been handling its affairs brings hope in that the administration will start realizing that it is the people who are more important than regimes.

Nevertheless, the narrow view of U.S. interests in all of this once again brings U.S. opinion. "Wait a minute, Bush didn't say this for the sake of the people, who have been chained and enslaved by their regimes for so long, but rather for U.S.'s own security," one could say.

On the other hand, this is normal, because U.S. presidents usually talk to their people and not the world. They are explaining to those who will vote for or against them in future elections, so they care little about the Arabs who were the subject of discussion. So, it would be obvious that Bush will have one eye on what American people will gain from Arabs being free and living in true democracy, not the view of Arabs.

Still, it's a positive opinion in my view, and an eye-opener for our Arab regimes who have demonstrated they are much too loyal to the U.S., and donors to their own people. At least now they will begin to feel the need for change into democracy after decades of cruel dictatorships. This could be a turning point for them if they know the U.S. is not giving the green light for oppression for the sake of preserving U.S. interests.

It seems the U.S. is no longer worried about pleasing regimes, and giving them what they want. It seems to feel the frustration of those oppressed in Arab countries, and that's resulting in a nightmare in security scenarios, both within the U.S. and elsewhere in the world. This is why giving freedom could help reduce hatred against the U.S.

However, the U.S. administration needs to start implementing ideas mentioned recently by Bush, by stopping oppression of opposition parties and individuals in the name of the 'war on terror'. Perhaps this could be where it needs to start. Today, thousands of Arab citizens are in prison without trial or accusation just because they are suspected of having relations to possible terrorist elements. This is in itself a direct violation of freedom and human rights, and should be corrected.

The U.S. needs to understand that it cannot have it both ways. It cannot call for democracy and freedom, and urge Arab regimes to capture whoever has a beard in the street, with shaky and unreliable suspicions. It cannot guarantee its security while maintaining a strong grip on democracy in the Middle East through its 'loyal' regimes.

We will all be waiting to see the next step to be taken by the U.S., and we will also be looking at the agenda of the months and years ahead in bringing democracy to our region.

The Editor

It's not America's fault?

By Adam Taha
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I read a letter published in Yemen Times recently and written by Jane Novak about how it is not America's fault and how heroic President Bush and I quote her words:

"President Bush is determined to give, not lend, \$20 billion to Iraq and bring self-determination to Saddam's slaves. The American soldiers in Iraq fight believing they are freeing children. America is working to diminish its own influence by enhancing the influence of every person on earth," she wrote.

President Bush and his administration don't lend, nor give, but tie a knot in the neck of anyone who takes their political hand out. Wake up Jane. This is the real world, the 21st century where presidents don't give for nothing, nor do they give because of suffering. They usually give to ease their guilty conscious after bombing the hell out of a country with weapons they haven't tested yet and use Iraq as a testing ground.

Or they can be giving for reasons of economical, political reasons and gaining squeezing the rope a little tighter. Or to shut their people up!

The fact is, Iraq, Afghanistan has been

planned long ago. You think such leaders as Bush and any leader sits there ruling a country and that's it. No. They plan their next move like a chess game.

I won't be surprised even now, that Bush and the enemies 'he and many countries' have created, planted, gave weapons to are having a cup of tea together while the usual common man and woman punch each other senseless in the street or debate for years to come as to who's fault it is.

Usually, when a kid stares at you with those big innocent eyes and hands behind her or his back and says 'It's not my fault! I didn't do it! I didn't eat the cake' is not so innocent. Especially when the half of the world is pointing to the bits of cake around the kid's lips.

President Bush is a parable to this; you Jane are the people and he is the king with no clothes and no one has the guts to say 'Bush is naked!' But one day, one little country is going to say it. It already has. France had the guts to say 'shut it and you're wrong' while others ran to Bush because at the end of the day, as he said himself, 'you are with us or against us!'

Yes, in other words, 'if you don't do what you are told, you won't get anymore money, and we will make sure you won't get a cut of that cake I am eating.'

Yes, I know, I heard you the first time Jane. It's not America's fault. I truly

believe it isn't because by saying America, you are actually saying 'the people of America.' No, I don't believe it is their fault. Their fault is being so blind ignorant what Bush is doing with their money and what is happening around the world.

And the people of America will shout: "But! We didn't know!" Of course you didn't, especially with the usual bombardment of political boom, boom, patriotic shows on your channels mixing up the truth. What do you expect? Any country does that. It's how they control their people and use their votes!

As a drummer years ago said when caught in some revolution by the enemy, he cried:

"Hey, I am only a drummer! I wasn't fighting in the war! I just beat the drum!"

The reply the enemy gave was, "maybe so but the soldiers were marching to your rhythm."

Yes Jane. Maybe so but America helped for the soldiers to march to the rhythm. Which soldiers? The Israeli soldiers! That's who.

To end it; Jane, personally, really, no one gives a damn who's fault it is. The damage was done years ago before even bombing of Iraq, Before Afghanistan. And you know what, we saw everything that has happen coming a long time ago.

Development goes hand in hand with security

BY HASSAN AL-ZAIDI

Security and development are two essential interconnected and interdependent factors in life. The realisation of one of them means the achievement of the other. The state had given much attention to security question in the past periods and concentrated that attention on the central region of the country i.e. the governorates of Marib, Al-Jawf and Shabwa of which some has called the axis of evil. The interior ministry has inaugurated its first phase of the security deployment plan in July 2002 that included the deployment of thousands of security men in 13 security zones in the governorates of Mareb, Shabwa and Jawf. The interior ministry's second phase was started last October with 11 thousand soldiers for 159 security check-points covering 323 districts and 10 thousand km of roads and 70 security , and traffic.

Warnings at the ceremony of inaugurating the first security phase were resounding against those who violate security and destabilize life and at the same time promises of development were also accompanying the campaign. The president has warned in a speech those violating security to stop and that it must be enough. Moreover, the president added that during the years 2004-2005 there would be a qualitative leap in development because as the presi-

dent said the development would be active and advance when security and stability become firm.

The first phase of the plan for security deployment has perhaps been aimed at stabilization security and stability in addition to fighting all kinds of crime, but the major goal he plan has been meant for is fighting terror and hunting down elements wanted by the state for terrorist issues and imposing the state prestige.

The question that is aroused is that could not it be possible to give a proportion of even 30% of the opportunities of recruitment to the residents of these governorates to take part in this security campaign as an essential factor of development and stability in this 'axis' which we as its sons call the axis of good and wealth due to what it possesses of constituents representing the basic cornerstone in the development process? Why the development issues did not accompany the beginning of pumping millions of oil barrels from these areas which began since 1986? Could not the ministry of interior give an opportunity for the sons of these areas and encourage them to join the security force to be useful in keeping peace and stability?

Some of the tribes and citizens of these areas have welcomed this security force that was deployed in their area and attached hope on it to help stop bloodshed and tribal wars that tens of

military units stationed there could not stop them. Others have considered it as came under an American support for the purpose of suppressing tribes under pretext of fighting terror. Officials should be just and fair in handling this question and dealing with development and security affairs in these governorates and follow suit of the president. They have to provide opportunities for sons of these governorates to take part in both development and security affairs so that to restore to them their conviction in these measures. The officials have to change the ways and measures taken sometimes against people in those governorates and not to consider them as Bedouins who understand nothing. Or as some media and some official sides benefiting from this situation have visualized them as seminaries harboring and supporting terrorist elements.

Maybe the Americans were right in the question of dealing with problems of security when they have allocated a number of millions of dollars in support for health, educational and agricultural projects to be implemented in those governorates. The essential and main question is that of the officials changing of their vision and attitude towards the sons of these governorates and to deal with them as citizens having the right to life and development and have priority in contributing to these issues not the contrary as the present reality is.

Letters to the Editor

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We are more similar than different

Through reading your newspaper, I have discovered something interesting. Even though I am from a village in Canada, I realized that there are more similarities than discrepancies when I look at Yemen and compare it to my country.

I hope you regard our efforts, as Canadians, struggling for world peace, as much as I respect Yemenis' struggles. It is not easy to live with what is going on - whether you live across the world from the USA or whether you live right next door to the USA.

I am learning very moving lessons from your articles on Ramadan. This month is indeed a challenging time. I take to heart the lessons I am learning during Ramadan.

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Yemen Times, more than successful

I really don't know what words I can choose to express my pride of our distinguished newspaper, Yemen Times. It has been

constantly one of the most successful newspapers not only in Yemen but also in the world - against the odds. Thanks for the great, hard-working, and special individuals beyond this bright star. I wish you all the success in the world.

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Yemen needs help

First of all, I'd love to say it's 'Ramadan Mubarak' to everyone. I would like to say that the future and present danger is the topic for Yemen.

Every Yemeni knows that Yemen is facing a real natural disaster in the shortage of water and food as shown on Al-Jazeera TV network recently. This is happening as Yemenis continue to spend much of their time on chewing qat and wait for a solution.

We, Yemenis are destroying our country with our own hands because we brought about an environment where we see our families and friends sitting in their 'mafraj' chewing qat and caring little about the

future. We are suffering from lack of education, illiteracy, poverty, and pretend as if nothing is going on, while waiting for our God to solve our problems claiming that we trust in our faith.

God didn't tell us to sit and sleep and wait for food and other requirements to drop from the sky into our mouths. No, we have got to work and pursue higher education in every possible way. We should start with education, as our school standards are extremely weak.

We Yemenis need to work hard in our own country to bring a better and brighter future. We need to abandon outdated social habits and improve our educational standards. Only then will we be able to build a better future for Yemen's coming generations.

I believe that qat, which is an evil plant that originated somewhere in the region, has come to destroy everything in Yemen. It has destroyed our land's beauty, agriculture and Yemenis' own lives. We are suffering from scarce water resources, which we need to drink and

live on, while qat farmers are wasting millions of gallons on qat farms. This is happening in a time our government has a lot of laws, but which are rarely enforced and usually ignored.

To get out of the current situation we are in, we need a lot of help, and we need it urgently.

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You're 'Anti-Semitic' and 'Anti-American'

It is not surprising to me, after reading your last editorial on anti-Semitism, that in the least your so-called newspaper is nothing more than an anti-American, anti-Jewish, anti-Semitic media organ. The jealousy of your countrymen towards the greatness of wealth and culture that my fellow American citizens enjoy is wholly transparent.

