

Some believe that a rebirth of a Taliban-like organization is being witnessed:

Islamic Caliphate recalled

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Sanaa, November 11 - Amid slogans calling for the return of the Islamic Caliphate to the Arab and Muslim world, hundreds of scholars, sheikhs, and interested persons attended the conference organized by a political entity calling itself Hizbut-Tahreer 'Liberation

Party' in Sana'a last Tuesday. Organizers were able to gather many people from different sectors of the community, including prominent scholars such as Judge Abdulwahhab Al-Hitar, who attended the conference that called for the removal of current regimes and establishment of an Islamic Caliphate, which is believed by the organizers to be the 'sole and only cure

for the Umma'. During the conference, a taped lecture was given by Sheikh Atta Abu Al-Rushta, the Emir of the Hizbut-Tahreer, who took over the post from Abu Yusuf Al-Shaikh, and Abdulquddoos Zalloom, who are staying in Palestinian occupied territories. The lecture called for 'the liberation of Muslim nations from the current

oppressive Arab regimes and replacing them by a just Islamic Caliphate'. The lecture blamed the current regimes for the deteriorated conditions of Muslims in Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan, Kashmir, and Chechnya and called upon Muslims throughout the world to exert extra efforts during the month of Ramadan.

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Administrative members of the former Taliban regime of Afghanistan shown here in an archive photo. Some analysts said that Hizbut Tahreer in its goals and activities recall of the first days when the Taliban regime emerged in Afghanistan. The party's representatives in Yemen however disagree calling the party a non-violent organization seeking to establish an Islamic Caliphate in the Muslim world. Reuters.
Inset: Guests attending the conference on Saturday. Most of the attendees were youngsters excited about the party's idea. Photo by Hassan AL-Zaidi / YT

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Civil Society Parallel report to ESC Rights released

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Human Rights Information and Training Center (HRITC) and Sisters Arab Forum for Human Rights (SAF) have recently released their parallel report to the National Supreme Committee for Human Rights (NSCHR) on the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) which was submitted on April 27, 2002.

Yemen signed CESCR on February 5, 1987. The report which is currently being discussed in Geneva and prepared by HRITC and SAF has been meant to represent the views of the civil society in Yemen as the official report to CESCR was prepared in isolation from those organizations. "The present parallel report provides information on the priority issues related to the implementation of the Covenant in Yemen," the report reads. It focuses in particular on women and marginalized groups including the poor, socially disadvantaged menial workers and the most excluded "Akhdam" (servant caste of presumed Ethiopian origin) for all these, according to the report, have no access to full rights to education, health, or cultural enjoyment. "They are in need of affirmative action to integrate them into society and pave their way for wider aspects of social justice, as they are incapable to compete successfully," the reports stresses, adding, "positive discrimination should be adopted to give opportunities to categories which have underperformed, for decades, injustice, unfair rules, disadvantaged social status and, consequently, general discrimination."

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Sana'a has deadly Holy Month

By ISMAEEL AL-GHABIRI
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According to a report released by the Capital Secretary last week, 130 accidents have occurred in Sana'a City in the first two weeks of Ramadan.

Nine people were killed and 77 injured because of traffic accidents that have increased in number due to the reckless driving of drivers who wish to arrive home on time for breakfast at sunset.

The accidents ranged from colliding cars to crushing pedestrians and have witnessed a steady increase since the beginning of the month.

Among those injured is a significant number of persons who are still in critical condition and who could be impaired for life.

Apart from that, the report mentioned there has been a total exceeding YR 330 million of losses due to those accidents.

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Yemeni can't go to Saudi Arabia More than 12,000 passports delayed

BY MOHAMMED BIN SALLAM
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SANA'A, Nov. 12 - The Saudi Consulate in Yemen returned more than 12,000 passports two weeks ago, saying it received orders issued by the Saudi foreign ministry to suspend visas, Assahwa Net reports.

Those passports were handed by the travel and pilgrimage agencies before the month of Ramadhan.

Some of the pilgrimage agencies have accused the Saudi Embassy of causing the problem after the Ministry of the Umrah and Pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia had agreed to approve the passports.

The Saudi Embassy rejected the accusations made by those agencies, which hold the Saudi Consulate responsible for the delay, depriving Yemeni citizens from performing the Umrah, (minor pilgrimage) during the month of Ramadhan.

"The delivery of the passports by the travel and pilgrimage agencies was too late. Passports were delivered after a

week was elapsed since the Ministry of the Umrah & Pilgrimage has approved the number of pilgrims," a source at the Saudi embassy said.

A number of travel and tourism agencies asking the Yemeni foreign ministry to pressure the Saudi officials to approve the number of pilgrims to the Holy Land to perform the minor pilgrimage.

A source said that in the travel and pilgrimage agencies will have huge financial losses. "This is not only enough, pilgrims who perform the minor pilgrimage are exposed also to several problems. As a result of these, a number of the travel agencies had to close its doors," a source said.

At the same time, a Yemeni citizen was killed last week after a quarrel erupted between a pilgrims and the travel agency owner due to a passport delay.

The citizen was not convinced that his passport was with the Saudi consulate. This motivated him to fire a shot at an employee at one of the travel agencies, but another citizen was killed.

President Saleh condemns Riyadh blast

SANAA, Nov 11 - Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh strongly expressed Yemen's condemnation on Sunday of the explosion that rocked a residential building in the Saudi capital Riyadh two nights ago.

Saleh extended condolences to Saudi Arabia and in particular to the families of victims who were killed in the attack.

In a telephone call he made with the Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah Bin

Abdulaziz, Saleh described the attack as a terrorist activity against civilian interests. He expressed at the same time Yemen's solidarity with the Kingdom in combating terrorism and preserving security and stability of the region.



A still image taken from Saudi TV shows a man walking past destroyed buildings following an explosion in Riyadh November 9, 2003. A huge explosion gutted a Riyadh compound housing foreigners and Saudis on Sunday a day after the United States warned of terrorist attacks and shut its missions in Saudi Arabia. The explosion that killed at least two people and wounded 65 at the compound was a suicide bombing, a Saudi security source said. REUTERS/SAUDI TV

Robeson concludes visit to Yemen

BY HASSAN AL-ZAIDI
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Brigadier General Mastin M. Robeson, Commander Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa, has concluded a three-day visit to Yemen, in which he held talks with senior security officers in Yemen and with the Yemeni government.

Robeson has been visiting Yemen often in the last two years as more focus on Yemen's security is now given more attention by the US administration, which has praised Yemen's cooperation in the war against 'terror' on many occasions.

US army and intelligence units have been quite active in Yemen following the assassination of Al-Harethi, by a CIA drone in November 2002.

The Yemeni and US governments had signed security agreements, which facilitate the movement of US military personnel and expert in Yemen and in the region, and which focused on training marine border patrol soldiers and other security related activities.



M. Robeson

Drug dealers arrested in Aden

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A gang of drug dealers was arrested last Monday in Aden in an intelligence and police operation that is the first of its kind in Yemen.

A large quantity of hashish, cocaine, and heroin was found with the dealers, who attempted to sell them as ready packages.

Yemen is considered a transit location for drug traffickers and dealers, who get the drugs from the Horn of Africa and tend to market it in richer countries in the Arabian Peninsula.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia had recently been exerting great efforts to track down a well-organized drug dealer network, which is believed to have been getting drugs through Yemen.

18 children die of Malaria and Chickenpox in Mahwait

Eighteen children died after being infected with Malaria and Chickenpox in Arjam district, al-Mahwait governorate, in October.

Al-Nas newspaper also reports that many of the fathers of the children reported their sicknesses to the Ministry of Health, but the ministry did nothing in response.

The families of the children are

demanding the formation of a committee that would investigate the case and identify the people responsible for the loss of the children.

Sources say that the diseases are spreading more in that region, while parents stand helpless, unable to afford the required medication, especially as there is no any sort of health insurance in that district.

Shiekh assassinated

Taiz, Nov. 12 - A prominent Shiekh from Khowlan named Adhobiani was shot dead by a group of armed men last week in Taiz when he was heading toward a mosque for Noon Prayer in al-Hoban area, east of

Taiz. The Shiekh was pursued for about 4 years as a result of long-term tribal disputes.

Investigations are still ongoing by the security authority in Taiz.

Traditional craft shop owners protest in Taiz

BY YEMEN TIMES
TAIZ BUREAU

Tens of traditional handcraft shop owners in Taiz staged a protest last week demanding that they be allowed to go back to their original apartments.

According to the shop owners, who earn a living from crafting 'jambias',

necklaces, and other traditional goods, they were taken out of their shops four years ago when the government announced it would demolish the building where they worked to construct a new building where the Great Gate Police Station, and hence allow the shop owners to return to the new building.

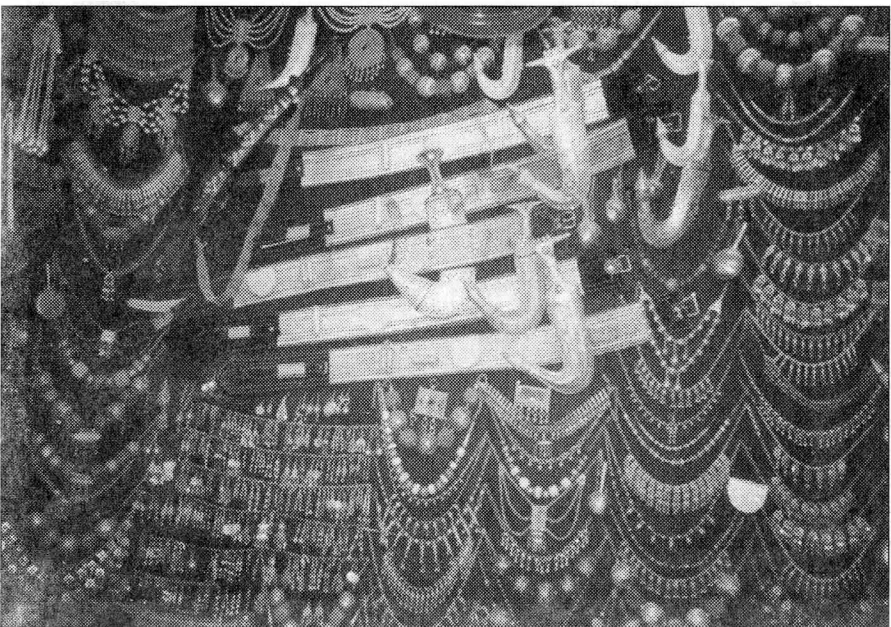
This took place when Dr. Rashad Al-Aleemi, current Interior Minister, was then the security manager of the governorate.

"Al-Aleemi had promised us that we will return to the new building in six months only, but ever since he gave his promise, we have never been allowed to return," said one of the shop owners.

Al-Aizari, who is among the oldest handicraftsmen in the protest, also said he had complained many times to the governor and Dr. Al-Aleemi, but had been given no reply.

According to residents in the area, the company that was supposed to construct the new building never completed it, leaving the shop owners with little alternative but to stage protests and send letters of complaints to the government.

"We appeal through the press to our government to look into our case seriously, as we have families to take care of, and this issue has taken its toll on all of us," said Al-Aizar.



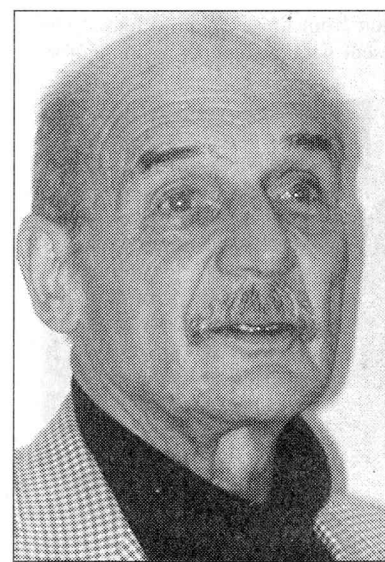
Similar Islamic architecture Yemen and Spain have cultural links

The German House hosted a lecture by Dr. Hadi Eckert, an expert and consultant with the German Center for International Migration in the field of architecture and urban planning with General Organization for the Preservation of Historic Cities in Yemen on Nov. 4.

The topic was about the preservation of diverse cities and towns in Yemen, especially Zabid and the old city of Sana'a. The choice of those two cities comes through the comparison between them and some of the remains and ruins in many Spanish cities and old towns.

Dr. Eckert explained the similarity in the names and the monuments of the cities in Andalusia (Spain's name in old times), and many of the Yemeni towns, especially with the influence of the Islamic culture on Spain some 400 years ago.

He indicated in the lecture that although the Spanish people used their language and their culture in the renaming of the cities and towns in Andalusia, they could not abolish the linkage between the naming for example and the Islamic Yemeni names where many of the important towns in



Dr. Eckert

Spain hold names such as Khawlan, Bani Shaiban and al-Maafir and many other names of Yemeni towns.

Dr. Eckert explained the historical relation through the migration of Yemenis during the Islamic expansions to Spain and how the impressions those migrants left hundreds of years ago persist today and into the future of Spain as well.

Readers' Voice

Yemen Times is reintroducing a popular feature "Readers' Voice" - formerly known as YT Opinion Poll.