As long as you try to repress the thoughts of your people you will never know freedom and liberty and for that I pity you.

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COMMON SENSE



By Hassan Al-Haifi

When the effort lacks good intent

The going will always get rough

It is no wonder that the American careless handling of the Iraq adventure was doomed to produce unfavorable results for all concerned, especially the Americans, who undoubtedly are spending countless billions on the adventures laid out by arrogant neo-cons who see the world as a playground for trying out their deadly political and economic experiments. In less than a week the American casualties are around thirty five dead and an unknown number wounded as the Iraqi resistance displays its most destructive toll on the occupation forces. Yet Mr. George W. Bush continues to play the role of the patron figure for democratic ideals and insists that he and he alone knows what is right for the Middle East and the Moslem World.

To this, all we can say is give us a break, Mr. Bush, we do not see you as the person most qualified to be teaching people about democratic ideals and principles, when your Administration has worked towards quelling democratic practice in the United States more than any other Administration in modern times. We have no choice, but to tell you that you lack the sincerity and the genuine good intents that are required of great leaders to come out and pass judgment on who has done good and who has done bad. For three years the world has watched as you have railroaded the United States into highly expensive and ineffective military adventures, none of which have been successful in reaching the declared goals they were set up for, and frankly speaking, we have a strong doubt as to the achievement of the real dubious goals that really should be viewed as the cause d'être of these crazy adventures.

The irony of all of this hasty tough cowboy policy of dealing with such phenomenon as terror and poor leadership (paradoxically, they go hand in hand) is that the policy is doomed to failure and the only obvious explanation for all this failure is the fact that the Bush Administration and its neo-con establishment has ventured to carry out an agenda that has many flaws to it. For one thing the obvious lack of good intent prevails in all this calamitous behavior. With the obvious prevalence of Zionist flavoring to the Bush Foreign Policy, as well as the desire to placate other narrow interests that stand strongly behind the Bush Administration, with Vice President Richard Cheney overseeing these interests, it goes without saying that the policy is bound to slam into the wall of failure and frustration, that normally comes with all efforts that are clearly lacking in genuine good intents and sincerity.

Time and again, the American fumbblings fail to ring a clear warning bell that Uncle Sam is doomed to fail, unless he sticks to the real fundamentals of true American leadership, based on the foundations of the founding fathers of the United States, who in their wide span of wisdom once warned of allowing Zionist influence to penetrate deeply into American thought and culture (We are aware that Zionism was not "in existence" at the time of the founding fathers, but Zionism does reflect the arrogant "Jewish" infiltration that the founding fathers meant). One only has to read the Minutes of the Constitutional Convention to see what the founding fathers did in fact have in mind when they warned against possible "Jewish infiltration" into the American dream. Many of them in fact wanted to include some constitutional ruling to regulate excessive Jewish penetration into the American social fabric that proportionately far outweigh their numbers.

Thus we can see that the latest American overseas adventures are leading to monstrous results for any decision makers in the Department of Defense, who once thought that the adventures in Afghanistan and Fertile Crescent were going to be a weekend picnic, and the end results would be picked up by the giant corporations like Halliburton and Bechtel, who have been given a full mandate to eat up what ever they could chew off in Iraq and in the other soon to come adventures that have yet to be carried out by the neo-con establishment reigning in Washington.

Even before the burial of the sixteen US servicemen that were downed in the earlier helicopter "crash", another six followed near Tikrit. So, then Uncle Sam unleashes his deadly WMD to show that he can still wield considerable strength point blank at anything that moves near Tikrit. Just like all the activities of the neo-con clique, this latest show of strength only underscores the fact that the Americans really do not know what they are doing in Iraq or where they really want to reach. It is a classic character of all efforts that are truly lacking in good intents and genuine feelings from the heart.

One only has to look back to the Bosnia and Kosovo campaigns to emphasize that effectiveness is only meaningful when the good intents of the mission are realized by all those concerned or simply just watching.

Dictatorship versus democracy

BY MICHAEL MORAN
FOR MSNBC

In a painful reminder of the burdens of free government, the United States once again finds itself outmaneuvered by Iraq's dictatorial leader, Saddam Hussein. Indeed, in the past month, three despots have exploited the greatest vulnerability of the world's sole remaining superpower: its soft underbelly of decency.

The methods vary but the tactic is the same: provoke, bluff your quarry to the brink and then at the last minute, fall back and laugh in the face of the helpless giant.

Choose a despot: Iraq's Saddam Hussein. Yugoslavia's President Slobodan Milosevic. North Korea's President Kim Jong Il. All three flashed their red capes before the American bull in the past few weeks and, despite a lot of snorting and hoof play on the part of the bull, all three emerged unscathed.

Dictators, of course, have the advantage of being able to write their own rules. It's hardly a new phenomenon. In 1938, Winston Churchill denounced then-Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain for appeasing Hitler rather than going to war over Germany's annexation of Czechoslovakia. "The German dictator, instead of snatching the victuals from the table, has been content to have them served to him course by course," Churchill told parliament.

Clinton is hardly an appeaser. But the past month suggests that his enemies may have him figured out.

Once fooled, shame on you... In late October, U.S. forces in Europe stood poised to strike at Serbia over that country's attacks on civilians in its Kosovo province. NATO demanded that Milosevic pull his security forces out of the province and open talks with the ethnic Albanian separatists who form the region's overwhelming majority. Milosevic blatantly ignored the first deadline for air strikes. NATO, fearful of civilian casualties, granted an extension. Serb forces pulled back slowly after signing an agreement with the United States. Since then, however, it has rejected a U.S. plan to grant autonomy to the Albanians under Serbia's sovereignty. Talks continue, but the rebels and Serb forces are fighting once again.

By November, the scene had shifted to the Persian Gulf, where yet again

American naval and air forces readied to bomb Iraq into complying with U.N. Security Council resolutions. Iraq cut off cooperation with UNSCOM, the U.N. special commission charged with enforcing the Gulf War cease-fire's disarmament provisions.

Despite an open-ended threat of U.S. force and little support for Iraq in the usual quarters, Baghdad refused to back down. Only at the last possible moment, with some U.S. aircraft literally in flight, did Iraq make its move. In a series of letters that followed, Iraq agreed to an unconditional resumption of UNSCOM inspections that left the United States in a terrible dilemma. Air strikes were cancelled. Within days, Iraq rejected a request from UNSCOM for arms-related documents and yet another standoff appears to be building.

Hardly a day after the Iraq crisis returned to its dormant stage, the United States was exchanging angry words with North Korea and threatening to cancel the nuclear accord that averted a shooting war there in 1994. The United States, citing satellite evidence, suspects the North Koreans of working on an underground nuclear weapons research facility. If true, it's a blatant violation of the accord by which the famine-wracked North agreed to halt nuclear weapons research in exchange for western nuclear power technology, food and oil to tide them over in the meantime. The North has rejected U.S. demands for an inspection of the site unless it gets \$300 million up front as a kind of "access charge." The United States appears angry enough to argue, but not to break off the agreement.

Despots: 3, America:0
Three crises, three similar outcomes. How can it happen?

In touchy diplomatic conflicts like the ones the United States has faced recently, American policy appears to have been foiled by a mix of philosophy, physics and psychology.

Philosophically, there is no more difficult enemy for the leader of a wealthy democracy to face than the dictator of a miserably poor, isolated nation. Dictators know the rules an American president must play by and the higher standards they have to meet.

This is an important part of the calculus of the endgame in these standoffs. The idea that Saddam, for instance, loses face by retreating is based on the incorrect assumption that someone inside the country would survive criticizing him. Saddam can demand the

world and accept nothing and still come out on top, assured his every move will be applauded by anyone within pistol range of his regime.

Physics, too, is on the dictator's side. Time, for instance, is measured far differently by "Great Leaders" and "Presidents-for-life" than it is by lame ducks. The Yugoslav, Iraqi and North Korean conflicts vexed President Bush and were passed on to Clinton. Who in 1991 would have deemed Saddam the Gulf War's victor?

As time passes, the case for Saddam looks better and better. It's quite likely the next American president will curse the inheritance as well. The mistake democracies make is equating a country's plight — the disintegration of Yugoslavia, the destitution in Iraq, North Korea or even Cuba — with the leader's standing. The dictator believes the people exist to serve him.

The cost of a conflict, whether measured in human lives, dollars or lost national potential, is another area in which the dictator has the upper hand. Certainly, none of America's current rivals threaten the nation in the conventional sense. How else could North Korea dare to test-launch a ballistic missile in a period when international aid groups say up to 3 million of its citizens have perished from malnutrition? Clinton, on the other hand, must weather constant second-guessing: spreading thin the U.S. military (Bosnia); squandering U.S. "credibility" (Iraq); appealing its enemies (North Korea).

Thus to psychology. Here the wealthy democracy should carry the day. Behind each side's brinkmanship there are a complex calculations going on about just how far the other side is willing to go. In the United States, this is the realm of intelligence meant to penetrate closed societies. Are air defense units on alert yet? Is there hoarding of vital supplies? Is the leadership dispersing?

One can only imagine the scene on the other side. Some genuine intelligence — eavesdropping and espionage — would be involved. Endless and somewhat overblown analysis of U.S. media would also play a part. Tips from sympathetic third parties might also be involved.

But in the end, the psychological game — indeed the fate of the nation — depends on the instincts of the two leaders. Know thy neighbor, Mr. Clinton. The past month suggests they certainly know you.

SKETCHED OPINION

Arab-Arab dialogues



Out of Iraq before the election

By Andrew Greeley
For the Chicago Sun-Times

All but the most intransigent radical critics of the president agree that the United States must "stay the course." Even if the war was unnecessary, even if it was based on flawed (perhaps deceptive) intelligence, even if the current mess was the result of foolish — not to say nonexistent — planning, it would be wrong to simply walk away from chaos that we created. We cannot abandon the people. We cannot risk our credibility as the only superpower in the world. We cannot make fools of ourselves. We must not become the laughingstock of the world.

That paragraph summarizes the conventional wisdom of 1968. It was the wisdom of "the best and the brightest" around President Lyndon Johnson and it became the wisdom of Richard Nixon and Henry Kissinger for the next four years (while the number of American casualties doubled).

No two historical situations are exactly the same. Vietnam and Iraq are not the same places. The two wars are not precisely the same. Fair enough. However, in both cases the United States entered a war with the best intentions, monumental ignorance, and no exit strategy. The government never asked how and when it might be time to leave. So the two wars slogged on, as Secretary Donald Rumsfeld would say, with no end in

sight. We must stay the course, even if we don't know how long the course will be.

Might one say, in all due modesty, that this is crazy?

Could we not say to the Iraqis: Hey, you don't want us as an occupying power, and we don't want to be here any more than you want us to be here. So you have six months to get your act in order, and then we're out of here.

It will be said that this is a radical design for the end game. Maybe it is, but I predict that by, say, April or May, it will be Republican paradigm, the final stages of the administration's "mission accomplished" in Iraq. As Sen. Warren Austin advised President Johnson, it is time to proclaim victory in Vietnam and get out. Johnson didn't listen. For him, winning the 1968 election wasn't worth the humiliation of an ignominious retreat.

For President Bush, winning the 2004 election will be worth such a humiliation of an ignominious retreat. Mindful of his father's loss in 1992, there is nothing more important than winning the election. I would not deplore a decision to get out several months before the election as cowardly or divisive. On the contrary, I would praise it as wise, no matter what the president's motivations might be. It would have been surpassingly wise if Johnson had pulled the plug in 1968, however much credibility was lost. How many lives is "credibility" worth?

Sometime after the New Year, Karl

Rove, the president's political guru, will whisper the truth in the great man's ear: We won't win the election unless we are out of Iraq. We have to be out of there by Labor Day or we'll be accused of running out on our allies to win the election. If we do it during the summer, or even better at the end of spring, we can declare it a victory.

That would not be a difficult promise to keep. The administration has proved that it can spin almost any decision — like disguising the tax cut as a benefit to the middle class. The leadership in France and Germany might chortle with glee at our "humiliation," but how many votes can they deliver?

What about American voters? Would they be deceived by a spin that declares that a defeat is victory? The president's "base," Southern evangelicals, might have a hard time swallowing it. Their hyper-patriotism might be offended by the fact that we had lost another war. Yet they would buy almost anything to sustain their stranglehold on the country. As for the Democrats, how can they criticize the administration for exiting a war they say it shouldn't have entered in the first place? Most Democrats won't vote for him anyway.

And the always-shifting middle, which was once taken in by Bush: Will they be taken in again? I wouldn't bet against it, especially if there is a modest decrease in unemployment and Saddam Hussein is somehow found. The formula for a Bush victory is simple: Cut and run.

Call me a Bush-hater

BY MOLLY IVINS
FOR THE PROGRESSIVE

Among the more amusing cluckings from the right lately is their appalled discovery that quite a few Americans actually think George W. Bush is a terrible President. Robert Novak is quoted as saying in all his forty-four years of covering politics, he has never seen anything like the detestation of Bush. Charles Krauthammer managed to write an entire essay on the topic of "Bush-haters" in Time magazine as though he had never before come across a similar phenomenon.

Oh, I stretch memory way back, so far back, all the way back to—our last President. Almost lost in the mists of time though it is, I not only remember eight years of relentless attacks from Clinton-haters, I also notice they haven't let up yet. Clinton-haters accused the man of murder, rape, drug-running, sexual harassment, financial chicanery, and official misconduct. And they accuse his wife of even worse. For eight long years, this country was a zoo of Clinton-haters. Any idiot with a big mouth and a conspiracy theory could get a hearing on radio talk shows and "Christian" broadcasts and nutty Internet sites. People with transparent motives, people paid by tabloid magazines, people with known mental problems, ancient Clinton enemies with notoriously racist pasts—all were given

hearings, credence, and air time. Sliming Clinton was a sure road to fame and fortune on the right, and many an ambitious young rightwing hit man like David Brock, who has since made full confession, took that golden opportunity.

And these folks didn't stop with verbal and printed attacks. From the day Clinton was elected to office, he was the subject of the politics of personal destruction. They went after him with a multimillion dollar smear campaign funded by Richard Mellon Scaife, the rightwing billionaire. They went after him with lawsuits funded by rightwing legal foundations (Paula Jones), they got special counsels appointed to investigate every nitpicking nothing that ever happened (Filegate, Travelgate), and they never let go of that hardy perennial Whitewater. After all this time and all those millions of dollars wasted, no one has ever proved that the Clintons did a single thing wrong. Bill Clinton lied about a pathetic, squalid affair that was none of anyone else's business anyway, and for that they impeached the man and dragged this country through more than a year of the most tawdry, ridiculous, unnecessary pain. The day President Clinton tried to take out Osama bin Laden with a missile strike, every rightwinger in America said it was a case of "wag the dog." He was supposedly trying to divert our attention from the much more breathtakingly important and serious matter of Monica Lewinsky, and

who did he think he was to make us focus on some piffle like bin Laden?

"The puzzle is where this depth of feeling comes from," mused the ineffable Mr. Krauthammer. Gosh, what a puzzle that is. How could anyone not be just crazy about George W. Bush? "Whence the anger?" asks Krauthammer. "It begins of course with the 'stolen' election of 2000 and the perception of Bush's illegitimacy." I'd say so myself, yes, I would. I was in Florida during that chilling post-election fight, and am fully persuaded to this good day that Al Gore actually won Florida, not to mention getting 550,000 more votes than Bush overall. But I also remember thinking, as the scene became eerier and eerier, "Jeez, maybe we should just let them have this one, because Republican wing-nuts are so crazy, their bitterness would poison Gore's whole Presidency." The night Gore conceded the race in one of the most graceful and honorable speeches I have ever heard, I was in a ballroom full of Republican Party flacks who booed and jeered through every word of it.

One thing I acknowledge about the right is that they're much better haters than liberals are. Your basic liberal—milk of human kindness flowing through every vein, and heart bleeding over everyone from the milk-shy Hottentot to the glandular obese—is pretty much a strikeout on the hatred front. Maybe further out on the left you can hit some good righteous anger, but

liberals, and I am one, are generally real wusses. Guys like Rush Limbaugh figured that out a long time ago—attack a liberal and the first thing he says is, "You may have a point there."

To tell the truth, I'm kind of proud of us for holding the grudge this long. Normally, we'd remind ourselves that we have to be good sports, it's for the good of the country, we must unite behind the only President we've got, as Lyndon used to remind us. If there are still some of us out here sulking, "Yeah, but they stole that election," well, good. I don't think we should forget that.

But, onward. So George Dubya becomes President, having run as a "compassionate conservative," and what do we get? Hell's own conservative and dick for compassion.

His entire first eight months was tax cuts for the rich, tax cuts for the rich, tax cuts for the rich, and he lied and said the tax cuts would help average Americans. Again and again, the "average" tax cut would be \$1,000. That means you get \$100, and the millionaire gets \$92,000, and that's how they "averaged" it out. Then came 9/11, and we all rallied. Ready to give blood, get out of our cars and ride bicycles, whatever. Shop, said the President. And more tax cuts for the rich.

By now, we're starting to notice Bush's bait-and-switch. Make a deal with Ted Kennedy to improve education and then fail to put money into it. Promise \$15 billion in new money to combat AIDS in Africa (wow!) but it

turns out to be a cheap con, almost no new money. Bush comes to praise a job training effort, then cuts the money. Bush says AmeriCorps is great, then cuts the money. Gee, what could we possibly have against this guy? We go along with the war in Afghanistan, and we still don't have bin Laden.

Then suddenly, in the greatest bait-and-switch of all time, Osama bin doesn't matter at all, and we have to go after Saddam Hussein, who had nothing to do with 9/11. But he does have horrible weapons of mass destruction, and our President "without doubt," without question, knows all about them, even unto the amounts—tons of sarin, pounds of anthrax. So we take out Saddam Hussein, and there are no weapons of mass destruction. Furthermore, the Iraqis are not overjoyed to see us.

By now, quite a few people who aren't even liberal are starting to say, "Wha the hey?" We got no Osama, we got no Saddam, we got no weapons of mass destruction, the road map to peace in the Middle East is blown to hell, we're stuck in this country for \$87 billion just for one year and no one knows how long we'll be there. And still poor Mr. Krauthammer is hard-put to conceive how anyone could conclude that George W. Bush is a poor excuse for a President.

Chuck, honey, it ain't just the 2.6 million jobs we've lost: People are losing their pensions, their health insurance, the cost of health insurance is

doubling, tripling in price, the Administration wants to cut off their overtime, and Bush was so too little, too late with extending unemployment compensation that one million Americans were left high and dry. And you wonder why we think he's a lousy President?

Sure, all that is just what's happening in people's lives, but what we need is the Big Picture. Well, the Big Picture is that after September 11, we had the sympathy of every nation on Earth. They all signed up, all our old allies volunteered, everybody was with us, and Bush just booted all of that away. Sneering, jeering, bad manners, hideous diplomacy, threats, demands, arrogance, bluster.

"In Afghanistan, Bush rode a popular tide; Iraq, however, was a singular act of Presidential will," says Krauthammer.

You bet your ass it was. We attacked a country that had done nothing to us, had nothing to do with Al Qaeda, and turns out not to have weapons of mass destruction.

It is not necessary to hate George W. Bush to think he's a bad President. Grownups can do that, you know. You can decide someone's policies are a miserable failure without lying awake at night consumed with hatred.

Poor Bush is in way over his head, and the country is in bad shape because of his stupid economic policies.

If that makes me a Bush-hater, then sign me up.

Historic schools, mosques and battles form its history

West of Taiz: a land of enchantment

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF
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West of Taiz, in a places known as al-Silow, al-Awooben and al-Rasoolien are famous monuments such as the Aroos historical school, the Dhurafa al-Nagari al-Shiri Market place, the Hijrat Amq, domes of the saints, and other scientific domes.

School of Aroos

This is a historical school that had been mentioned in many books and scripts. Built near Hijrat al-Amaq in al-Ashoob, it is distinguished for its architectural design and the beautiful engravings on the walls.

The school consists of a wide yard at the entrance and a number of arcs that go across to the central yard which contains the chamber for school, the mosque, and a number of stone pillars standing in couples. As well as four chambers, as students' residents, the area includes also a large library of which only the remains are left and a water fountain.