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THIS EDITION'S QUESTION:

Do you believe that the calls of Hizb ut-Tahreer to establish an Islamic Caliphate realistic?

- No, it is far away from being realistic.
- No, it is not the right time for that.
- Yes, it is the time for it to happen.
- It depends.

LAST 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. 60%
- No, and it is not by al-Qaeda. 23%
- Yes, but they are not al-Qaeda attacks. 16%
- No, it is only an isolated incident. 1%

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Body found on beach

Mocha, Nov. 12 - Police have found the body of a woman was found lying on a Red Sea beach, Nov. 7.

It's believed the woman suffocated or drowned.

Three suspects have been arrested by security, and investigations are still underway to know the motives behind killing that woman.

Candidates for Local Councils being screened

The supreme committee of elections opened the door for candidates who wish to run for vacant seats in local councils.

This act will continue for 10 days until Nov. 16, during which candidates will be screened to check their eligibility according to the local laws.

The number of seats competed for are in 20 districts spread in 13 governorates in addition to the capital secretariat, whereas the number of vacancies in the election centers reached 75 vacancies in 57 district around the country.

Training course for Local Council issues

Sana'a, Nov. 12 - A training course in the field of analyzing the institutional and organizational problems for Local Councils started on November 9.

It came within the framework of special programs Local Councils implemented in governorates such as, Aden, Lahj, Abyan, and Dhalea'.

It was attended by secretary-generals, committee chairmen of planning and development, services and social workers in each district.

During the training course, a number of lectures were delivered, focusing on projects and objectives and the need to analyze the objectives and strategies for that project.

Italy relieves Yemen of \$16 million debt

Mohamed bin Sallam
Yemen Times Staff

Last Monday an agreement was signed in Sana'a between the Yemeni and Italian governments to relieve Yemen from US \$16 million in debt owed to Italy.

Based on this agreement, the amount will be utilized to finance several developmental projects in the Republic of Yemen.

The agreement was signed on behalf of Yemen by Alawi Al-Salami, Minister of Finance, and on behalf of Italy by Giacomo Sanfelice

di Monteforte, Ambassador of Italy to Yemen.

Both sides stressed the importance of this achievement, calling it one of many steps taken to consolidate and strengthen Yemen-Italian relations, and to also help in reducing financial burdens and poverty in Yemen.

On his part, the Italian Ambassador expressed his happiness for signing the agreement and pledged to continue helping Yemen overcome its economic difficulties and go forward with its financial and administrative reforms to raise the standard of living.

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Islamic Caliphate recalled

Yemen representation to be formalized

On the other hand Dr. Abdullah ba Dheeb, a representative of the party in 'the state of Yemen' told Yemen Times that the party will work on raising awareness among the public about the idea of reviving the Islamic Caliphate. "We are mobilizing the idea of the party and soon will have an official representation in the state of Yemen and from thereafter apply the state system to various governorates" he said. Ba Dheeb said that security authorities had launched a massive arrest campaign against members of the party last years, and he himself was just released from a prison in Mukalla last week.

Attendance not as expected

The attendance to the conference was less than expected. Except for Al-Hitar, none of the influential Islamic figures or other politicians from the opposition or the government attended the conference. Most of the attendees who were present at the conference were youngsters, who expressed their interest in the idea of the conference, and showed eagerness to promote the party's cause. It was also concluded that despite the fact that the party is not legalized through the government's licensing system, it was still given some margin of freedom to operate in the country and launch its activities, which are expected to continue in the months and years to come.

Mission non-violent

Ba Dheeb said that the mission of the Hizbut-Tahreer, which has not been a licensed party by the government and never applied for one, comprises of

Jihad and intellectual efforts based on financial and human assets available in different Islamic states. "We do not call for violence, but rather for intellectual movements to promote Islam," he clarified.

The aim of Hizbut-Tahreer as mentioned in their web site (www.hizb-ut-tahrir.org) is to "resume the Islamic way of life and to convey the Islamic da'wah to the world. This objective means bringing the Muslims back to living an Islamic way of life in Dar al-Islam and in an Islamic society such that all of life's affairs in society are administered according to the Shari'ah rules, and the viewpoint in it is the halal and the haram under the shade of the Islamic State, which is the Khilafah State. That state is the one in which Muslims appoint a Khaleefah and give him the bay'ah to listen and obey on condition that he rules according to the Book of Allah (swt) and the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allah (saw) and on condition that he conveys Islam as a message to the world through da'wah and jihad.

The Party, as well, aims at the correct revival of the Ummah through enlightened thought. It also strives to bring her back to her previous might and glory such that she wrests the reins of initiative away from other states and nations, and returns to her rightful place as the first state in the world, as she was in the past, when she governs the world according to the laws of Islam.

It also aims to bring back the Islamic guidance for mankind and to lead the Ummah into a struggle with Kufr, its systems and its thoughts so that Islam encapsulates the world."

Civil Society Parallel report to ESC Rights released

The report presents State's efforts to realize ESC rights as well as obstacles ahead, calling on the State to realize its obligations under the Covenant toward progressive and full realization of the enshrined rights on a basis of nondiscrimination, gender equality and rule of law. The report pinpoints that a deficit of political will and commitment constitutes a real barrier to serious attempts to realize sustainable development. It points out that extremist Muslim groups have spread horror in the Yemeni society as they threaten a large number of civil society intellectuals, leftist and secular persons. "The government objected and denounced the policy and strategy of these groups, and tracked down the criminals and brought them to justice. However, the atmosphere of horror prevailed within the Yemeni society because of the spread of fanatics. They exist everywhere, whether in urban or rural areas. They openly and clearly announced plans to kill and eradicate political opposition and adherents to the Isma'ili sect," it says. The report concludes with some

important recommendations which are that the Government of Yemen should apply serious practical plans in order to decrease population growth, seek new alternatives to raise living standard and eliminate poverty, needs to create an active mechanism of cooperation among civil society organizations and support them as partners in development, promote awareness of human rights issues, adopt affirmative action to empower the marginalized group, review and amend some discriminating laws, address unemployment, poverty, and many other recommendations that have to do with social, economic and cultural rights.

The report is based on a national training workshop organized by HRTIC and SAF in collaboration with the International Human Rights Federation and Habitat International Coalition/ Housing and Land Rights Network in Sana'a during the period 11-12 October 2003. It is based on the discussions and debates of the participants who represented NGOs, media, politicians and human rights activists.

Educational administration for the gifted established

YEMEN TIMES STAFF

SANA'A Nov. 12 - Ministerial decree No. 423 for 2003 has been recently issued by the Minister of Education, Dr. Abdussalam al-Jawfi to establish an administration for the gifted and talented students.

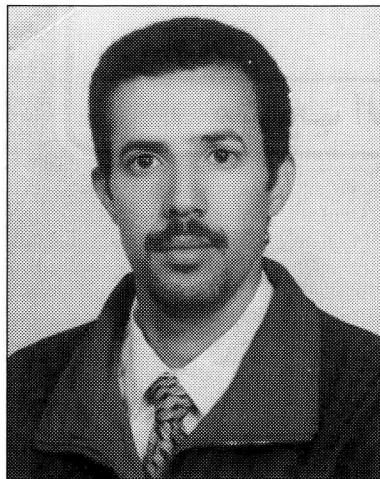
Special attention has been paid to Yemen's brightest youth by the government.

Mr. Waleed Qaed Mukred was appointed as the Director of the Gifted & Talented administration.

Mukred stressed that Yemen's schools possess a large number the talented and gifted students, who are in need of attention.

"This is because, the administration has been currently working to prepare plans, programs, policies and activities for the upcoming years," the Director remarked.

Mr. Mukred highlighted that educational initiatives for the gifted and talented are short-lived. "New programs



Mr. Waleed Qaed Mukred

are more likely to develop and endure if they are based on relevant school policy and implemented through a team approach that should be developed through consultation in the school and community," he commented.



A group photo of children participants during the 5th Forum for the gifted children held in Egypt during a visit to the Arab League

Periodical for Gifted & Talented released...

The issue No. Zero of the Talent and Creativity periodical has been recently issued by the Talented and the Creative Administration affiliated to the Education Ministry.

The periodical has been supervised by the Education Sector, the Public Administration for School Activities.

The new periodical contains useful miscellaneous educational information such as, Gulf-Yemeni participation of the Arabic Competition and names of top talented students taking part in international gatherings.

The periodical also deals with different aspects such as, paying a special attention to the gifted and talented students in our society.

One of the main objectives of the periodical is to proclaim the gifted and talented students and their leading role in building the Yemeni society.

It also aims at making strong relations with the budding talents and other concerned bodies in making efforts to promoting the design and

the quality of its educational articles for the benefit of the educational process in Yemen.

It worthwhile mentioning that the Talented and Creative Administration has been come into existence in a ministerial decree, which aims at achieving the following: -

- Establishing and implanting the Islamic principle among our students.
- Instilling the switch of allegiance to the God, Country and the Unity.
- Gaining proper educational behaviors as well as necessary skills, information as well as discovering their talents.
- Taking an interest on the creative capabilities in all fields, disclosing them, polishing, and supporting them.
- Disseminating awareness of different sciences and cultures among the budding talents and the creative in all spheres of life.



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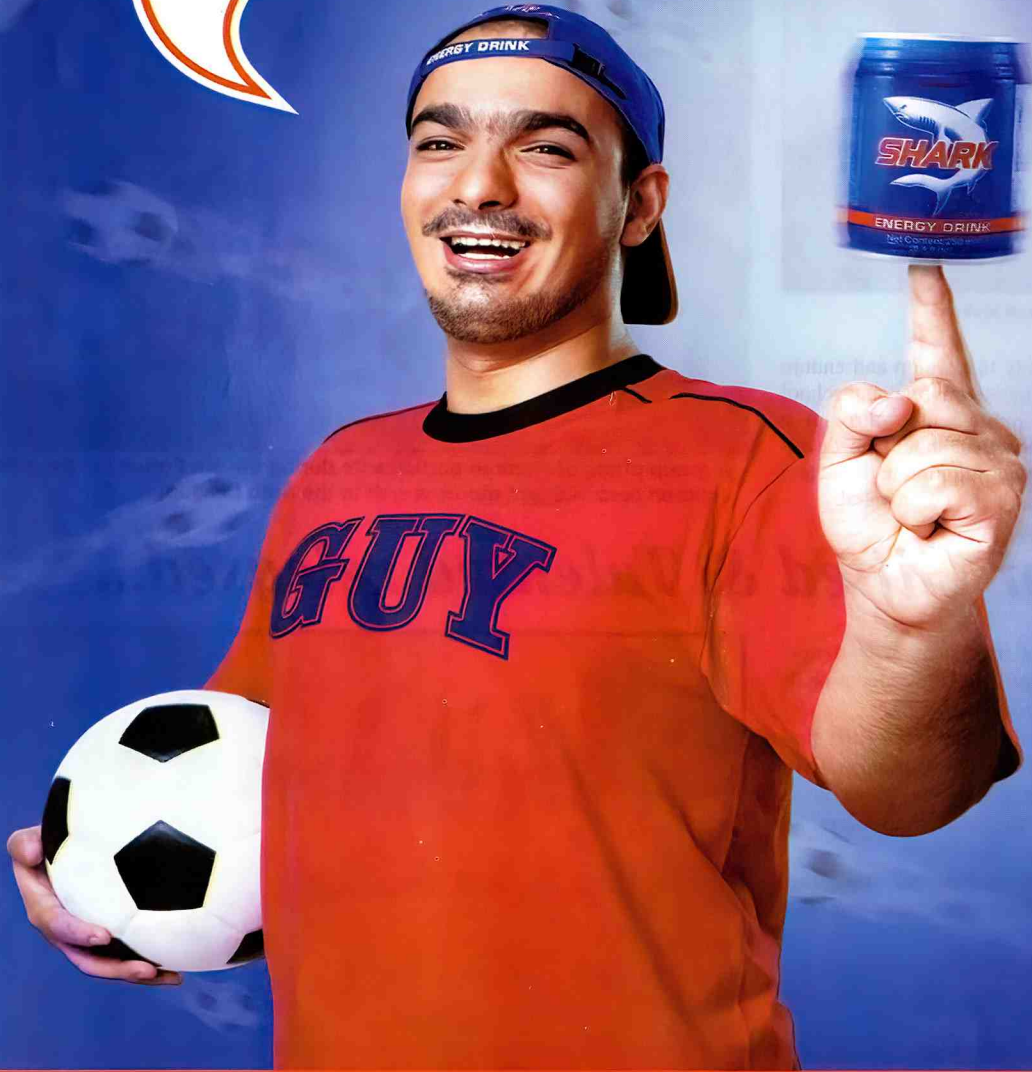
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It could affect our health

Plastic is dangerous



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Plastic is considered one of the most dangerous manufactured materials to the environment generally and to man's health specifically. In spite of this, it is manufactured and used heavily everywhere and the demand on it is increasing rapidly. Although there are laws that regulate the use of plastic, they remain ink

on paper.

Doctors say that using plastic for hot food or drinks leads to a chemical reaction between the container and the food. This reaction would cause harmful substances entering the body with the food, which could cause diseases.