The school has a group of canals linking it with water springs in more than one direction to provide water for the increasing number of students. Some of the engravings indicate the time when the school was built, which reads 742 Hijriya. Some other engravings show different dates, such as 712 Hijriya, 512 Hijriya and 605 Hijriya.

There is also dispute as to who built this school. Sayings tell that Jawhar al-Mu'atham, according to al-Saksaki version, was the founder, and it is also said that Kafoor al-Nabawi, according to instructions from al-malik alMujahid, had built it.

Yet in general this school has been a point of attraction to many scholars in Yemen and in Egypt and the Arabian Peninsula and others. Poet Mohammed bin HUmayrat (651 Hijriya) is said to have visited the school and recited in the neighbouring Dhurafa Market Place, one of his most fabulous poems. Also Ibn Hajr al-Aqlani (751Hijriya) who wrote the book Fath al-Bari visited, Ahmed Bin Alwan, al-Maqtari, Al-Sharaji, and al-Ashraf al-Rasooli and many more paid a visit to the place.

Of the most famous people who studied in that school is Mohammed bin Abdulmalik bin Abi al-Falah (537 Hijriya) who is the ancestor for most of the area's local people and who is a well known scholar in linguistics, grammar, Fiqh and science of poetry as mentioned in the Yemeni distinguished personalities encyclopedia published by Ibdia establishment for science and culture and the Arab Intellectual Forum in Cairo. Many of his works had been translated such as Discarding Science and its Origins, Islamic schools in Yemen, Layers of the Distinguished,

Layers of Yemeni Scholars, Layers of Yemeni Saints, Yemen's Masterpiece...etc. His tomb is in al-Rahida in Taiz and he is also know by Sahib al-Tair al-Akhthar - he of the green bird.

His brother Ahmed bin Abdulmalik and his nephew al-Qasim and Yousef al-Shabi and Mohammed bin Abdullah bin Abbas, and Amran Bin Thawab also studied in the same school. The schools sent a number of its graduate to teach around the country, Egypt, and in the peninsula and the schools also sent some of its students to teach in other schools such as al-Amiriya in Rada'a, al-Iftikhariya, al-Muthafariya, al-Ashrafiya, al-Afdhaliya.

All those such as Wajeeh al-Din, Birdad, Thi Ashraf, Shihab al-Din, Noor al-Din, Shugaa al-Din, and Abdul Kafi, all whose tombs are still present in al-Shoob and other places. Some of them even migrated to Kharasan and beyond the river and Iraq where they excelled and became famous.

School's cultural role

The school has undefeatable roles in spreading education and rising science in the region in a time where the rest of the Arab world was suffering form a cultural downfall. Where the scholars of the school engaged in attracting scientists from all around the Islamic world especially the famous ones with their modern touch. The school was also known for its broadness, that it accommodated scholars of various origins and schools of thoughts.

The schools launched a particular system of education that is only its where domes and chambers were built and spread all over the region something like al-Azhar style. These domes where the branches of the main school where the student would take his lessons in each one of them in a systematic method in a determined period of time, so as to avail as much knowledge as possible.

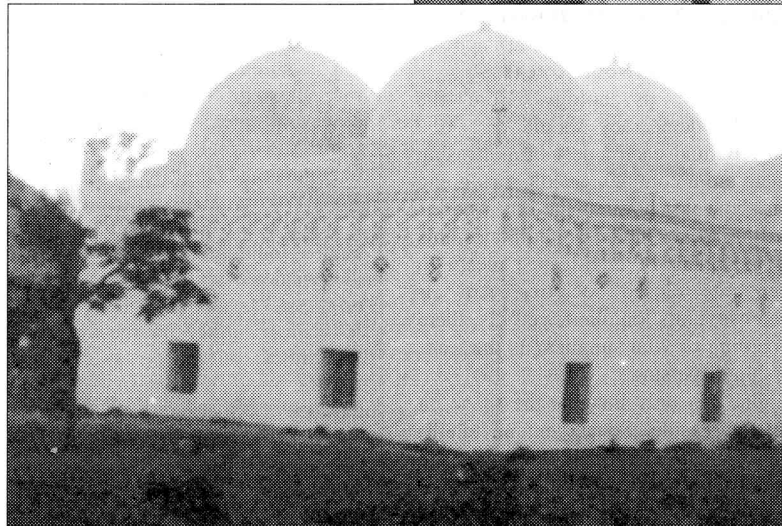
Legends and superstitions

As scientific remains, the only thing left of the whole structure is the remains of Hijrat Amq, the entrance of Dhurafa marketplace, the wide graveyards, the skeleton of Aroos School with its educational domes and a number of tombs. The whole structure has added a touch of legendry and fictitious superstitions in the minds of the old people such as the schools serpent, the buried treasures in the water wells, the spirits of the school, floods of blood that will pour when extracting the treasures. Especially popular is the story of an old radio that was the first machine arriving at the place brought by one of the locals who used to work in Aden and who used to tell the women that the machine works on eggs and instantly he was the king of eggs which the women gathered for him from all around the village.

The schools as mentioned before used to send its scholars to many other schools and used to attract scientists from many other schools as well. Hence the information exchange was a common aspect of the schools relation with the other schools and institutions.

So, who is Aroos? Nobody knows where the name came from, however stories about the origin of the name were invariably made, such as one archeology lover says that Aroos is a Hadrami king who used to reside in the Fort during wars and in al-Ashoob during piece, he was known as god of strength. "This is what my grandfather told me" he said. The same explanation was given by some of the old men in the place as well.

Abd Ahmed Silwi was one of the old men in the village and an ex-worker in one of the British companies in Aden



Rock Mosque

long ago when he used to work in explosions section at the company. Later he joined the freedom fighters. He says that the name refers back to a queen older in time than the famous queen Arwa and that she used to go on checking the farms in the fields with a basket on her head, and does not come back until the basket is full with fruits falling from the trees.

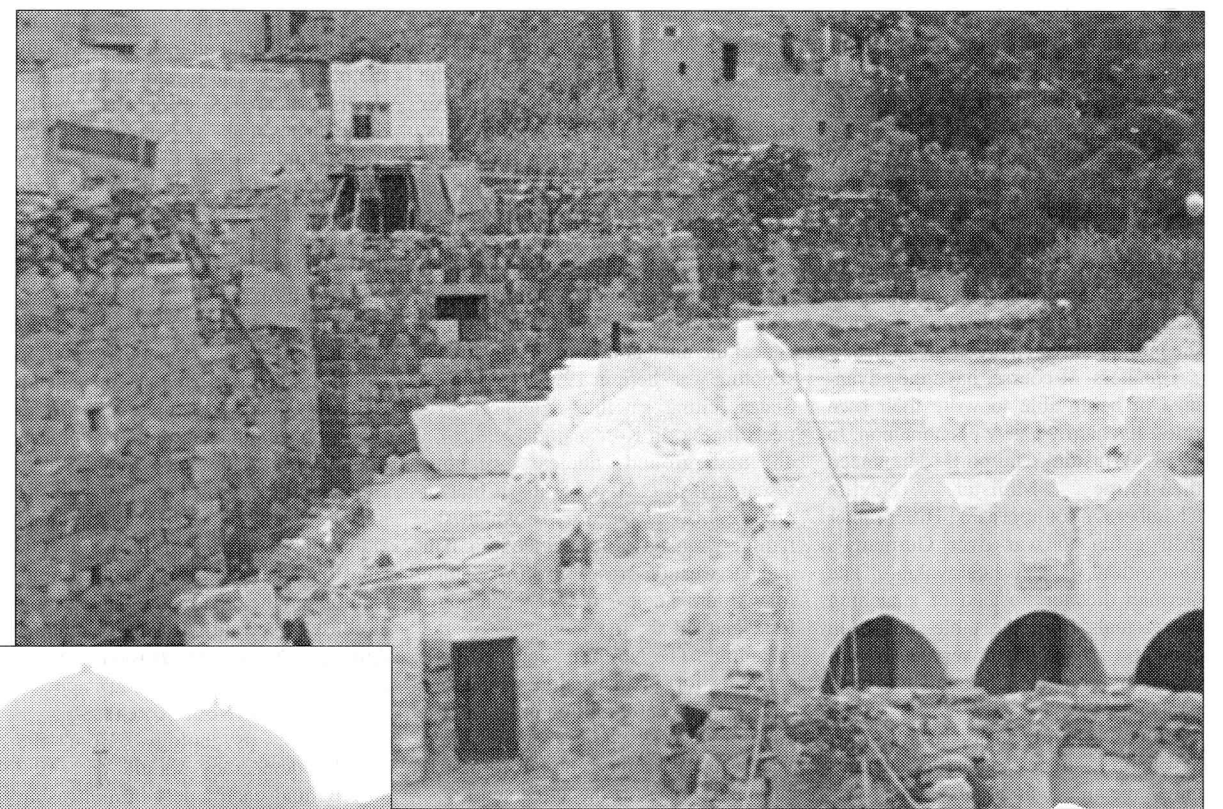
Old but youngest of the young

This was the title of the Yemeni legend documented in the book "Yemeni Stories and Legends" where the story talks about the old man who deceived the king al-Mansoori who demanded wood from the village people and the old man instructed that the wood is sent to the king broken so that the later does not benefit from it.

The legend said when the king got angry the old man replied "With your mightiness join them back" the story goes that the old man promised the people that he will rescue them from the cruelty of the king by acting stupid and to prove that he was really dumb he asked permission to leave from the king saying that he has to ride on god's camel (the fog) and hence he jumped in a cliff where he know there was a certain bend where he could hang on. But when the king saw him jumping into the fog he believed that the man was an idiot and that there is no good in that village so he left them alone. The youth then swore in the life of this old man who rescued them and hence the saying: "old but youngest of the young."

Abo bakr al-Bahili

Of the famous kind and generous men in that time and as Abd Ahmed al-Silwi says that he exhausted his money on the people who used to call him Abi bikar and when he was broke they started calling him Abi Bikra (Bakra is single of Bikar in Arabic).

Dynamite feast

School of Aroos

has a tomb and dome in the place as well, and finally Wajih al-Din who has a dome and a huge assembly in al-Zubaira place in Qadas, Arwa Othman the author had made an investigative report on this dome around one year ago for al-Thaqafiya newspaper. One of the tombs is also that of al-Said Abdulkafi (al-Tafeel) and his daughter.