Topping the list is cancer, coming next chest is and lung diseases and infertility. Also the plastic bags used widely in Yemen effect the environment badly by destroying the agricultural soil because it prevents the oxygen from entering through the soil layers as the plastic bags do not decay and remain in the earth forever.

Sometimes the plastic materials interrupt the natural growth for the roots and the other plants leading in most cases to death of the plants.

People should start practicing effective consumption of plastic bags and plastic materials without excessive use trying as much as possible to reduce their existence and harm to the environment.

Also the authorities should start implementing the laws and regulations and not just talking without action.

Eventually it is us who will be harmed or benefited depending on which path we choose.



The plastic bags used widely in Yemen effect the environment badly by destroying the soil.

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Country: Republic of Yemen
Activity: Coordinating Environmental Health Interventions in Yemen
Multisector: Environment, Environmental Health, Rural Water and Sanitation, Rural Energy, Poverty and Institutional Assessment.
Funding: Norwegian and Finnish TF No. 051785 executed and managed by the World Bank
Project ID: No. TA - P080859

The Ministry of Water and Environment of Yemen has received a grant from the Norwegian and Finnish Trust Fund managed and executed by the World Bank toward the cost of the *coordinating Environmental Health Interventions in Yemen* activity. Part of the proceeds will be applied for consulting services. The services include studies seeking to diagnose the incidence of diseases, poverty, behavior and EH institutional responsibilities.

- (i) Building on already existing data, an epidemiological baseline study will be conducted in the cluster of villages to determine the EH risks and identify the critical ones based on their magnitude, i.e. the prevalence of the clusters of water-related diseases, respiratory diseases, vector-borne diseases and other potential clusters such as pesticides among women and children under 5. EH indicators will be proposed with the help of WHO (Center for Environmental Health Assessment, CEHA in Jordan);
- (ii) A socio-economic analysis, which will include a poverty assessment and a participatory social assessment, will be conducted to understand/identify income-groups, current practices, behaviors and attitudes related to health: the analysis will especially focus on how these factors affect women and children;
- (iii) Across sectoral institutional assessment of key players, within the public and private sectors, the donor community and NGOs/CBOs would be conducted to diagnose the set-up of on-going uncoordinated interventions by key stakeholders. This component will also explore and identify already existing mechanisms that will enable the key actors to implement the action plan. The assessment will survey ongoing interventions in the area of EH in order to establish an institutionalized coordinating framework among the different actors.

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The second pillar of Islam

Fasting is a Gate to Paradise

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Fasting of Ramadan is the fourth pillar of Islam. Allah prescribed fasting of Ramadan during the second year of Hijra (the prophet's immigration to Madina). A

Allah says: "O you who believe observing As-Saum (the fasting) is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you, that you may become Al-Muttaqun (the pious).

The month of Ramadan in which was revealed the Qur'an, a guidance for mankind and clear proof for the guidance and the criterion (between right and wrong). So whoever of you sights the month of Ramadan he must observe fast that month, and whoever is ill or on a journey, the same number of days must be made up from other days. Allah desireth for you ease; He desireth not hardship for you."

Fasting means refraining from eating drinking and sexual intercourse from dawn until sun set. Observing the fast of Ramadan can be by sighting the new moon of Ramadan or completing sha'ban that comes before Ramadan 30 days.

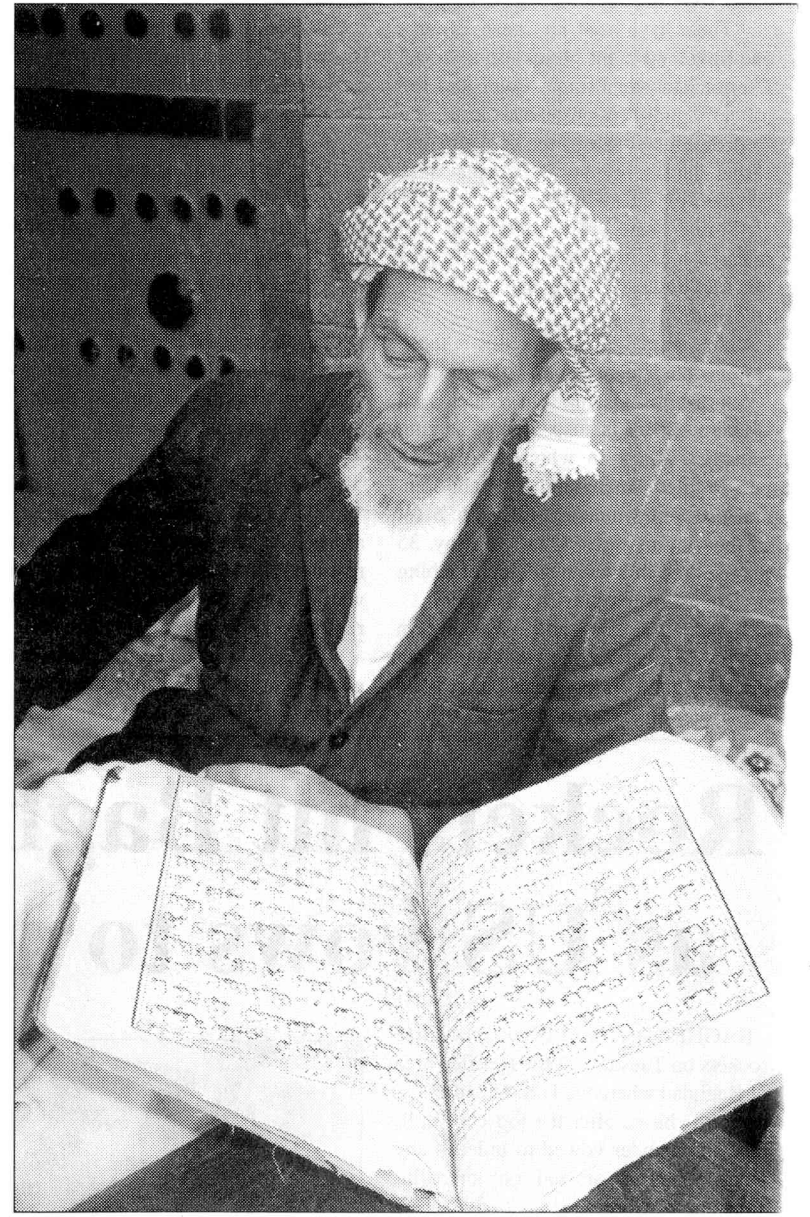
Ramadan is obligatory on every Muslim, adult, sane and healthy able to fast. The sick, traveler, pregnant, and nursing woman may not observe fasting during the month of Ramadan but they have to make up the days they missed after Ramadan. Women in post-natal period and menstruating woman are prohibited to fast but they have to make up the days they missed after Ramadan. Those who are suffering terminal illness or too old to fast are exempted but they should give a meal to a needy person for every day of Ramadan.

Ramadan is a station for strengthening your faith and increasing your good deeds. The first days of Ramadan are mercy, the middle days of Ramadan are forgiveness, and the last days of Ramadan are salvation from the hell fire. In Ramadan all gates of Paradise are opened and all gates of Hell Fire are closed and devils are chained.

Fasting is the only kind of worship for Almighty Allah while the other kinds of worship are for the person himself, the prophet Muhammad peace be upon him said: Allah Said "All worship by the son of Adam is for himself except fasting, it is for me (Almighty Allah) and I reward for it".

Fasting is an excellent mean for increasing fear of Allah in order to get His Satisfaction. Fasting of Ramadan brings you closer to Allah because you leave your food, drink and other desires for the sake of Allah. It strengthens your will to avoid bad deeds and protects you from the hell fire.

Fasting trains Muslims to have truthfulness, responsibility, tolerance, and endurance. It makes Muslims share the suffering of their Muslims brothers and encourage the rich to pay charity to the poor and needy thus build a strong



"Whoever observes worship during the night of decree out of belief and expects to be rewarded for doing so in the hereafter, his past sins will be forgiven."

relationship in the Muslim society.

In addition to gaining Allah's satisfaction, fasting improves your health. Nowadays doctors advise people to observe fasting to cure many illnesses and to improve the function of their bodies.

Rewards of fasting can be multiplied many times because it is specified for Almighty Allah. Allah created paradise with eight gates one of them is the gate of Raian through which those observe fasting enter paradise. The Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, said "whoever observes the fast of Ramadan out of belief and expects to be rewarded for doing so in the hereafter his past sins will be forgiven."

Nights of Ramadan are blessed nights so Prophet Muhammad peace be upon him says "whoever observes worship during the nights of Ramadan out of belief and expects to be rewarded for doing so in the hereafter his past sins will be forgiven." Performing Taraweeh prayer in the nights of Ramadan is highly recommended. This prayer is eleven rakaat performed after Isha' prayer. He who performed the Taraweeh prayer with the imam until the end, he would be considered as he had spent the whole night praying.

The best nights of Ramadan are the last ten. Therefore, the Prophet

Muhammad, peace be upon him, use to perform more worship during the last ten nights of Ramadan.

The best night of Ramadan is the night of decree that falls in the last ten nights of Ramadan. It is better than thousand month in worship. Qur'a was revealed first in this night, Alla says: "Verily, We have sent it (the Qur'an) down in the night of Al-qadr (Decree). And what will make you know what the night of Al Qadr (Decree) is? The night of Al-Qadr (Decree) is better than a thousand months of worship."

Also Allah says : " We sent it (the Quran) down on a blessed night" and Prophet Muhammad peace be upon him says "whoever observes worship during the night of decree out of belief and expects to be rewarded for doing so in the hereafter his past sins will be forgiven."

Finally, I ask Almighty Allah to accept our fasting, prayers, and good deeds. Also I ask Allah to open the hearts of non-Muslims to the guidance of Allha (God), and I really invite them to go through the message of Islam with an open heart and I am sure that they will find Islam the religion of love, peace, and success in this life and in the hereafter.

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Saudi Arabia says Riyadh bombers not yet arrested

RIYADH, Nov 11 (Reuters) - Saudi Arabia said on Tuesday it had not yet arrested those behind the devastating suicide bomb attack on a housing complex in Riyadh, after diplomats said many were detained for questioning.

"There have been no arrests of anyone (involved in the attack) up to now," Interior Minister Prince Nayef told the official Saudi Press Agency.

A diplomat close to the investigation earlier said a number of people were detained for questioning.

"Some were also detained and released after interrogation," the diplomat told Reuters, adding that some were still held.

"The campaign to hunt down those responsible is continuing."

Saudi-born Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda network is suspected of staging Sunday's attack in which at least 18 people died, including five children, and 120 were wounded in Riyadh. Most of the victims were Arabs. In May, 35 people died in a triple suicide bombing on a housing complex in the capital.

Saudi officials and Washington blame al Qaeda for the weekend attack in which bombers posing as police blew up an explosives-rigged car in the

Muhaya compound.

Saudi Arabia's ambassador to Washington, Prince Bandar bin Sultan, was quoted by newspapers as saying the kingdom was "in a state of war against those terrorists".

King Fahd said on Monday his country would strike with an "iron fist" against militants threatening security and stability.

The vow followed an earlier warning from U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage that al Qaeda was trying to topple the Saudi royal family and the pro-Western government.

"(King Fahd) emphasised the will to confront terrorism and deal forcefully with such criminal and wicked acts and to get at criminals who commit such acts and whoever is behind them," a Saudi cabinet statement said.

Alleged al-Qaeda claim

The London-based Arab magazine al-Majalla said al Qaeda had claimed responsibility for the bombing and warned of more attacks in the Gulf region.

It said it received the claim in an email sent by a hitherto unknown al Qaeda member, Abu Mohammed al-

Ablaj. The magazine identified Ablaj as the head of training in al Qaeda.

"On the injury of children in the bombing...he (Ablaj) warned against working with Americans or residing among them because then there would be no differentiating between them and they would be considered as shielding them," it said. The letter's authenticity could not be verified.

Saudi Arabia's Islamic affairs minister, the highest religious figure to speak out on the bombing so far, said on Tuesday there was no religious justification for the attack.

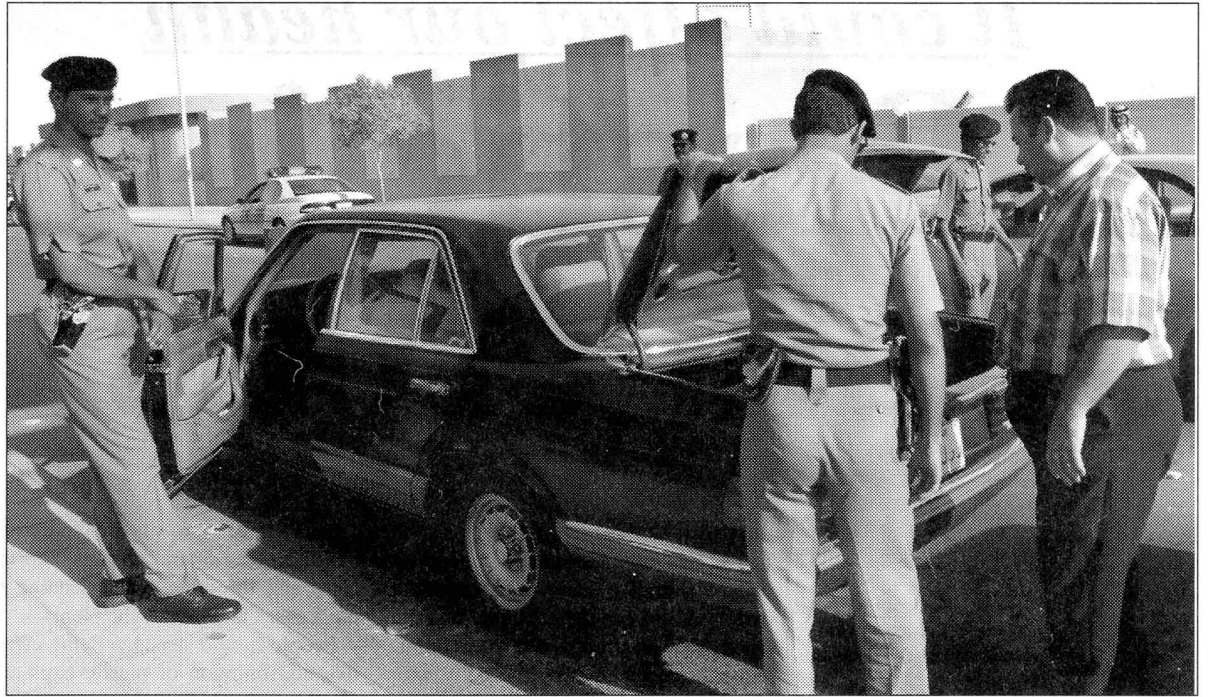
"This is flagrant aggression...against Islam, the people of Islam, in the land of Islam and during this (holy) month (of Ramadan)," said Saleh bin Abdul-Aziz bin Mohammad al-Sheikh.

"He who kills the faithful deliberately, his punishment is eternal hell," the minister said on state television. "The killing of people is one of the greatest sins after idolatry."

Washington has been pressing Saudi Arabia to combat al

Qaeda, which it holds responsible for the attacks on U.S. cities

on September 11, 2001. Fifteen of the 19 attackers were Saudis.



Saudi Arabian policemen check a car in Riyadh November 11, 2003. Saudi Arabia has detained suspects in the devastating suicide bomb attack on a housing complex in Riyadh after vowing to strike back with an "iron fist".
REUTERS

Rockets hit Baghdad area as US vows to get tough

BAGHDAD, Nov 11 (Reuters) - Three rockets on Tuesday hit the fortified area of Baghdad where the U.S.-led administration is based after the top U.S. military commander vowed to unleash any weapon in his arsenal on guerrillas attacking his forces.

Other bombings on Tuesday killed at least four people and wounded 10 in the country's two biggest cities.

An army spokeswoman said three rockets — not mortar rounds as had been initially thought — landed inside the fortified "green zone" where the U.S.-led administration is based.

"Several vehicles were damaged in the green zone but there have been no injuries reported at this time," she told Reuters.

Dozens of U.S. soldiers and Iraqi police fanned out after the blasts. In one part of Baghdad, residents showed troops an area near a school where they said rockets had been launched.

Soldiers and police walked across rooftops with flashlights looking for the possible launch site.

The attack was the latest on the administration's headquarters in central Baghdad in the past 10 days. The recent attacks have not killed anyone or caused much damage.

Attacks on U.S.-led forces occupying Iraq, local people cooperating with them and international organisations have surged in recent months, causing increasing concern among the American public as President George W. Bush seeks re-election.

"The most important message is that we're going to get pretty tough," said Lieutenant General Ricardo Sanchez, whose forces have unleashed air bombing for the first time since the official end of major combat on May 1.

"That's what's necessary to defeat this enemy and we're definitely not shy about doing that," he told a regular news briefing.

Washington blames die-hard supporters of former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein and foreign Muslim militants for the attacks.

"Not a single tool that we have available would be spared if necessary to defeat that enemy," Sanchez said. "Although the coalition can be benevolent, this is still the same lethal formation that removed the former oppressive regime."

Sanchez said up to 20 people had been detained in Iraq on suspicion of links to Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda but no proof had been found of those links.

Bremer in Washington

Iraq's U.S. governor, Paul Bremer, arrived in Washington and is expected



Iraqi men walk past the site of a bomb blast outside a Baghdad courthouse November 11, 2003. A bomb blast outside a court in the Iraqi capital on Tuesday wounded six people including two policemen as U.S. soldiers were bringing prisoners out of the building.
REUTERS

to meet with top officials at the White House for what is likely to be a decision-making session, a U.S. official said in Washington.

"When decisions need to be made, Bremer comes. Some decisions need to be made," the official told Reuters.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said there was no expectation Bremer would be leaving his post.

There was no immediate comment from the White House. Bremer's return for what officials called "consultations" comes amid growing frustration in Washington with the U.S.-appointed Iraqi Governing Council and what some officials say is increasing friction with Bremer himself.

Bremer had left Iraq at short notice and cancelled a meeting on Tuesday with visiting Polish Prime Minister Leszek Miller, the Polish delegation said.

In the southern city of Basra, a bomb near a police checkpoint sent victims'

body parts flying across the street.

A man who was planting the bomb was killed on the spot along with two other Iraqis, British forces who patrol the city said.

Another Iraqi died from his wounds and four other Iraqis were injured, hospital officials said.

In Baghdad, a bomb outside the Court of Appeal wounded six Iraqis including two policemen as U.S. soldiers were bringing prisoners out of the building, police said.

At least 153 U.S. and 12 British soldiers have been killed in action since May 1. The number of attacks on occupying troops has risen from around five or six a day in May to around 30, Sanchez said.

Both insurgents and U.S. forces have upped the ante in recent days. Guerrillas have shot down three U.S. helicopters and U.S. warplanes have dropped bombs near the towns of Falluja and Tikrit, two hotbeds of anti-American sentiment.

U.S. military chief vows to 'get tough' in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Nov 11 (Reuters) - The top U.S. military commander in Iraq signalled on Tuesday his forces would take action against insurgents, warning he would not hesitate to use any weapon at his disposal to defeat them.

Both the U.S.-led occupying coalition and their enemies have upped the ante in recent days. Guerrillas have shot down helicopters and the U.S. military has used aerial bombing for the first time since the official end of major combat in Iraq.

"Although the coalition can be benevolent, this is still the same lethal formation that removed the former oppressive regime (of Saddam Hussein)," Lieutenant General Ricardo Sanchez told a regular news briefing.

"We will not hesitate to employ the appropriate levels of combat power," he said as a slide of a fighter jet dropping bombs was displayed behind him. U.S. warplanes have struck targets near the towns of Tikrit and Falluja in the past week.

U.S. military officials in Iraq have sought to balance talk of offen-

sive operations with reconstruction work. But with attacks against them rising, Sanchez and other commanders appear ready to toughen their rhetoric and their actions on the ground.

He said General John Abizaid, head of U.S. Central Command, recently conveyed a similarly hard line to local leaders in Falluja, a hotbed of anti-American violence west of Baghdad.

"The most important message is that we're going to get pretty tough," Sanchez said. "That's what's necessary to defeat this enemy and we're definitely not shy about doing that."

He said he had weighed the risk of alienating ordinary Iraqis with air strikes but believed most recognised the coalition had to take firm action to defeat the insurgency.

U.S. commanders believe former members of Saddam Hussein's regime are responsible for most of the attacks since the end of major combat on May 1 which have targeted U.S. forces, Iraqis cooperating with them and international organisations.

"Not a single tool that we have

available would be spared if necessary to defeat that enemy," Sanchez said.

Officers also say foreign Islamic militants have been involved. Sanchez said the military had detained up to 20 people they suspected were members of al Qaeda but had not yet been able to prove they belonged to Osama bin Laden's group.

Attacks against the occupying forces have risen from around five or six a day in May to around 30 per day now, Sanchez said.

The violence has also become more daring and more deadly. Sixteen U.S. soldiers were killed when a Chinook helicopter was shot down near Falluja on November 2 and six more died when a Black Hawk helicopter was downed near Saddam's home town of Tikrit later the same week. Guerrillas also brought down a Black Hawk in Tikrit on October 25 but there were no fatalities.

"The tempo has increased and the approach that we're embarking on here is exactly what has to happen in order for us to defeat this enemy," Sanchez said.

Israel, U.S. resigned to Arafat security powers

JERUSALEM, Nov 11 (Reuters) - Israel and the United States appeared on Tuesday to have resigned themselves to pursuing peace with a new Palestinian government despite objecting to President Yasser Arafat's continued clout in security affairs.

"This is a grace period only," a senior Israeli government source said. Washington retreated on Monday from its position that a Palestinian prime minister must control all security forces and said it would judge a new Palestinian cabinet, due for parliamentary approval on Wednesday, on its performance.

The U.S. retreat followed a Palestinian deal under which the cabinet, led by Prime Minister Ahmed Qurie, and a National Security Council chaired by Arafat, will be responsible for security matters.

"Security responsibility is now shared for the first time," said Tayeb Abdel-Rahim, a senior Arafat aide.

The United States and Israel had sought to sideline Arafat completely, accusing him of fomenting violence — a charge he denies — and had pressed for an "empowered" prime minister.

Bowing to the reality that the Palestinians were unlikely to choose a government more to Washington's

liking, the State Department said the only criterion was whether Qurie's new administration would crack down on Palestinian militants.

A violence-stalled U.S.-backed road map for peace calls on the Palestinian Authority to dismantle militant organisations behind suicide bombings that have killed hundreds of Israelis since the start of a Palestinian uprising in September 2000.

"The Americans contacted me and said they were not happy with the structure of the new government but they will judge it by its actions," Palestinian cabinet secretary Hassan Abu Libdeh told Reuters, describing a position also publicly voiced by Israeli officials.

Palestinian officials have called the U.S. campaign against Arafat interference in internal Palestinian affairs.

Israeli officials have said Prime Minister Ariel Sharon hopes to meet Qurie to discuss prospects for reviving the peace plan, which also calls for a freeze in settlement expansion on occupied land and creation of a Palestinian state by 2005.

"We are giving him (Qurie) reasonable doubt, letting him prove that he is not Arafat's lapdog," the Israeli

government source said.

Asked about the latest U.S. statements, the source said:

"The reform call is still there, but they know it is not going to happen overnight."

President George W. Bush fixed the U.S. policy of refusing to deal with Arafat in a June 2002 speech that called for a new

Palestinian leadership "not compromised by terror", breaking from other international mediators who refuse to shun him.

Though usually more conciliatory in tone than the White House, the State Department on Monday was not upbeat on Qurie's chances of success, given the new Palestinian security deal.

"His (Arafat's) involvement in things has always made them fail," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said, but added: "Whatever the structure, good or bad, the only criterion that matters is dismantling the terror groups."

Palestinian officials have ruled out a crackdown on militants, calling such a move a recipe for civil war. Instead, they have pursued a negotiated truce and charged Israel with neglecting its obligations under the peace plan.

Sri Lanka president, prime minister plan to meet

COLOMBO Nov 11 (Reuters) - Sri Lanka's prime minister has accepted an invitation to meet the president on Wednesday, but neither appears ready for compromise in a power struggle that threatens efforts to restart peace talks with Tamil rebels.

Cabinet spokesman G.L. Peiris said Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe will hold talks with President Chandrika Kumaratunga, who sacked three cabinet ministers and suspended parliament last week because she felt the prime minister was making too many concessions to the rebels.

Wickremesinghe was in Washington at the time.

But Peiris indicated that Wickremesinghe was unlikely to support the president's call for a national unity government.

"The prime minister believes his main task is the fragility of this (peace) process and practical ways of mitigating that damage," Peiris told a news conference on Tuesday.

"That is the main matter he would like to discuss with her excellency, the president," he said.

"The prime minister would like to emphasise that he enjoys the support of 130 members of parliament and there is no need whatsoever in regard to change," he said of the 225-seat legislature.

News of the meeting came as two envoys from peace broker Norway arrived for discussions aimed at getting the government and Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) back to the negotiating table.

Their visit has been overshadowed by the political turmoil.

Wednesday's meeting will be the first between the president and prime minister — who are elected separately — since the crisis erupted last week when Kumaratunga sacked the defence, interior and media ministers and suspended parliament until November 19.

Her office said the meeting was "to discuss the current political situation" and to get Wickremesinghe's views "on



Sri Lankan President Chandrika Kumaratunga greets Buddhist priests during a briefing on the current situation in Colombo Nov. 11. Sri Lanka's Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe has accepted an invitation to meet the president on Wednesday, but neither appears ready for compromise in a power struggle that threatens efforts to restart peace talks with Tamil rebels.

her call for a Grand Alliance of all national and patriotic forces, with the objective of forming a Government of National Reconstruction and Reconciliation."

Peiris said on Monday that Wickremesinghe would ask the president to take over the peace process if she did not restore the ministries.

With Wickremesinghe confident of his popular support and of keeping his majority in parliament, he will be under pressure from his own party to stand firm in the contest of wills with the president.