Ibn al-Tafeel

Ibn Abdulkafi al-Tafeel is one of the poets who composed a masterpiece and he has a story that is similar to the poet Ibn Zuraq al-Bagdadi. The story says that Ibn al-Tufail studied in Aroos and taught there. Then he traveled to Makka and studied there and before his departure to Makka he had married a beautiful girl but did not take her with him not wanting to subject her to the troubles of traveling. He came back to her after some time and after staying a while he wanted to leave again yet the day of departure he was found dead in the morning. A long piece of poetry was found with his stuff that starts with:

I leave in the hands of god in al-Ashoob a moon of mine,
for I have left yet my heart won't say good bye,
I feel he knows I am not in my sense to leave
and that I from the time of longing I still cry

Rock of Aroos

This is a grand rock that is located in the center of a number of fields. Nobody knows how it got there. Around this rock, many people live. There used to be the primarily stage of

education before joining Aroos school. Some rumors say that the king ordered to transfer the rock there from the fort, and in recent days people used to gather there. Hael Saeed Ana'm Charity built a mosque on the rock and called it the Rock Mosque.

Jews of am-Ashoob: Beyond the rock!

Old people say that Jewish families used to live in al-Ashoob and used to work on weaving silk and linen and another used to work in goldsmithing, and the later used to live beyond the rock in an elevation and people used to question as to why that place and hence the saying: beyond the rock is what is beyond it.

Hujariya and Al-Sabowa, the naming

Abdulrahman Taib Ba'akar said that al-Hujariya was called this name because of a group in the Ayoobi army who accompanied the king Tafiateen bin Ayooob used to be called that and because it settled in that place and the group stayed there hence the name (80 years of al-Numan's life; Abdulrahman bin Ba'akar p15.) This is in addition to what the author of Tasliyat al-Qloob fi Ayam al-Ashoob (entertainment of the hearts about the days of al-Ashoob) said, that Tiflateen bin Ayooob did not reach the fort until lots of blood was shed, and a great battle caused lots of dead men who were buried in a graveyard called al-Sabowa, hence the name.

Caravan routs

There scattered the hands of al-Ashoob!



Entrance of the school



carried on in his name every 27th of Rajab each year and this assembly lasts for five days and in the place a great market is held. This event was stopped three years ago.

Sons of Shuja al-Din; they have a tomb near their fathers dome and they are: Shihab al-Din who has a dome in MzIbar Village and Noor al-Din who

Crater Center opened

افتتاح كريتير سنتر



الإستاذ/
مختار بانافع
Mr. Mukhtar
Ba Nafi



الإستاذ/
جلال بانافع
Mr. Jalal
Ba Nafi

The Crater Shopping Center in Aden was inaugurated last week by Aden's Governor Dr. Yahya M. Al-Shuaibi, signaling the launch of the largest shopping mall of its kind in Aden, accompanied by Sheikh Abdulrahman Mohammed Ali Ba Nafi.

Mr. Mukhtar Mohamed Saleh Ba Nafi, the general manager of the project, received the governor and accompanying persons, who were shown the different sections of the center and given an introduction about the center's activities and objectives.

Mr. Saleh Ba Nafi explained how the center aims at providing the public with high-quality shopping alternatives, as shoppers will find all they need in one place instead of having to go to other scattered markets.

Dr. Al-Shuaibi also inaugurated the welfare project of the Crater Center, which consists of a two-storey mosque that can accommodate more than 1,000 persons, plus classrooms for Quran students, along with two libraries.

The governor expressed his satisfaction in achieving the project and for the center's unique architectural design.

"Aden was in great need for such projects, which will reduce the crowdedness of main streets and markets and will revive trade activities in the country," he said.

Mr. Saleh Ba Nafi expressed his appreciation to the support given by the government and authorities, represented by Yemen President Ali Abdullah Saleh, noting that the project would not have succeeded without his encouragement.

"The project, which was accomplished in four years, was based on proper studies and ideas to make the building as convenient for shoppers as possible," Saleh Ba Nafi said.

Furthermore, Jalal Saleh Ba Nafi, the deputy general manager, said that the center was built on an 1,800 square meter area and has 50 shops selling various goods including family-related products such as perfumes and accessories. They also have different services.

"The project cost YR400,000,000, and will help the citizens of Aden find purchase all the goods they need in one place," he said.

The inaugural ceremony was attended by several social, political, and business personalities who also expressed their delight for the inauguration, which took place in the month of Ramadan, which usually witnesses overwhelming shopping activity.

في ظل المناخ الاستثماري وتشجيع المستثمرين واستجابة للدعوة التي قدمها فخامة الرئيس علي عبدالله صالح -رئيس الجمهورية، لرؤوس الأموال ورجال الأعمال المهاجرة للاستثمار داخل اليمن، قام الدكتور يحيى محمد الشعيبي - محافظ محافظة عدن بافتتاح مركز كريتير، والمملوك للشيخ عبد الرحمن محمد علي بانافع، بقص الشريط وإزاحة الستار، وكان في استقبالهم الأستاذ/ مختار محمد صالح بانافع - مدير عام المشروع.

وبعد ذلك قام الدكتور ومرافقيه بجولة داخل المركز تفقد فيها النشاطات التي يضمها سوق المركز من ملابس واكسسوارات وعطورات ومواد منزلية، كما استمع إلى شرح تفصيلي من الأستاذ/ مختار بانافع مدير المشروع عن الأقسام التجارية والخدمية التي يضمها السوق والذي يغطي كافة متطلبات وحاجيات المستهلك.

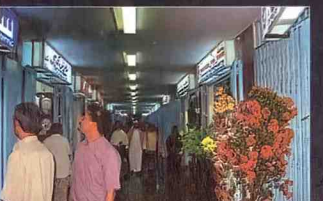
كما قام بعد ذلك الدكتور يحيى الشعيبي محافظ محافظة عدن بافتتاح المشروع الخيري التابع للسوق والذي يتكون من مسجد من دورين إضافة إلى فصول دراسية لتحفيظ القرآن الكريم ومكتبتين تابعة للمسجد والذي يتسع لـ ١٠٠٠ مصلي.

ويهذه المناسبة عبر الدكتور يحيى الشعيبي محافظ محافظة عدن عن إعجاب به بهذا المشروع التجاري وكذلك التخطيط المعماري والهندسي الذي صمم به السوق، مشيداً بالقائمين على هذا المشروع وبدور قطاع الاستثمار وأردف قائلاً أن مدينة عدن بحاجة إلى مثل هذه الاستثمارات والتي ستخفف الزحام في الشوارع الرئيسية وتنشط الحركة التجارية في البلد، متمنياً لهذا المشروع الإقتصادي والتجاري التوفيق والنجاح.

ومن ناحية أخرى أشار الأستاذ مختار محمد صالح بانافع بالدعم المقدم من قبل القيادة السياسية ممثلة بفخامة الرئيس علي عبدالله صالح -رئيس الجمهورية بقطاع الاستثمار مشيراً بالجهود المبدولة في إتمام وإنجاح هذا المشروع والذي استمر العمل فيه قرابة أربعة أعوام، والذي روعي في تصميمه حركة الزائر داخله.

ومن ناحية أخرى قال الأستاذ/ جلال محمد صالح بانافع نائب مدير عام المشروع أن مركز كريتير سنتر والذي أقيم على مساحة ١٨٠٠ متر مربع ويحتوي على ٥٠ محل متعددة الأنشطة والذي يشمل محلات للعطور وأدوات التجميل والإكسسوارات وأجهزة الكمبيوتر وغيره من مستلزمات الأسرة. والذي كلف اثني عشر ٤٠٠ مليون ريال يمني والذي سيساهم في مساعدة أبناء محافظة عدن في توفير الحاجة الأساسية في أقل وقت ويضم المركز جميع متطلبات المستهلك وفي مكان واحد مما سيوفر الوقت والجهد كما أن إقامة مثل هذه الأسواق التجارية سوف يساهم في تنشيط الحركة التجارية والسياحية في اليمن.

هذا وقد حضر حفل الافتتاح عدد من المسؤولين والشخصيات السياسية والاجتماعية ورجال المال والأعمال في المحافظة والذين عبروا عن إعجابهم بهذا المشروع التجاري الذي سوف يوفر على المستهلك سهولة وسرعة في قضاء حاجياتهم ومتطلباتهم خاصة وأن شهر رمضان يشهد حركة كبيرة، وافتتاح مركز كريتير جاء في الوقت المناسب.



Local Press

Prepared by Mohammed Khidhr

Al-Wahdawi weekly, organ of the Nasserite Unionist Organisation 4 Nov.2003.

Main headlines:

- 135 detainees in the political security prisons
- Britain releases four Yemenis
- Oil trade union workers threaten to declare strike
- Arrests at the Grand Mosque continue
- Hostage at Sana'a security
- Studying embezzlements at oil company branch of Saada postponed to after Ramadhan
- Recent legal study: Ruling party tailors the constitution and laws according to measurements of its interests

The political editor of the newspaper says in his article the world free people are called on today to confront the hostile attack the American regime is launching against the world in accordance with its priorities plans. The American aggressive pursuit has managed to topple the system of international balance, weaken the international legitimacy and carrying out inroads of security barriers of many regions in the world. Some of these inroads enter within the interests such as the occupation of Iraq and deployment of its military bases in the Arab Gulf countries to blackmail the Arabs economically, politically and in security, in addition to seizing others interests related to the Arab region. If the American aggressiveness manages to gain stability where it has reached it will not hesitate from maintaining its advance and control other areas in the world one after another with the aim of establishing an empire that would control and exploit this world. The free powers of the world have no other choice but to confront this American aggressiveness and fight it particularly on the front of Iraqi resistance. They should render Iraq into a graveyard of the American aggressiveness and a holocaust for its economic and military power.

Al-Rai al-A'am weekly, 4 Nov.2003.