For Kumaratunga, who has vast powers under the constitution, giving back the ministries would be an admission of weakness after last week's power grab, but agreeing to handle the peace process would alienate her from her left-wing supporters.

A Norwegian-brokered ceasefire has been in force since February 2002 but

peace talks stalled in April. The LTTE, which has been fighting since 1983 for a separate state for minority Tamils in the country's north and east, had no immediate comment on the latest developments.

Peiris said this week the government was ready for snap elections if the crisis resulted in the dissolution of parliament.

The prime minister and president are elected separately, and tension between them has grown since Wickremesinghe won parliamentary elections late in 2001 and forged ahead with a peace process that had stalled under the president's direction.

Calls for a unity government have surfaced repeatedly over the past decade but have never succeeded because of deep policy and personal differences between the main parties.

Bomb, clashes, arrests underline Afghan threats

KABUL, Nov 11 (Reuters) - A car bomb, clashes between U.S. forces and Islamic rebels and the arrest of 150 suspected Afghan militants in Pakistan were reminders on Tuesday of ongoing threats to Afghanistan nearly two years after the Taliban fell.

Just two days before the second anniversary of the hardline regime's ignominious night-time retreat from Kabul, an Arabic television channel aired unauthenticated footage of Taliban fighters clashing with U.S. troops in Afghanistan.

The Al Arabiya channel also broadcast an audio message from a man identified as a Taliban spokesman, saying its forces had reorganised and calling on Muslims to pray for victory over U.S. troops during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

The warning came on the same day the U.S. military described its first skirmishes with militants in northeastern Afghanistan in a new operation against al Qaeda, the Taliban and fighters loyal to renegade warlord Gulbuddin Hekmatyar.

U.S. soldiers killed one guerrilla in a clash in the remote Nuristan province on Monday, and in a separate exchange in the same area two to three rebels opened fire then fled the scene when U.S. air support was called in.

"It's one of the most challenging (operations) that we have undertaken in the two years coalition forces have been here," U.S. spokesman Colonel Rodney Davis told reporters on Tuesday at Bagram Air Base, the U.S. headquarters just north of Kabul.

One objective of "Operation Mountain Resolve" was to seize "terrorist bases" in Kunar and Nuristan provinces, he added.

The 11,500-strong U.S.-led force in Afghanistan is still searching for al Qaeda mastermind Osama bin Laden and the Taliban's supreme leader Mullah Mohammad Omar. Some

reports have suggested bin Laden may be hiding in Kunar.

A further 5,500 NATO-led peacekeepers have been given the go ahead to expand beyond the capital, but aid workers and Western diplomats say securing restive regions in time for presidential elections next June is an unrealistic aim.

PAKISTAN ARRESTS

Afghanistan has long accused Pakistan of failing to curb Taliban and al Qaeda militants crossing into Afghan soil from over the border, charge Islamabad denies.

"We continue to face a national security challenge from remnants of terrorism that fled to their sanctuaries across our borders with Pakistan and are now trying to regroup and disrupt peace and the lives of our people," Afghan Foreign Minister Dr. Abdullah said in a speech in the United States this week.

Pakistan police said they detained 150 Afghans suspected of "terrorist activities" after a string of rocket and bomb attacks in Quetta, the capital of Pakistan's southwestern province of Baluchistan which borders Afghanistan.

In the southern Afghan city of Kandahar, once the bastion of the Taliban, a car bomb blew up outside U.N. compound, injuring at least one person and damaging nearby buildings.

U.N. spokesman David Singh said international and local U.N. staff working in the city had been confined to their guest houses until further notice.

Several aid projects have been disrupted in southern Afghanistan in due to security concerns, and Taliban guerrillas have also targeted key reconstruction projects including the \$250 million Kabul-Kandahar highway resurfacing.

Summit to ease Ivory Coast tensions opens in Ghana

ACCRA, Nov 11 (Reuters) - Seven West African heads of state met for a summit in Ghana on Tuesday aimed at soothing regional tensions aggravated by civil war in Ivory Coast, one of the region's top economies and home to millions of immigrants.

The meeting, behind closed doors, had initially been billed as a chance to break a deadlock in Ivory Coast's stop-start peace process. But officials said it would focus mainly on mending ties between the war-divided nation, Burkina Faso and Togo.

Ghana's President John Kufuor called the one-day summit to try to revive peace efforts in Ivory Coast, where rebels pulled out of a coalition government in September accusing President Laurent Gbagbo of stalling peace efforts.

Although Ivory Coast's war has been declared over, the former French colony is still divided between a rebel-held north and government-controlled south, with some 4,000 French troops and 1,300 regional peacekeepers monitoring

a ceasefire.

Ghanaian officials said rebels from the world's top cocoa producer would not attend the summit.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan warned Ivory Coast's government leaders and rebels on Monday that compromises were needed immediately to rescue the crumbling peace accord.

The summit is expected to focus partly on trying to mend ties between Ivory Coast and Burkina Faso, strained by mutual accusations linked to the war, which erupted last year after a failed rebellion.

Ivory Coast has accused Burkina Faso of backing the rebels, a charge it denies. In October, Burkina authorities said they had foiled a foreign-financed coup, and said the alleged leader of the plot had recently visited Ivory Coast and Togo.

As well as the presidents of Ivory Coast, Burkina Faso and Togo, the summit was attended by the presidents of regional heavyweight Nigeria, Benin, Niger and host Ghana.

U.N. envoy urges funds for crisis-hit Uganda

NAIROBI, Nov 11 (Reuters) - The United Nations will appeal for more funds to aid northern Uganda "the biggest forgotten and neglected humanitarian emergency in the world," a senior U.N. official said on Tuesday.

Jan Egeland, a U.N. undersecretary-general in charge of humanitarian affairs, said the situation in northern Uganda, where rebels shot and hacked to death scores of villagers last week, was worsening.

Egeland was speaking at a press briefing after a two-day trip to Uganda where he met the vice president and visited camps sheltering thousands of the east African country's internally displaced people.

In the most recent atrocity, Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) rebels butchered up to 60 people in Lira district and forced some villagers to watch as they beheaded the corpses of others they had just killed.

"We, the United Nations, have done too little. The donors have done too little. The government has done too little. We must rectify this," Egeland said.

For 17 years the LRA, notorious for slicing off the lips and limbs of their victims, has waged war against the government, snatching tens of thousands of children from rural villages and forcing them to work as frontline soldiers and sex slaves.

To avoid capture, children, dubbed

night commuters, flock to northern Ugandan towns, sleeping at hospitals, bus terminals and church grounds before returning to their homes the next day.

Egeland said U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan would address donors on November 18 and call for funds to boost humanitarian work in 25 countries including Uganda, Congo, Burundi and Sudan.

He said the appeal would be for a fraction of the \$33 billion pledged by international donors for Iraq's reconstruction.

"We hope...that rich countries and donors will say yes, the biggest humanitarian crisis is not in the Middle East

but in the Great Lakes region," Egeland added.

He said both the government and rebels needed to be enlisted to ensure access to civilians cut off by the fighting in north and eastern pockets of the country.

The government deployed 14,000 troops backed by helicopter gunships and tanks against the rebels last year, but attacks have since intensified and pushed further south towards Kampala.

Peace talks aimed at ending neighbouring Sudan's 20-year war could have a positive effect in Uganda, which has accused Khartoum in the past of supporting the LRA.

Ethiopia press group condemns government ban

ADDIS ABABA, Nov 11 (Reuters) - Ethiopia's independent journalists' body condemned the government on Tuesday for suspending its licence in a move it said was an attempt to stop its opposition to a controversial draft press law.

Kifle Mulate, the president of the Ethiopia Free Press Journalist Association, said the Ministry of Justice had on Monday suspended the organisation, which has opposed proposals by the government to set up a state-run press council.

"Until a final decision is made, Ethiopia Free Press Journalist Association should refrain from any

kind of activities as of Monday November 10, 2003," Mulate said reading from an Information Ministry letter.

In a press statement, the ministry said the association had flouted the rules under which it was established and had not provided annual audited reports for the last three years.

But Mulate dismissed the government's charges, saying the motive behind the suspension was to muzzle freedom of expression and give full control of the country's media to the state.

The journalists' organisation wants a press council to be overseen by the private sector.

TOKYO, Nov 11 (Reuters) - North Korea called on Tuesday for talks with Japan on compensating sex slaves and other victims of Japan's 1910-1945 colonial rule, saying diplomatic ties would be impossible until compensation was paid.

Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, however, said he was not aware of the North Korean demand and said other issues should be dealt with first.

The North Korean call came days before U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld is due in Japan and South Korea for security talks, with North Korea's nuclear ambitions sure to be high on the agenda.

"The DPRK (North Korea) strongly proposes Japan to hold the DPRK-Japan inter-governmental talks at the earliest possible date to discuss the issue of

compensating the Korean victims of civil rights abuses," the North's official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) quoted a Foreign Ministry spokesman as saying.

"The DPRK government strongly urges Japan to apologise and compensate all victims," the spokesman said. "The normalisation of...relations can never take place unless Japan compensates for the above-said human rights abuses."

North Korea's demands for an apology and compensation for Japan's harsh colonial rule of the Korean Peninsula, when many women were forced to become prostitutes for Japanese soldiers, has long stymied normalisation talks.

Japan says the two were not in a state of war and refuses to consider reparations.

Relations between the neighbours, always touchy, have been increasingly tense since the eruption of a crisis over North Korea's nuclear ambitions last year.

The issue of Japanese people abducted by North Korea decades ago to train its spies has also damaged ties.

There has been no progress over the fate of the children of five Japanese people who were repatriated but had to leave their children in North Korea.

Koizumi told reporters: "We'd like them to work in good order for resolution of the abduction issue."

"Then there's also the nuclear problem, which the international community is watching with great attention. I believe they need to respond firmly and sincerely to this."

A historic summit between Koizumi and North Korean leader Kim Jong-il in

Pyeongyang in September last year set the stage for the resumption of talks on diplomatic ties. But they stalled after one round.

Asked about the KCNA report, a Japanese Foreign Ministry official in charge of Northeast Asian affairs said: "We must first examine the details of what North Korea wants to do."

Another foreign ministry official was quoted by NHK television as saying the government placed great priority on the abduction issue and was unlikely to respond to a North Korean proposal for talks if they were only about the past.

At last year's Pyongyang meeting, Koizumi apologised for Japan's colonial-era actions, but rejected North Korea's demand for reparations. Instead, the two leaders agreed to discuss later Japanese aid for North Korea

Presidential hopeful wants no more Serbs in Hague

BELGRADE, Nov 11 (Reuters) - A Serbian nationalist running for president accused ruling reformers on Tuesday of introducing "brutal" capitalism in Serbia and said Belgrade should stop handing over suspects to a U.N. war crimes tribunal.

Tomislav Nikolic, nicknamed "gravedigger" in local media because of his past job as manager of a local cemetery, belongs to the the hardline Radical Party and is one of the leading candidates in Sunday's election, according to opinion polls.

He said he would demand the resignation of Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic if he was elected head of state and threatened to call his supporters on to the streets if he refused.

"One million workers are without jobs, factories are not working at all, Serbia does not have production," he told Reuters in an interview. "These were brutal changes."

Many ordinary Serbs are disillusioned that their lives have not changed for the better since former President Slobodan Milosevic was ousted three years ago, even though official statistics say living standards have improved.

Nikolic, who has drawn thousands of people to his rallies in recent weeks, wants Serbia to stop handing over suspects to a United Nations war crimes court in The Hague, including top fugitive, Bosnian Serb general Ratko Mladic.

A survey published at the weekend said Nikolic would win about 39 percent of the vote compared with 47 percent for veteran pro-democracy politician Dragoljub Micanovic, who is backed by the ruling DOS bloc which toppled Milosevic.

Political analysts say the presidential vote may fail again, as it did twice in 2002 because turnout did not reach the required 50 percent to



Tomislav Nikolic, Presidential candidate of the hardline Serbian Radical Party (SRS), gestures during an interview with Reuters in Belgrade Nov. 11. Nikolic, a Serbian nationalist running for president, accused ruling reformers of introducing cruel capitalism in the impoverished country after ousting Slobodan Milosevic three years ago. Nikolic also accused the government of failing to help Serb suspects in detention at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in The Hague. Serbian presidential elections are scheduled on Nov.16.

make it valid.

But a solid result for Nikolic would show that the Radical Party's brand of ultra-nationalism remains popular in Serbia, which is expected to hold early parliamentary elections soon.

"They are among the biggest parties," said pollster Srdjan Bogosavljevic. "It is a party which is well-organised."

"HELP SERBS IN THE HAGUE"

Milosevic is currently on trial at the U.N. court in The Hague, charged with genocide and crimes against humanity in the wars which tore socialist Yugoslavia apart in the 1990s.

Nikolic's party is headed by Vojislav Seselj, who is also facing trial at the war crimes court.

Nikolic accused the government of failing to help Serb suspects awaiting trial in The Hague.

"It is very important for Serbia to help these people in their defence," said Nikolic, who like other nationalists accuses The Hague of anti-Serb bias.

"My victory would be a sign that Serbian citizens do not want anyone to be extradited and the government must respect the will of the people."

The U.N. tribunal wants Belgrade to hand over four generals whose indictments for Kosovo war crimes were made public last month, including uniformed police chief, Sreten Lukic.

Serbia is also under intense Western pressure to deliver Mladic, the Bosnian Serb general accused of genocide for the 1995 massacre of up to 8,000 Muslim men and boys in the Bosnian town of Srebrenica.

The Belgrade authorities say they don't know where he is.

"If there is evidence that Ratko Mladic is a war criminal he should be tried in Serbia," said Nikolic.

London seen at more risk of attack than U.S.

LONDON, Nov 11 (Reuters) - London is at greater risk of a terror attack by Islamic extremists than any other major city in the United States or Western Europe, a study said on Tuesday.

Prime Minister Tony Blair's support for the U.S.-led war in Iraq and Britain's large Muslim population meant there was a serious possibility of a suicide bombing, according to the report by business consultancy Control Risks Group.

Previously the Muslim extremist threat had been a "vague, undefined war against the West", the report said.

"But in the last year Britain has reinforced its position in the eyes of the Islamic world as the major ally of the U.S.," said Jake Stratton, research director for the group's 2004 RiskMap report, which analyses security in 195 countries.

"London has become a pre-eminent terrorist target in Western Europe," said Stratton.

The warning comes as London's police gear up for one of the capital's biggest ever security operations during an official visit by U.S. President George W. Bush next week amid fears of a terror attack.

Control Risks raised the terror risk rating for London to medium from low. The threat to the rest of mainland Britain, most of western

Europe and the U.S. remained ranked as low.

The report cited several reasons why London was more at risk than New York or Washington: the tightening of security in the United States after the 11 September attacks, the wide spread of potential U.S. targets across the country and a lack of a centralised Muslim community in the United States.

Britain, which has never been the target of a suicide attack, has a large Muslim population and London is the only place of political significance in the country, making it a "very attractive target for Islamic extremists," Stratton said.

In May, two Britons took part in a suicide bombing in Israel that marked the first of its kind by foreigners sympathetic to the Palestinian uprising, an indication that Muslim militants were operating in Britain, according to the report.

"Suicide bombings, either by individuals, or a vehicle packed with explosives would be relatively easy for terrorists to carry out, while delivering a psychological blow to the general public," said Stratton.

Britain's top police officer, Sir John Stevens, said in September that the country faced a threat from suicide bombers and that a terror attack was almost inevitable.

African priests criticise Vatican GMO conference

ROME, Nov 11 (Reuters) - Organisers of an international Vatican seminar on genetically modified foods came under fire from their own on Tuesday when African priests said it should have included more Church members critical of the crops.

The seminar, attended by experts from the United States, Europe, Asia and Africa, is intended to help the Vatican decide whether GMOs (genetically modified organisms) eventually get its backing which could affect the views of millions of Catholics.

The gathering, which was closing later on Tuesday, had already come under fire on its opening day from two speakers who said it was biased with scientists who favour GMOs.

"We are concerned that several voices of Church leaders around the world are not represented on these panels," two Jesuit priests said in a joint written presentation.

The priests were Roland Lesseps, senior scientist at the Kasisi Agricultural Training Centre in Lusaka, Zambia, and Peter Henriot, director of Lusaka's Jesuit Centre of Theological Reflection.

They pointed to recent statements by Church leaders in the Philippines, Brazil and South Africa, which they said had expressed "deep concerns based on practical experiences" and were not reflected at the seminar.

In their paper, the priests quoted Pope John Paul, who has said the world was not ready to assess the biological disturbance that could result from what he called "unscrupulous development of new forms of plants and animal life."

The European Union on Monday postponed a decision on whether to allow the import of a type of genetically modified maize that would have tested its de-facto ban on the crops.

Small farms threatened?

The two priests said the current

design of commercially promoted GMOs was based on an industrial model of agriculture that favours large farms at the expense of family farms.

They warned it would "introduce a serious dependency of small-scale and mostly poor farmers on large multinational corporations for seeds and complementary necessities."

They said there also was a risk that alternative agriculture, such as organic farming, would be severely limited by the use of GMOs and abrogate the tradition in many developing countries of saving seeds each year for replanting.

The seminar of 67 scientists, plant experts and Catholic Church representatives, was organised by the Vatican's Council for Justice and Peace, which deals with development issues.

It is closely watched by political, business and scientific communities because the Vatican's position on GMOs could affect the views of millions of Catholics across the world.

They said the assertion that GMO crops would lessen the problem of world hunger through increased productivity "is open to direct challenge."

Dorren Stabinsky of the environmental group Greenpeace again criticised the seminar, saying it included "an overwhelming presence of GMO advocates" and few critics.

"In our view, this seminar adequately addresses neither the issue of GMO (problems) nor that of solving world hunger. The question posed in the title of this seminar — 'GMOs: Hope or Threat' — will not be answered here," she told the group.

The Vatican organisers and other scientists have rejected assertions that the balance was intentionally biased against GMOs. They said sides would be taken into consideration when the Vatican position on GMOs is eventually formulated.

Bremer expected to meet soon at White House

WASHINGTON, Nov 11 (Reuters) - Iraq's U.S. governor Paul Bremer has arrived in Washington and is expected to meet soon with top officials at the White House for what is likely to be a decision-making session, a U.S. official said on Tuesday.

"When decisions need to be made, Bremer comes. Some decisions need to be made," the official told Reuters, saying he presumed the issues dealt with security and the political transition in Iraq.

There was no immediate confirmation from the White House.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said there was no expectation Bremer would be leaving his post.

But another U.S. official recently told Reuters there is growing friction between Bremer and Washington, particularly over Bremer's resistance to accelerating the transfer of control from Americans to Iraqis.

Bremer left Baghdad for Washington at short notice and canceled a meeting on Tuesday with visiting Polish Prime Minister Leszek Miller, the Polish delegation in Baghdad said.

Brussels, not Rome, sets EU-Israel policy: Solana

ROME, Nov 11 (Reuters) - European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana said on Tuesday Brussels, not Rome, sets the bloc's agenda and denied Israel could be getting a mixed message because of dissonant noises from current EU president Italy.

Italy's recent contrasting foreign policy comments have highlighted the sometimes difficult relationship between Brussels and the rotating EU presidency, which will be held by Italy until January.

"The official message is the message given by me, by the European Union," Solana said during an interview with two news agencies in Rome.

"No third country has any doubt about the European Union position... since most of the positions are written beforehand."

Last week, Italian Deputy Prime Minister Gianfranco Fini called Israel's construction of a wall through occupied territories in the West Bank an act of self-defence even though the EU has consistently opposed it, raising questions about who influences policy.

"Our position is clear," Solana said on Tuesday. "We do not think this (the wall) is the appropriate thing to do ... considering that this is dividing cities and people."

The comments come at a sensitive time ahead of an EU-Israel Cooperation Council meeting. EU envoy Marc Otte has been snubbed by Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon over his contacts with Palestinian President Yasser Arafat.

"I think we will find a mechanism to overcome that difficulty, because when you have someone whose main task is

to go back and forth between two sides and he is not received by one of the sides, it's rather bizarre," Solana said.

He said the rotating EU presidency had left some room for misunderstandings. Last week Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi staunchly defended Russian actions in Chechnya and the handling of legal action against oil giant YUKOS that prompted an EU rebuke.

"I think that was an exceptional situation..." Solana said, adding that Berlusconi needed to bear in mind that he could not take off the hat of the rotating presidency entirely even when speaking on bilateral matters.

He said such conflicts would likely be eliminated when the EU accepts 10 new members next year as changes to the presidency were also being discussed.

Sweden, Finland oppose EU vanguard defence group

STOCKHOLM, Nov 11 (Reuters) - Sweden and Finland joined Britain on Tuesday in condemning a plan under which a group of willing European Union member states could cooperate more closely on defence.

Such a move would create tensions within the EU and across the Atlantic, Finnish Foreign Minister Erkki Tuomioja and Swedish colleague Laila Freivalds said in a joint article published in the Swedish daily Dagens Nyheter.

The defence proposal is part of a draft EU constitution prepared by a convention of EU country representatives and one of the most contentious issues in talks between leaders of the

EU, which from May will have 25 members.

Some countries, notably Britain, see this as encroaching on NATO's role and a proposal by France, Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg to set up a military headquarters independent of NATO in Belgium has caused concern in London and Washington.

Sweden and Finland are both militarily non-aligned.

Tuomioja and Freivalds said crisis handling under the EU name should only take place with the consent of all members.

"The convention's proposal about structured cooperation for a limited number of member states...to work

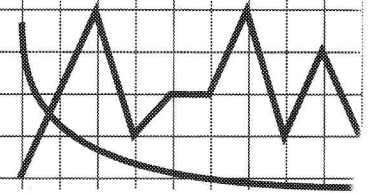
towards the Union's ability to take on more demanding crisis-handling operations is not the right way to go," they said.

The remarks echo the position of Britain, which supports tighter EU defence cooperation but does not want an elite vanguard group starting it.

"We strongly reject the convention's proposal that a group of member states should establish a mutual defence within the EU frame," Tuomioja and Freivalds said.

They said they wanted the EU to develop as a political alliance based on solidarity rather than as a military alliance with binding defence guarantees

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The basis of life

Water sources need protection



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Of the most prominent reasons for sustained development is the protection of the water wealth. This is

because water is of vital importance and is the base on which life is built in any society, and on which agricultural development depend on.

In Yemen, the underground water or the water storage resulting from seasonal rain is considered the main source of water which must be utilized and used in agriculture in a wise manner. Also means of maintaining the surplus waters through building dams and reservoirs should

be of high priority especially in regions where floods are known to happen.

Not only must that water be maintained, it also must be maintained in a clean and healthy way so that it does not turn into a source of diseases and epidemics and negatively affect the air and soil. It's enough that pollution comes from industrial development and civil life, as well as wars, fires and car pollution.

Actually it is a viscous circle because the pollution of air causes the pollution of land and water and hence it affects all kinds of human life, animals and plants.

Statistics indicate that agriculture in Yemen consumes 90% of the water storage. That is why it is essential to develop a mechanism for wisely utilizing the irrigation process. At the same time, making uttermost use of the rains and floods

to feed into the same underground water reservoirs through building dams and water canals, is also needed.

Moreover it is a well known fact that a huge percentage of the water in the irrigation process is dedicated to Qat plantations, where artesian wells are built in an uncontrolled and chaotic manner that harms the underground balance of water. There is also the increase in popula-

tion that adds another urgent demand on more water.

Awareness should be raised in how to utilize the consumption of the little water that Yemen possesses. Water is the life vein of any civilization, therefore it needs protection and good utilization and efficient irrigation techniques, suitable measures to organize the irrigation process and water consumption in the country.



Analysts believe that major reforms in the way Yemeni farmers irrigate their farms are needed

Notification

The Yemen Times Newspaper has in its issue number 683 on 6 November published an article on the business page "Aden free zone investment to boost up" where the page editor Mahyoub al-Kamali cited a statement by Mr Adnan al-Kaf, director of the Yemeni company for investment.

The business page editor would like to make it clear that he has taken Mr al-Kaf's statement from the Economic Magazine published by the Saba News Agency issued in 2002 on the project of container port in Aden. The editor mentioned the statement as citation supporting his article not as a recent statement. The article author apologizes to Mr Adnan al-Kaf for not mentioning then the source and the date of the statement.

Trade union report says it's time to re-evaluate economic reform

World Bank policies maybe hurting Yemen?

By Mahyoub al-Kamali
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Yemen's economic reforms that have come from policy slated by the World Bank for the past eight years have hurt the country just as much as helped it, according to a study by a committee from trade unions.

The report says while job opportunities have been provided by some projects, the privatization of public institutions has also led to higher unemployment.

The study notes that unemployment in Yemen has risen from 25% in 1995 to around 37% in 2003.

Yemen's economic reforms have

been associated with setting up a strategy for the alleviation of poverty, they've actually created a social imbalance, and the study says that more than 34% of the population is now under the line of poverty.

The study has also affirmed that the real values of wages have retreated to just one-quarter of their value in 1990, and as a result the middle class has suffered, and the rate of variance between the rich class and majority of the poor is now deeper.

The study indicated that 20 per cent of the population possesses 49 per cent of the volume of the social gross domestic product, and 20 per cent of the poor possesses six per cent of the social gross domestic product.

The study pointed out that policies

of the WB have resulted in economic recession in a manner that makes it hard to move towards recovery.

The study has also drawn the attention to administrative reforms in Yemen, supported by the WB, which focus on lowering of the work force in the administrative and economic sectors of the state, without paying attention and taking into account to the efficiency, performance, productivity and criteria and specifications for occupying jobs.

The study recommended the necessity of directing some of the loans of the WB to financing projects of vocational training and continued education and also the need to deal with poverty and unemployment.

The recommendations also have urged the giving of the labour market

and the labour force the biggest attention through providing job opportunities for the youth and development of woman's capabilities and incorporating her with labour.

The recommendations also called for the reforming of the educational system, attracting more investment and activating the banks' role for encouraging savings and directing them towards development.

The study called for drawing up a new policy for giving loans to projects, including small ones, in order to lessen challenges of need and poverty in the country.