Main headlines:

- Communications establishment manages to regain 200 thousand minutes of calls used to be smuggled
- Liquefied gas agencies owners accuse the company of fallacy and twisting facts

- Council of ministers ends agreement with Yeminvest in return for \$200 million
- January, a deadline for traffic of diesel-powered vehicles in he capital
- Applicants to jobs wonder why the civil service delays the results
- Yemen journalists chairman and secretary of the international union to visit Iraq in January

The newspaper editorial says that among the semi-organized media campaign in the United States of America the ruling neoconservatives are moving its mechanism the New York Times newspaper has recently launched a large-scale campaign against the Yemeni expatriates that could be described as ferocious, if not to be an introduction for later measures against the Yemeni expatriates that may reach to withdrawing their nationalities.

Over a four-part article the newspaper visualized the Yemeni expatriates living in the city of Likuana as having transferred mentality of the Yemeni village and that their relations are characterized by anger because of their marriages to American women whom they converted to Islam and that they are connected to special religious circles and schools and clubs, as well as their connection with Yemen. The newspaper tries to imply that those Yemenis have not adapted themselves to the new homeland and to visualize them as isolated hiding evil intentions against America. The editorial demands from the Yemeni ministries of foreign affairs and the expatriates affairs to shoulder their responsibility for protecting the Yemeni expatriates and to defend them legally before courts and the rest of judiciary apparatuses.

Al-Balagh weekly, 4 Nov.2003.

Main headlines:

- Yemen receives offers from Arab and foreign companies for administration and operation of container port and industrial zone in Aden
- Engineering college students in Ibb stage sit-in in protest to decision by college deanship
- Appeals court of the secretariat refuses return of citizens' consignments under pretext of being stolen
- Political parties demand endowments ministry to bear its responsibility towards mosques

Main headlines

- International conference n Sana'a next January, International commitment to legal protection for democracies and human rights to be adopted by conference
- Planning and International cooperation minister Ahmed Soufan: Aspects related to knowledge, basis of human development
- Director of presidency office Mohammed al-A'nsi: Work of the higher committee for improving prisons conditions not seasonal, final report to be referred to the president in mid Ramadhan
- 3rd session of Sana'a Grouping countries foreign ministers approves next summit in Adis Ababa in December
- Iran deports to their countries, 147 al-Qaeda suspects, including Yemenis
- Eight women arrested in the case of an attempt to blow up a dancer house in Aden
- American National Security discloses its receiving calls from al-Qaeda a day before September 11 events
- Sana'a Grouping countries foreign ministers welcome accession of Red Sea and Horn of Africa countries
- German authorities refuse to change al-Mouayad's daily food meals in Ramdhan
- Sana'a Grouping assails Eritrea
- Yeminvest scandal causes our country sustain millions of dollars in losses
- Iraqis develop their resistance
- Downing U.S. Shinock helicopter gunship quantitative development in confrontation of American occupation in Iraq
- Sana'a Grouping confirms it is not against any side
- Blasting of Continental Hotel in Aden, foiled
- Sana'a Grouping announces cooperation with Horn of Africa countries
- Sudanese foreign minister accuses Eritrea of attempting to abort peace process in the Sudan
- Exchange of the wanted between Sana'a and Riyadh in coming days
- Iran hands over 13 of al-Qaeda suspects to Casablanca and Sana'a
- Confrontations between Jihad groups and Saudi security forces in Mecca
- Oil workers threaten to strike, \$800 million new scandal of government
- Threats of killing Saudi emirs
- Yemen & America, good opportunity for self-change
- New document discloses: 67 thousand refugees roam Sana'a streets
- Saudi security storms extremists hideout, killing 2 and arrest of 6 from al-Qaeda in Mecca.

On the Zionist crimes perpetrated by the Zionist occupation state against the Palestinian people Hisham al-Awadhi says in his article that the Zionist entity has stepped further for consolidating the fait accompli policy in the Palestinian land, empowered for that by the limitless American support. No more than one day passed on the destruction of the residential tower buildings of that displaced hundreds of Palestinian families than an official at the Zionist ministry of war announcement of giving five settlements the status of permanence built randomly on the West Bank. These settlements will be a cause for drawing financing from the United States of America in favour of the Zionist extremists who are used as a means for seizing the Palestinian lands and changing them into Jewish properties.

Thus the U.S., which alleges to be sponsor of the peace process and committed to establishment of the Palestinian state, becomes accomplice in all the crimes the Zionists commit against the Palestinian people and the region in general.

Al-Mithaq weekly, organ of the GPC, 3 Nov.2003.

Main headlines:

- Independent administration for the industrial zone, unified administration for Mualla port and Aden international station for containers
- 15 persons of those who carried out the incident of al-Saeed mosque in Dhamar arrested, preliminary investigations reveal their affiliation to Islah
- Sheikh al-Ahmar accuses elections commission of committing mistakes in the latest elections
- Yemeni cultural week in Rabat, Morocco.

The newspaper's editorial has this week been devoted to discussing the Yemeni democratic experiment saying despite of that our democratic experience has not been separated from the past but the big change of this experiment has begun with the restoration of the Yemeni unity in 1990. This unity has been fatefully connected to democracy which in turn has become philosophy of the political system and reinforced by principles and rules stipulated in the constitution. The practice of democracy is regulated according to a large group of laws guaranteeing

human rights, mainly the political rights.

A group of political interactions have expressed that our experiment is on its way of consolidation and development. Among those interactions we had three parliamentary elections, one presidential election session, one session of local councils elections and two referendums on the constitution. Whatever has been said of possible mistakes they remain as one of the by-product symptoms of interactions of the democratic experiment and we think we need more time and effort to get rid of such consequences.

RAY weekly, organ of Sons of Yemen League party, 4 Nov.2003.

Main headlines:

- Cancer threatens the poor in Yemen
- Helicopter operation in Iraq and the political impasse in Washington
- UNESCO warns against gender discrimination in education in Yemen
- Expired goods, greed exploiting fasting people
- Hezbollah determined to liberate Shaba'a area
- Women participate in coming GCC summit
- Iraq's neighbouring countries support Iraqi people choices

The newspaper editorial tackles indications of America's interest in Yemen saying the international establishment for electoral systems announcement of holding its regional centre in Yemen, the NDI choice of Sana'a a venue for holding its regional symposium, visit of the director of the American agency for development to Yemen and the expected visit to Yemen by delegation from the program on development of democracy, affiliate of the American State Department, are all evident indicators the special political movement of the American-Yemeni relations.

The American interest and attention towards Yemen is not a surprise. Yemen being an axial point in the agenda of Washington on the future of the region is not this moment discovery. The new thing is a new opportunity open for us to effect the self administration of the inevitable operation of change that has been accomplished by self will. This comes from a comprehension of the harmony between national demands for comprehensive reforms and international requirements where such reforms occupy the first place.

World Press

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

Britain

The Times
British police are developing a revolutionary mobile scanner that can detect weapons being carried on the streets, the Times has learnt.

The Guardian
Six US soldiers were killed Friday when their Black Hawk helicopter crashed in central Iraq, apparently after being hit by a rocket-propelled grenade.

The Independent
Two toxically contaminated ex-US Navy ships, heading to Britain for a dismantling that cannot now take place, will be stored in British waters until they can be sent back to the United

States, the British government announced Friday night.

The Financial Times
Michael Portillo is to stand down as an MP at the next general election after declining a post in Michael Howard's shadow cabinet. The former Thatcherite defense secretary, who reinvented himself as a champion of modernizing Tories, said the offer had "brought things to a head".

The Daily Telegraph
A total eclipse of the Moon will be visible Saturday night, reaching a ruddy climax in the early hours of Sunday, if the weather is clear.

France

Le Figaro
The US jobless rate was cut in October as business added tens of thousands of more posts in August and September than the government originally estimated.

Liberation
The French government plans to build a new generation EPR nuclear power station for testing and as an option to replace the aging ones that will end their life in the 2020s.

L'Humanite
The European Social Forum is to open next week in northern Paris. Thirteen issues of challenge including the alter-globalization will be discussed.

Le Monde
France needs foreigners because without a new policy to attract immigrants, the economy will be threatened by a shortage of labor workers.

Philippines

Manila Bulletin
President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo called on the Filipino people Friday to rally behind the three pillars of the government as she warned anew sinister groups against taking undue advantage of the crisis caused by the House of Representatives move to impeach Chief Justice Hilario Davide.

The Philippine Star
The Department of Justice dropped Friday the charges of coup d'etat against 290 soldiers implicated in the failed July 27 mutiny in Manila due to insufficient evidence, but it said there

is enough evidence to indict 31 military and police officers.

Philippine Daily Inquirer
A lawmaker said Friday that at least 120 congressmen will show up at the House of Representatives on Monday to force the transmittal of the impeachment complaint against Chief Justice Hilario Davide to the Senate for action. The ruling party Lakas-Christian Muslim Democrats is said to be planning to prevent a quorum of at least 114 of the 226-member House by having its congressmen absent themselves on Monday.

India

The Hindu
The Tamil Nadu Assembly on Friday sentenced the Publisher, the Editor, the Executive Editor, and two senior journalists of the Hindu to 15 days of simple imprisonment for breach of privilege.

The Times of India
Your Congress president Sushil Sharma was sentenced to death by a city court on Friday for murdering

his wife Naina Sahini eight years ago.

Hindustan Times
The political situation in Sri Lanka took a dramatic turn on Friday, with President Chandrika Kumaratunga withdrawing the state of emergency, and her political opponent, Prime Minister Ranil Wicremesinghe, returning to the country to a hero's welcome.

Pakistan

Dawn
Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf Friday said in Seoul that Pakistan is fully justified in developing missile and nuclear weapons to counter the threats posed by India.

The News
Pakistani President Pervez

Musharraf Friday said his visits to China and South Korea were excellent and focused on economic, trade and defense relationship.

The Nation
Pakistani Information Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmad said on Friday that the United States is well aware of the democratic set-up in Pakistan.

Nigeria

This Day
Still struggling to mend its broken ranks, Nigeria's ruling party weathered fresh storms this week when members sharply differed over whether or not to retain the power shift principle.

Weekend Vanguard
The panic created in the nation's money market by fears that the Nigerian federal government may devalue the currency naira by Friday has forced the currency crashing down to 145 naira to 1 US dollar at Thursday's Dutch Auction System.

Japan

Asahi
The Japanese government will send civilian personnel to Iraq by the end of this year for humanitarian assistance.

Mainichi
The largest opposition Democratic Party of Japan remains lead in pro-

portional representation blocs in the upcoming general election on Sunday.

Nihon Keizai
Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. and Toshiba Corp. will stop domestic production of cathode ray tubes for television sets.

Improve Your English



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I. What to Say Situations and Expressions (57): Honoring a teacher (Part IV)

A true teacher awakens interest and enkindles enthusiasm in the learner. He inculcates in the learner a quest for things unknown to him (the learner) and thus makes him a veritable explorer.

- Teachers like you help us discover what a fruitful experience learning is. I've grown wiser and everything seems much easier than before. When I think of the one teacher I can count on, the heart that is certain to take care, a warm smile that makes me feel welcome, a real understanding that is rare, who's always so patient and wonderful - Teacher, I always think of you.

- Correct errors, if any, in the following sentences 1. He showed courage worthy of an older man. 2. No less than thirty patients have died of malaria.

- Suggested answers to last week's questions 1. He was fond of her; he thought more than once of marrying her. 2. Owing to carelessness, he failed in the exam.

- III. Increase Your Word Power (A) How to express it in one word 1. Compulsory enlistment for military or other service.

- Suggested answers to last week's questions 1. Animals which give suck to their young:

- mammals (n) 2. The cessation of warfare before a treaty is signed: armistice (n) 3. The science of reasoning: logic (n)

- Suggested answers to last week's questions 1. bourgeois (Fr.): A townsman, a trader of the middle class. 2. bourgeoisie (Fr.): The tradesman - gentleman.

- (C) Words commonly confused Bring out differences in meaning of the following pairs of words. 1. deadly, deathly 2. rob, steal

- Suggested answers to last week's questions 1. wet (adj.) (covered with water): Don't get wet in the rains lest you should catch cold.

- (D) Phrases and idioms Give illustrative sentences using the following phrases 1. draw over 2. get the better of

- Suggested answers to last week's questions 1. bring in (yield as rent): His agricultural output brings in a decent income every month.

- IV. Grammar and Composition (A) Grammar Put the appropriate word into the sentences below. In some cases more than one word may be correct.

- Suggested answers to last week's questions 1. I bought a lovely pair of cheap shoes in leather.

- VI. Words of Wisdom "We all give the best of our hearts uncritically to those who hardly think about us in return."

A letter to the teachers of English: 31 'Examinosis'



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Dear Fellow teachers, Don't try to look for this word in a dictionary, you will not find it even in a good and recent one. I have coined this word to express the fear and anxiety that examination creates in our students.

kill themselves for the failure in the examinations. The Indian newspapers will be full of such news at the time of the publication of the examination results. Fortunately, I haven't heard of such things in this country. However, I have experienced students, especially the girls, fighting with me whenever they lose marks in the mid semester tests.

Why are students afraid of the examinations? Traditionally examinations are associated with competition, success or failure and 'flowers' for the successful ones and 'brickbats' for the failed ones. In this world of stiff competition, it is natural to expect our students to fight for better marks and their parents to encourage them to struggle for the best.

I am against the practice of attaching too much secrecy to the examinations, driving the teachers and students away from the room where the question papers are copied, which helps only in creating anxiety and tension in the students' minds and ruining their performance in the examinations.

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

Quality Assurance of Distance Learning



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Distance learning has its roots in America, Europe, Canada, and Australia since seventies of the last century. However, it has begun to establish its roots in the Asian countries. Early this century it has commenced to find its way toward the Arab world.

The providing institution of such programs is responsible for ensuring that programs to be offered at a distance are so designed that the academic standards of awards will be demonstrably comparable with those of awards delivered by the traditional institutions in other ways and be consistent with any relevant benchmark information recognized within the UK or USA.

In designing distance learning programs of study, and any component modules, a providing university should ensure on the one hand explicit and reasoned coherence, the aims and intended learning outcomes, and, on the other hand, the strategies for teaching at a distance, the scope of the learning materials and the modes and criteria of assessment.

It is significant that the providing university ensures that programs of study and component modules once designed and in use, are monitored, reviewed and subject to re-approval regularly. The university should ensure

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.

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DOG HOUSES Solution: 6 letters

Grid for word search puzzle with letters B, E, A, C, H, C, C, L, E, N, G, T, H, T, G, D, E, H, S, E, D, L, O, C, R, I, A, Q, O, E, D, E, N, A, R, R, B, M, D, P, S, D, T, E, T, A, L, U, S, N, I, O, R, E, E, O, A, O, A, E, A, S, E, B, T, I, L, G, E, A, B, H, V, T, H, U, L, H, L, C, A, S, L, A, E, H, K, G, E, A, E, O, S, R, L, N, S, O, L, N, L, I, R, A, H, T, L, E, A, D, R, B, R, A, E, G, E, D, P, I, A, D, T, G, S, A, H, G, E, A, N, T, O, M, O, N, E, Y, R, M, E, W, T, H, N, N, L, E, G, L, S, E, S, W, A, I, D, D, S, A, D, E, E, H, E, G, E, K, I, I, D, I, P, W, N, O, P, S, T, O, L, R, T, T, R, A, I, L, S, W, C, E, R, A, O, A, L, W, E, T, L, E, D, S, R, U, E, S, U, O, H, I, T, F, I, W, A, A, E, B, I, S, I, E, E, A, T, P, N, N, E, S, M, N, T, A, Y, R, W, U, N, N, W, F, W, U, I, A, O, D, G, L, T, O, I, R, B, M, S, I, G, O, C, E, R, A, E, N, R, N, N, E, I, H, D, T, A, T, T, L, L, H, B, D, E, L, T, I, E, E, D, I, S, B, N, S, S, H, E, D, A, D, Y, O, C, P, N, E, L, D, P, A, A, K, O, K, S, U, P, I, I, R, R, A, N, K, R, L, R, L, E, M, C, R, C, M, E, G, N, N, N, R, G, O, R, E, G, D, O, L, O, O, E, I, R, E, T, E, N, G, C, U, T, E, C, D, S, B, M, I, L, C, R, T, I, E, D, E, R, E, B, M, I, T, L, E, C, N, A, N, E, T, N, I, A, M, T

Don't worry, it's only the president talking

By SIMON EVANS

MILAN, Nov 7 (Reuters) - The day after AC Milan and Juventus drew 1-1 at the San Siro stadium in a pulsating top of the table clash, AS Roma president Franco Sensi was asked by a television reporter for his opinion on the result.

"It was planned. I'm saying nothing else," was Sensi's staggering reply.

Was the president of one of Italy's top clubs accusing last season's Champions League finalists, two of the game's most successful and famous clubs and two fierce rivals of fixing a draw which would benefit neither of them? It certainly sounded like it.

Even Sensi probably realised he had said something so utterly ridiculous he backtracked later claiming he meant to say it was a "predictable" result rather than a "planned" one.

In most countries such remarks could shake the foundations of the game but in Italy no-one took Sensi's initial comment seriously — and that is hardly surprising.

The 77-year-old makes a habit of such outrageous comments which appear to serve no other purpose than to wind-up the big northern clubs.

For years he has complained that there is a conspiracy against Roma and in favour of Milan, Inter and particularly Juventus.

"Juventus have received scandalous benefits this year and in years past. Roma have never had any," Sensi said this week.

The details of these benefits were not explained by Sensi in the same way as his claim of the pre-arranged draw between Milan and Juventus went without any hint of proof.

LAUGHABLE CLAIM

Anyone who saw Marco Di Vaio's spectacular equaliser for Juventus

against Milan, six minutes from the end of a game in which Milan keeper Dida had made a serious of outstanding saves to keep his side's lead, would have simply laughed at Sensi's claim.

Even more bizarrely the draw between the two leaders of Serie A actually benefitted Roma, who were able to close the gap at the top to just two points.

One imagines it was with a heavy sigh and a groan of "here, we go again," that the Italian Football Federation opened one of its customary investigations into Sensi's comments.

It is likely that, as on previous occasions, Sensi will not provide any proof for his claim and will get a small fine from the Federation.

But Sensi is far from being alone among Italian club presidents who relish a row and who view a question from a journalist as an opportunity to make a sensational headline.

Perugia president Luciano Gaucci may have a less vivid imagination in terms of plots and conspiracies than Sensi but he is unmatched in terms of publicity stunts and over-the-top reactions.

When South Korean striker Ahn Jung-hwan, then a Perugia player, scored the goal that knocked Italy out of the 2002 World Cup finals, Gaucci effectively sacked him.

"I have no intention of paying a salary to someone who has ruined Italian soccer," he said at the time.

Gaucci's comments were reported across the world and Ahn never played for the club again.

Last season when a goal from Fabrizio Miccoli gave Perugia a win over AC Milan, Gaucci burst into tears of delight during a live television interview which was replayed throughout the following week.

The Perugia president was back in

the headlines in the close-season when he signed Al-Saadi Gaddafi, son of Libyan leader Colonel Muammar Gaddafi.

Gaucci denied the move was a publicity stunt but the Libyan has yet to play a game for the club and this week the whole business backfired when Gaddafi failed a drugs test.

Even if he is denied the services of Gaddafi, Gaucci has promised to strengthen the squad in the New Year by signing a top female striker, making his club the first to field a woman in a major professional championship.

Again, Gaucci denies he is merely seeking attention and says he is leading the fight for women's equality.

DIFFERENT ROLE

While Sensi and Gaucci are extreme cases, the role of the Italian club president is vastly different to that of the club chairman in other countries.

The Italian club president never speaks with the calm voice of a "chairman of the board" — but feels he must reflect the feelings of the most passionate fan in order to keep their support.

Inter Milan president Massimo Moratti talks of his "pain and suffering" at the troubled fortunes of his team and occasionally hints at standing down, before he realises what he would give up if he did so.

AC Milan president Silvio Berlusconi, also Prime Minister of the country, has never been shy about making suggestions on team tactics via the media.

For years Juventus have operated with effectively an honorary president but their director Luciano Moggi frequently phones into the rabid television debates about the game to challenge comments about his club and to launch verbal attacks on Sensi.

Moggi is something of a pantomime

villain, provoking cheers or jeers from studio audiences.

To the outsider the bitter exchanges, the wild accusations and threats expressed in Serie A can give the impression of a league that is on the brink of total breakdown.