The study concluded that the WB policies need to be reconsidered, as they are not helping with unemployment or poverty reduction.

Ramadhan & Eid exhibition inaugurated

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Under the auspices of President Ali Abdullah Saleh, chairman of the General People's Congress (GPC), Ramadhan and Eid exhibition was inaugurated at Sana'a International Exhibition Center-Shumaila on November 9.

The exhibition, organised by the Investment and Economic Division & Businessmen Department, would continue open till the end of the fast-month of Ramadhan.

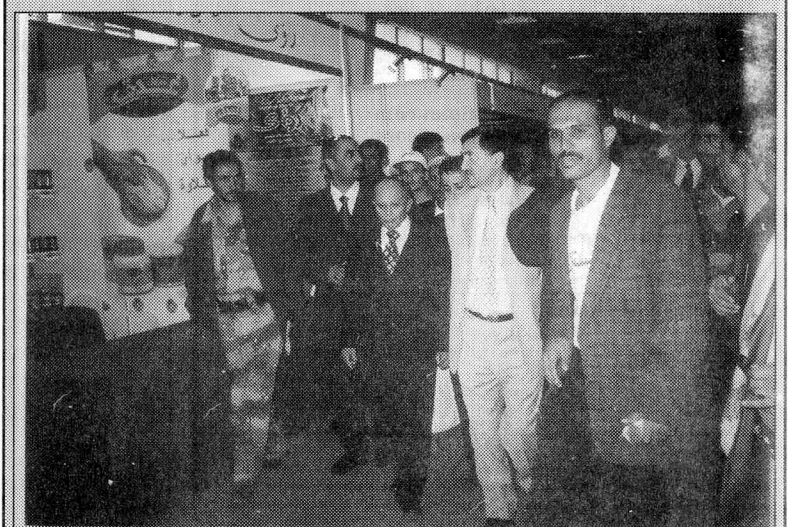
Political advisor to president Ali Abdulla Saleh, Dr. Abdulkareem al-Eryani, a number of businessmen and

well-known personalities attended the inauguration ceremony and toured the exhibition divisions.

Dr al-Eryani said "This event is sponsored by GPC and comes to provide citizens with needs of Ramadhan and Eid under one roof with suitable prices through which GPC proves its credibility and makes its promises true."

The exhibition includes different goods such as ladies, men and children wear, household equipment, furniture, carpets, candies and sweets etc.

It is worth mentioning that discounts in prices of the exhibition goods are about 75% which organizers confirm they are real discounts.



Mr. Al-Eryani touring the exhibition

Words of Wisdom



One of the major problems of Yemen is that there is no way of identifying the true worth of an individual in terms of knowledge and know-how. All levels of examinations in schools have lost their meaning, and they have become hollow procedures. Cheating is rampant, evaluation is less than objective and thorough, and grades are "adjusted and readjusted" long after the results are announced.

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

OUR OPINION

Riyadh blast is an intolerable act

There is no doubt that the terrorist suicidal attack that took place in Riyadh last week, is outrageous and unjustifiable. It was an act of violence that killed innocent civilians, mostly Saudis and Arabs.

What we can conclude from the situation in Saudi Arabia is that terrorists are still active, and are hitting hard, and are also expected to continue their attempts to damage the peace and stability our neighbor had enjoyed for so long.

Efforts seem to be focused on bringing internal conflict and turmoil within the borders of the kingdom. This is truly a dangerous development that should be tackled with all possible means.

Chasing and cracking down on terrorists is one step, but other more fundamental steps need to be taken. For example, there should be a thorough understanding and analysis about from where those fundamentalists get their ideas, and what made them attempt to kill their own brothers in Islam.

A link should be established between the physical nature of those attacks and the minds that are behind them. Let us not use the post-911 so called 'war against terror' as our example. We can see it has achieved very little on the ground because it mainly focuses on the confrontational aspect of the problem and tries to tackle it using force, violence, and oppression. More Guantanamo Bay camps will definitely not help in achieving a more stable country. On the contrary, such measures build up into a monster of hatred and bias.

Every nation makes mistakes, and I believe Saudi Arabia does too. The danger of extremism and fundamentalism has been there for some time, but it has not explored or dealt with until it has become too late. Those attacks have taken place only after decades of accumulated radical ideas and practices done by people who found the right environment, and who were able to brainwash many with their ill concepts.

Let us take this occasion in joining hands with our Saudi brothers to fight this enemy, which has grown partially due to mistakes of the past and because of overlooking and neglect.

The issue is still resolvable and we need not lose hope. But again, I assert that the solution should be on multiple dimensions. It should deal with a physical threat in terms of possible violence, more attacks, and security gaps, and with a mental threat that can only be dealt with by going deep into the minds of those people and knowing how they think, why they think this way, and what makes them die for their cause.

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An open letter to Yemen's Prime Minister:

Expatriates need your encouragement

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I know the Yemeni government is trying to deal with numerous difficulties and problems facing the nation as a whole. Those problems were mostly inherited from the past and several new problems have come up as well. The government's efforts, I could say, have started to yield tangible results compared to previous governments. I congratulate the new ministers on those achievements.

The government seems to have been trying to encourage international investors to invest in Yemen. Frankly speaking, much effort is required before investors are convinced and encouraged to start investing in Yemen. But then I have always wondered why we can't start to encourage Yemenis living abroad to invest in their homeland. It is true that this step was always part of the government's plans and agenda, as we heard a lot of slogans in this respect. However, when we come to reality, we can see little success or achievements in this issue.

I believe the problem lies in the government's insistence to look into the potentials of bringing huge investments and ignoring small and medium-scale investors. There are millions of Yemenis abroad, and many of them are in the age of retirement. Those are willing to come back to their country. And there is, as I can foresee, a concern that

some Yemenis in exile will have to terminate their work because of tense competition and lack of job opportunities. On the other hand, Yemen is still a country unexploited and with great potentials.

We hence need to point out the benefits to those Yemenis. We need to understand what has to be said to those expatriates for them to be encouraged to return to their country and invest there.

A lot of Yemeni prefer spending their lives earnings in the countries where they have lived, without having a solid and concrete long-term investment. Therefore, their new generations face the facts that they have to start from scratch and begin pursuing a new career.

I would like to tell the Prime Minister that he should let the government start giving more importance and concern to the expatriates' future. Is it really impossible for Yemeni expatriates to contribute to a housing project for example, or small investment projects that would enable them and their families to live a decent peaceful life in their homeland? The government must do its homework in studying such projects and ways to convince the expatriates that their small and medium scale projects are feasible and could be successful. It should provide all the necessary guarantees that expatriates need to start their businesses.

On the other hand, the expatriates need to be convinced and confident that

their investments in Yemen will be successful.

I would like to bring forward one example of a potentially feasible project. How about improving facilities at the borders with neighboring countries? Let us take for example of Harad border point between Yemen and Saudi Arabia.

Can't our border be utilized to bring facilities and services to travelers from and to each country? Why not call upon expatriates and companies to invest in such projects, and get the return profit from symbolic fees to be paid by travelers through these points.

I would like the Prime Minister to pay a visit to one of those border points and check to see if the border point is in fact a place where Yemeni expatriates would feel relaxed and comfortable when they enter their country's territory. He needs to put himself in any expatriate's shoes and live the moments when entering through this border.

I am confident that such small investments would yield a better reward than other gigantic projects that are usually implemented by international companies and are hence subject to global influence which does not take the country's long-term benefits into consideration.

I hope that the opinions and thoughts in this article will reach our government and Prime Minister, whom I hope will act accordingly and bring the change deeply needed.

Disgraceful 'Anti-Semitic' accusations

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This refers to a letter by one Larry Church 'You're anti-Semitic and Anti-American' (The Yemen Times, 9-12 November, 2003). The comments he expressed in the letter are totally against the prestige of country which has snatched all powers from not only the so-called UN, but other states too. I mean he had better use his language in a civilized tone against a paper's policy.

Don't go far off, but look at the Western media (both electronic and print) that get to explode on anything else going against America's will. But despite all that we never wrote any such letters to (what Larry Church did to the Yemen Times) the American media as to why they are exploiting and blackmailing those states which are still saying 'NO' to the orders of

Uncle Sam.

I always read almost all the newspapers from the region, but to be frank, I find the Yemen Times as very objective and straightforward in journalism.

I am convinced that if the paper had written its editorial (what he had objected) in pro-US tone, it would have been lauded now. I take my hat off the Yemen Times, that it duly accommodated his letter though most of the papers always kill letters full of such criticism and hatred.

In regards to Uncle Sam, it is no more a hidden fact that whatever has been going on around the world is just because of her undue involvement and interference. The other day, the American President, George W. Bush while addressing a press conference called upon the Gulf States to try to adopt 'democracy'.

But let me ask what kind of democracy he has talked of? Western or Islamic? Because we are Muslims and supposed to follow in the footsteps of

our holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and his companions commonly known as Khulofaa-e-Raashideen.

Sorry we cannot own the Western democracy which is still immature and its vivid example can be found in the case of the last presidential polls during which the tug-of-war between the two candidates, that's Mr. Bush and Mr. Al-Gore, cannot be ruled out. Just imagine, being so advanced state, the counting of polled votes were finally made with hands instead of using the sophisticated technology.

We don't erect accusing fingers at what is going on inside US otherwise we are declared as terrorists but it's okay for US to intrude any country without UN's proper search and arrest warrant. The examples of Afghanistan and Iraq are before us.

Finally, will Larry Church give me a friendly and satisfactory answers as to why US struck Afghanistan and Iraq? If he fails, then surely I will answer him. So I am waiting for the answer!

Looking for Mohammed Atta

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I am a Chinese woman working in Singapore and I am writing this letter to seek your assistance by publishing it so as readers could help find my husband whose name is Mohamed Ahmed Atta. My story is quite tearful that I would like to share with you briefly.

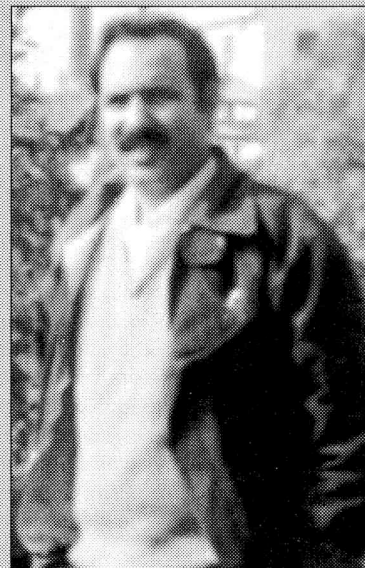
I met Mohamed in 1987 while we both studied in Shanghai Industrial University. He was so kind and helpful. He was a faithful man, whom I fell in love with. We got married after I converted to Islam. This happened despite a lot of opposition and pressure from the society and my family. A year later, I gave birth to a lovely baby girl in China, however due to North-South civil war in Yemen in 1994, I did not follow Mohamed to Yemen. That is the start of our tragedy.

We lost contact with each other since I moved to Singapore. I have been trying to call and write to Mohamed many times but he seems to have moved to another place. I hope everything is fine with him and his family.

I am now working as an electronic engineer in Singapore, living with my 10 years old daughter, who is now schooling at primary 3 and doing fine, a very much bright and clever girl, just like her father.

Throughout all these 10 years, I was always thinking of the meaning of life. I realize that what he told me is correct. I was too young to make a decision at that time. I have always been regretting my mistakes and asking forgiveness from Mohamed. I wish my daughter and I can talk to him again, that is the dream of my life. I won't ask for too much.

I was so excited when I found this website from internet; I got some hope. I will be so grateful if you can



understand my feeling and publish this article and photo on your paper. I really hope to know the whereabouts of Mohamed A. Atta, maybe just to let him know how I miss him and pray for him.

COMMON SENSE



By Hassan Al-Haifi

Where are the Arabs in all this?

It is easy for most of the Arabs leaders to say, well we have done our best in bringing all the calamity that the Arab Nation faces to a halt, or to at least slow them down. After all they have condemned this attack or that invasion: the classic getaway from any blame or accusation that indeed the Arab leaders are very much a part of this whole sad ordeal that the Arab nation faces. But when talking to the people in the street, or taking a random poll of public opinion in the Arab World, one is not surprised to hear most Arabs putting most of the blame for all our tragic state of being on the Arab leaders themselves. For one thing they have been overtly careless about respecting the views of their constituents in almost all matters of statecraft and government. In fact they often go against the views of their constituencies in most of the handling of affairs in their own domains and in their relations with other states. This is the essential reason for much of their poor performance in the management of affairs of state at home and abroad. On the other hand, they insist on continuing to have their subjects (all of them in fact rule like kings, even in the most pronounced republican regimes) believe that it is only they who can tell what is in the best interest of their respective subjects and whatever solutions they come up with to any problems at hand are Divine ordinances that must be adhered to the letter, or else... This is classic despotism in all its manifestations and we are really getting tired of it.