But the reality is that in Italy the wealthy club presidents are part of the show and are bigger names than many of their players and coaches.

That may be a questionable state of affairs but it is probably harmless.

Because as Sensi proved last week — no-one really takes them seriously.

Scotland out of world cup

BRISBANE (Reuters) - Defending champions Australia have eased into a World Cup semi-final meeting with New Zealand after overcoming a stuttering first half to score three second-half tries en route to a 33-16 victory over Scotland.

A tightly contested but poor quality first 40 minutes saw the teams level at 9-9 after three penalties by Elton Flatley and two and a drop goal for Chris Paterson but when recalled centre Stirling Mortlock burst clear from halfway to score the opening try six minutes after the

restart there was only going to be one winner.

An elusive run by winger Lote Tuqiri set up captain George Gregan for the second score and number eight David Lyons charged over for the third as Australia took total control for their 11th consecutive win over the Scots, whose late try by Rob Russell was little consolation.

Flatley converted all three tries to help set up a mouth-watering last four Sydney showdown with the All Blacks, who beat South Africa 29-9 earlier on Saturday.



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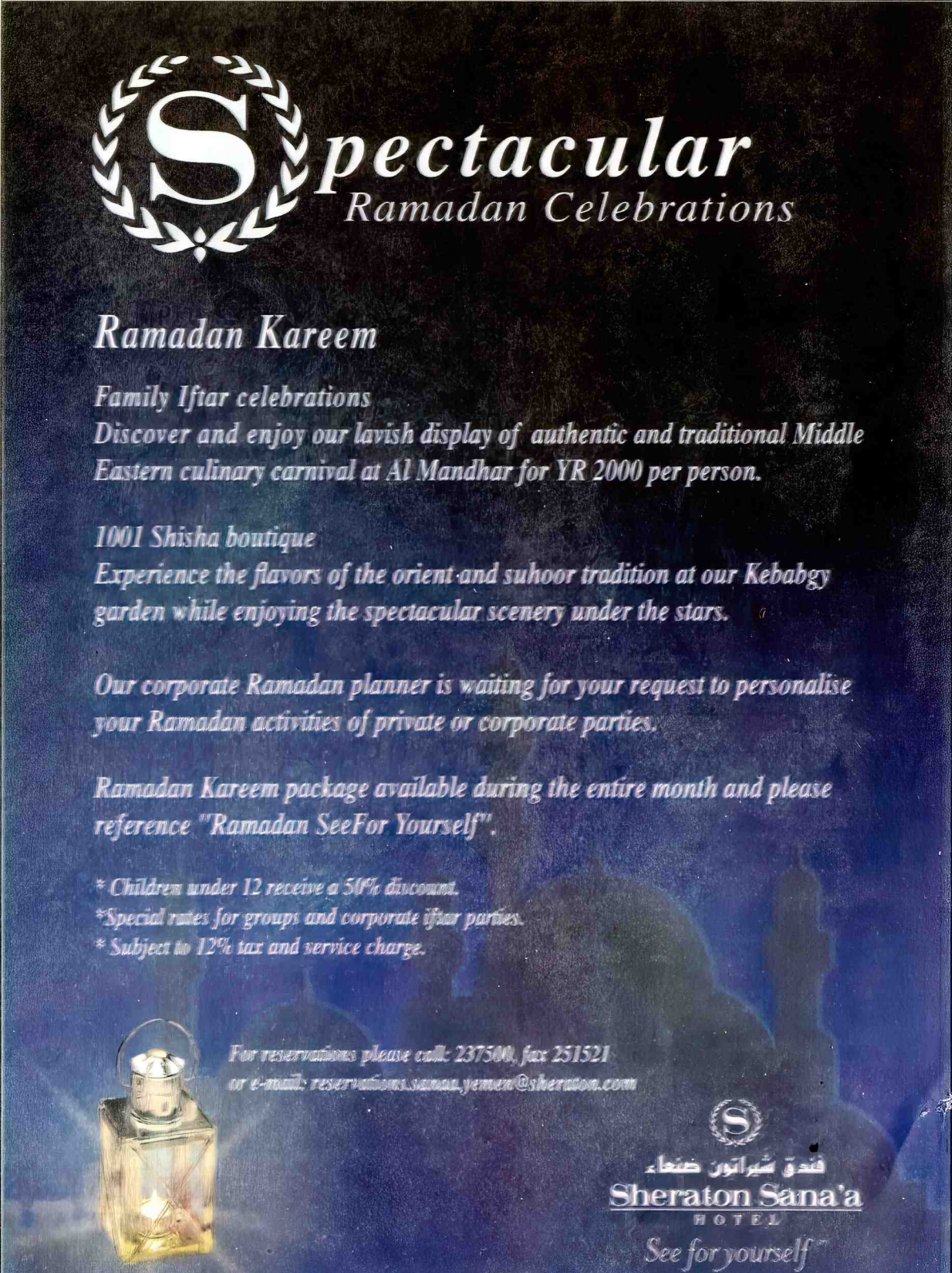


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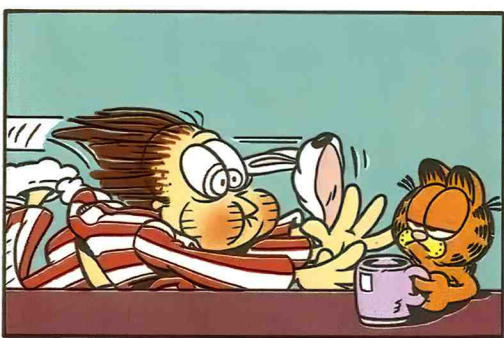
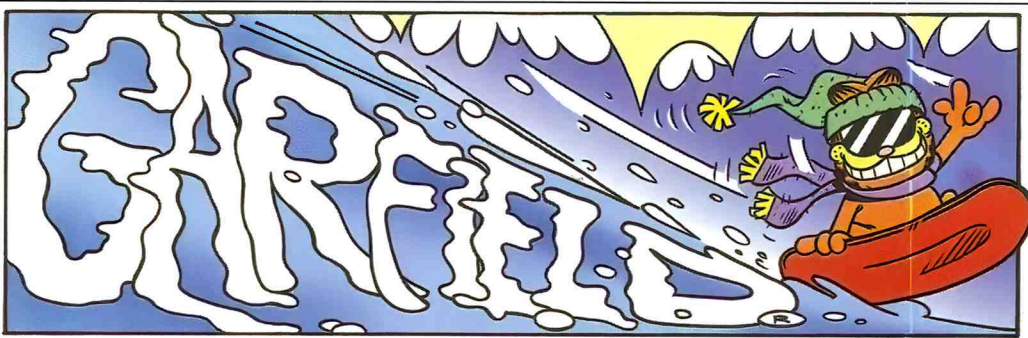
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BY Eugenia



Aries
(Mar 21 - Apr 19)
Try something different today. You will get the encouragement you need from friends and family. You will be able to develop a relationship with someone you have wanted to get to know better for some time.



Libra
(Sept 23 - Oct 22)
You will have what it takes to charm everyone who crosses your path today. Consider mixing business with pleasure. You can develop a unique friendship with someone who shares your interests.



Taurus
(Apr 20 - May 20)
You may have some financial problems if you haven't taken care of legal matters. Be careful not to donate or lend cash to organizations or friends. A change may be in order.



Scorpio
(Oct 23 - Nov 21)
Set a budget and develop your skills as you work toward financial freedom. Be prepared to do a little damage control if someone has conveniently made you look bad. Work behind the scenes.



Gemini
(May 21 - Jun 20)
Back away rather than using emotional manipulation to get your own way. Spend your time helping others or getting involved in a creative project that has sparked your interest.



Sagittarius
(Nov 22 - Dec 21)
You may find it easy to strike up new partnerships, but be aware of empty promises. Someone you meet isn't likely to portray true colors. Ask questions but be diplomatic.



Cancer
(Jun 21 - Jul 22)
Something may be going on behind your back. Don't give anyone a reason to gossip about you. Get back to basics and consider your true calling. Learning will come easy today.



Capricorn
(Dec 22 - Jan 19)
Be prepared for someone to try to steal your ideas or take credit for your work. You're on to something tangible and you need to act fast. Be secretive about your goals.



Leo
(Jul 23 - Aug 22)
Your involvement in any networking organization will bring about some interesting proposals. Your ideas and convincing rhetoric will lead to a prominent position in any group you join.



Aquarius
(Jan 20 - Feb 18)
Your playful approach to everything you do will bring a fabulous response. You can learn a great deal if you are observant. You will receive recognition and attention today.



Virgo
(Aug 23 - Sep 22)
Problems will arise if you try to get someone to do a job that was given to you. Do for yourself, and prepare to compensate for others' lack of competence. Don't be mesmerized by someone offering you false hope.



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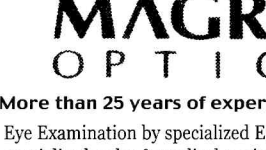
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An activity held by the Yemeni Lebanese Fraternity Association

Farewell to Lebanese ambassador

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

The Yemeni Lebanese Fraternity Association bid farewell in a dinner reception held on Saturday 8 to Hassan Muslimani, the Lebanese Ambassador to Yemen, who ends his diplomatic term in Yemen this month.

Yahya Mohamed Abdullah Saleh expressed his appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Muslimani for his effort in establishing the association and his role in supporting it throughout the different stages.

"It was all Mr. Muslimani's idea. He started it, encouraged us to build the association and even invited us at his home for sessions to promote the association," Yahya said.

On his part, Muslimani thanked the association for the farewell ceremony



Mr. Yahya Mohammed Abdullah Saleh (L) with the Lebanese ambassador, Mr. Hassan Muslimani during a farewell ceremony

and said that the objective of the association was to consolidate Yemen-Lebanon relations and build a foundation that would be implanted deep in Yemen and serve as another effort to enhance the relations between the two countries in every possible way.

"I believe that the association has done a lot in promoting Yemeni-Lebanese relations, and I am confident that even after I leave, it will continue to play its important role in this aspect," he said.

The occasion also marked the official inauguration of the Lebanese Club, located at the premises of the Yemeni Lebanese Fraternity Association. The club will be a recreational center for members of the association and others. It includes a discotheque room, billiard, table tennis, children playground, and other similar entertainment facilities.

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