On the other hand, this kind of despotic rule is beginning to shape up into an excuse for other powers to interfere in our internal affairs, as is the case in Iraq and we are at a loss when we realize that our rulers have not caught up on this phenomenon. Even after George W. Bush declared that it was bad policy to continue to bolster bad Arab leaders, the Arab leaders continue to believe that they will hang on to their thrones as long as they continue to placate the White House and the State Department and make sure that American and Western Embassies are well guarded by our elite military and security forces. Mr. Bush has now told them that this will not be enough anymore. Yet the overall situation in most Arab states remains the same, with the people of the Arab World still left in the background when all important government decisions are made. In fact, business is as usual in most of the Arab states with the tiny cliques that control all the resources of the different Arab states still sponging off all they can out of these resources to fulfill their own selfish drives and running the show in the same manner void of all transparency or accountability. We are still however comforted by the idea that God Al-Mighty will still hold these narrow minded cliques accountable for every Riyal they have illegitimately funneled off and for every improper decision they have taken, let alone their horrendously poor performance in all fields of governance and public affairs. However, this does not mean that we should not remind these impotent leaders that it is really time to wake up or ship out, for their own benefit and for the good of the nation as a whole. We really are not keen on having American troops barge into our homes in the wee hours of the night "looking for suspects" or terrorists or whatever excuse they may have for disturbing our privacy and right to live free from fear and illegitimate break-in.

Yes, Iraq has also taught most of the Arab population that bad leadership is an invitation for others to come in and conduct our state of affairs, in a worse manner than even our leaders have shown, but nevertheless without them.

The Arab leaders have fooled us too long for us to digest most of the political propaganda they continuously bombard us with, not to mention the exaggerated ego efforts that the state media has been used to project at the people's expense. If they must be autocratic, they should at least show some national loyalty and taste and they should deliver some good to their people, but to be autocratic and still produce zilch for their subjects make these leaders simply deplorable.

The Arab nation is undergoing very strong challenges and it is time that our leaders share their people's feelings, if they are ever to find ways to meet these challenges. The latest elections in Mauritania underscore the fact that Arab leaders tend to be slow in learning from events that are unfolding before their very eyes and it seems that our leaders insist that it is either us or hell. For God's sake, one wonders if the latter may not be relief from all the depression and frustration that can be seen as one walks the streets from Sana'a to Nouakchott.

Anatomy of a lie

BY TED RALL
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On Sept. 18, George W. Bush knew that he had gone too far. A Washington Post poll showed that, thanks to his statements, 70 percent of Americans thought that Saddam Hussein — not Osama bin Laden — was behind 9/11. With the press leaning on him to put up or 'fess up, he ordered his henchmen to backpedal. Asked whether there was a link between Saddam and 9/11, Donald Rumsfeld said: "I've not seen any indication that would lead me to believe that I could say that." Bush chimed in: "We've had no evidence that Saddam Hussein was involved with September the 11th. "We have never claimed that Saddam Hussein...had either direction or control of 9/11," affirmed Condoleezza Rice.

Along with his \$87 billion request to Congress for Iraq spending, his admitting the lack of a Saddam-9/11 connection caused Bush's ABC News approval rating to plummet from 58 percent in September to 47 percent in October. The truth didn't play well. Therefore, relying on H.L. Mencken's observation that no one ever went broke overestimating the stupidity of the American public, Bush has returned to the same old

lies he has already admitted.

On Oct. 10, without offering a smidgen of new evidence, Dick Cheney again asserted a connection between 9/11 and Operation Iraqi Fiefdom. "Iraq has become the central front in the war on terror. Our mission in Iraq is a great undertaking and part of a larger mission that the United States accepted now more than two years ago. September 11, 2001 changed everything for this country."

Although no evidence of weapons of mass destruction has been found in Iraq, Cheney also reverted to the White House's pre-war argument for preemptive invasion: "We could not accept the grave danger of Saddam Hussein and his terrorist allies turning weapons of mass destruction against us or our friends or allies." Saddam = terrorism = 9/11 but even worse.

According to the U.N. International Labor Organization, we Americans work longer hours than any other nation in the industrialized world. As White House TV guru Greg Jenkins says, "Americans are leading busy lives, and sometimes they don't have the opportunity to read a story or listen to an entire broadcast. But if they can have an instant understanding of what the president is talking about by seeing 60 seconds of television, you accomplish your goals as communicators."

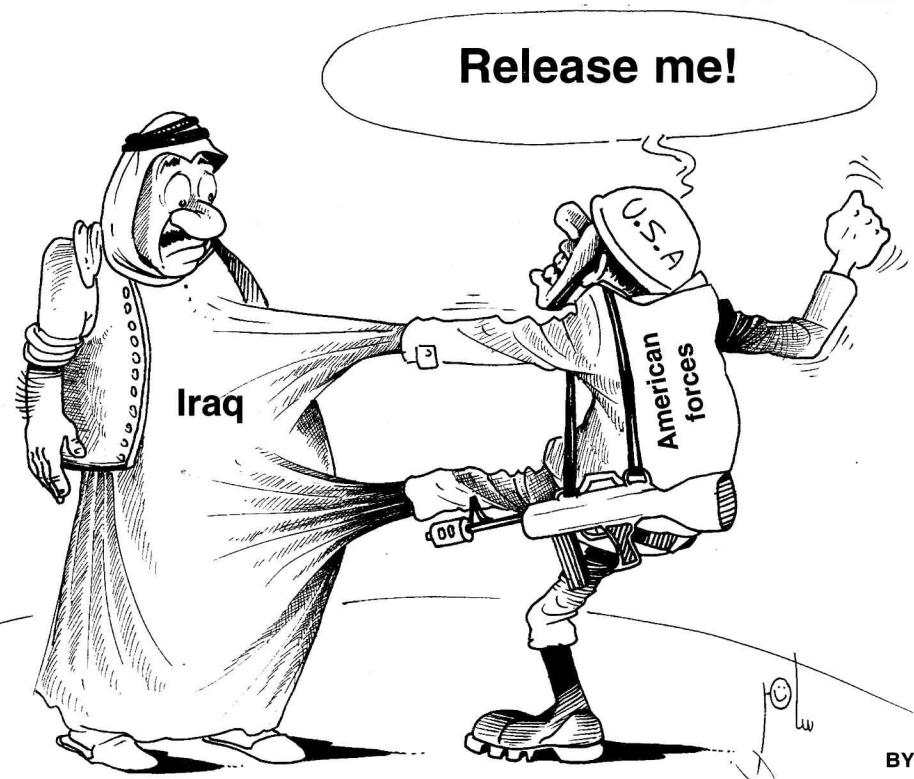
People don't have time for facts, much less nuance.

The Bushies exploit our stress to blur the fictional link between Iraq and 9/11. Let's dissect Cheney's key argument: "We could not accept the grave danger of Saddam Hussein and his terrorist allies turning weapons of mass destruction against us or our friends or allies."

The "danger," according to the Vice President, came from Saddam and his "terrorist allies." But Saddam didn't have WMDs. Bush's own chief weapons inspector says so. That leaves Saddam's "terrorist allies."

Here's where the disconnect gets interesting. When post-9/11 Americans think of "terrorists," they think of Osama bin Laden and Al Qaeda. But when Bush officials talk about Saddam's links to "terrorism," they're referring to something different: Hamas, Hezbollah, and Islamic Jihad, the Palestinian groups fighting the Israeli occupation. Rumsfeld says: "We know he was giving \$25,000 a family for anyone who would go out and kill innocent men, women and children." (By the way, this oft-repeated allegation has yet to be sourced or corroborated by a reputable journalist.) As usual, the spin is based on what they leave out: Rumsfeld wants you to think that those payments went to Al Qaeda to encourage them to blow up

SKEETCHED OPINION



BY SAMER A.

American men, women and children, perhaps on 9/11. In fact, the intended targets of Hamas, Hezbollah and Islamic Jihad are Israelis.

Hamas, Hezbollah and Islamic Jihad have carried out horrendous attacks in Israel. Many innocent people have been killed. But these groups don't have WMDs. And they've never indicated an interest in attacking Americans. Had Cheney told the truth, it would have gone something like this: "We could not accept the possibility of Saddam Hussein's Palestinian terrorist allies

financing suicide bombers against Israel." Or, more succinctly: "We must take out Saddam because he indirectly finances attacks against our ally, Israel."

Many Americans support Israel, but very few would send U.S. troops to fight Ariel Sharon's war against the Palestinians.

The Bushies' arguments always fall apart upon close inspection. Now Condi Rice is backtracking from her backtrack: Saddam had to go, she says, because he posed a threat from "a region from which the

9/11 threat emerged." Guilt by geographical proximity, evidently, is enough to justify carpet-bombing. Israel also happens to be in the Middle East. Should we attack her too?

On Sept. 18 Bush thought it would help to admit the truth: that Saddam Hussein had never been a threat to the United States. Less than a month later, on Oct. 9, Bush's polls upticked as he reverted to form: "I was not about to leave the security of the American people to a madman." It's too late for that.

Waiting at Guantanamo

EDITORIAL
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A year ago, federal officials said the government was nearly ready to go ahead with military tribunals for detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Last May, a senior defense official said, "Pretty much, we're ready to go." This week, Army Col. Frederic L. Borch III — the chief prosecutor for the planned trials — declared, yet again, that their start was "imminent." In light of the

previous delays, this promise should perhaps be taken with a grain of salt. The tribunals were announced with much fanfare and controversy — and no small sense of urgency — barely two months after the 9/11 attacks. Yet the administration's urgency has waned — no doubt partly because it has discovered that indefinitely detaining Taliban and al Qaeda fighters captured abroad is a lot easier than the messy process of trying them. Nearly two years after President Bush ordered their preparations, the tribunals are ever impending but never seem to arrive.

In the meantime, however, the need for a viable military tribunal system has become painfully apparent. The war on terrorism has demonstrated that certain detainees can neither be responsibly released nor be tried in American federal courts without doing real damage to the justice system. Without a functioning tribunal system, Guantanamo Bay has become a kind of human warehouse: About 660 people are imprisoned there, with an untold number of others locked up at other military facilities abroad. Fewer than 70 of the Guantanamo

inmates have been repatriated, a reflection presumably of the military's judgment that the overwhelming majority remain dangerous. Yet it does huge damage to the perception of American justice — abroad and at home — for this judgment to go untested and without any kind of meaningful oversight. The courts, at the military's urging, have denied that they have jurisdiction to review detentions of noncitizens held abroad. So to prevent Guantanamo from continuing as a legal black hole into which people simply disappear, it is essential that charges be filed

against those the military can bring to trial and that some orderly and transparent process be set up to review the cases of those who, for one reason or another, cannot stand trial.

Unfortunately, there is little reason for confidence that either of these things is happening. Only six people have been designated for trial before tribunals, so tribunals will not initially serve as a means of processing many cases — even when they do get started. And while officials have spoken of a process of internal review of the detentions, they have

so zealously guarded basic information about the detainees that it is impossible to assess whether people are being detained reasonably or not. Who is actually being held? What standards are being used to assess whether continued detention is required? How many are still the subjects of active intelligence interrogations? These questions require answers; somehow, law must prevail, even at Guantanamo Bay and at the Bagram air base in Afghanistan. Repeatedly declaring that progress is imminent isn't good enough anymore.

From occupation to guerrilla war:

A new kind of dancing in Iraq

BY DAVID LINDORFF
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The Bush war plan has entered a new and much more dangerous phase. Before, it was all about refocusing Americans on terrorism and patriotism, in hopes of getting our minds off the dismal state of the economy and the massive transfer of wealth to the rich that was and is still underway.

It was a bad bet, because the war, which was supposed to be short and sweet, with happy Iraqis dancing in the street, has turned into something else. (There has indeed been dancing in the streets, but only around the burning hulks of destroyed American military equipment and the charred bodies of dead GI's).

So now, with occupation turning into guerrilla war, the plan is to de-emphasize the ongoing war and try to refocus Americans on the domestic economy, which, while still in a mess, is at least less of a disaster at the moment than the Iraq war.

The new plan is to try and present the illusion of progress in Iraq, by at least temporarily "drawing down" the U.S. troop levels there, from the current 134,000 to "just" 100,000 by next May, when the presidential campaign will have begun in earnest.

It's a seemingly bizarre strategy, to be sure. How, one might ask, can the Pentagon be contemplating a

reduction in the U.S. military presence in coming months even as the guerrilla resistance movement is growing in numbers, skill and daring?

Not long ago, of course, the publicly proclaimed strategy was to pull out American troops and replace them with foreign troops. Initial plans called for Pakistani or Indian soldiers, but those countries demurred. Then Turkish troops were proposed, but Turkey, faced with popular resistance and with fierce opposition to the idea within Iraq, also declined the invitation. European countries (with the exception of Poland, which may be reconsidering its decision after losing a major to a guerrilla attack, and after polls showing 57 percent oppose having troops in Iraq), were equally dismissive of the idea. So now, taking a page from President Nixon's book ("Vietnamization"), the Pentagon claims it will train 170,000 Iraqi soldiers to take over some of the job of pacification from the Americans.

This is quite a task, building from scratch in just half a year an army that, if successfully created, would stand right up there in the top ranks of the world's military forces, in terms of numbers. (Note that it takes that long just to get that many draftees out of civvies and suited up and trained in the U.S., a country over 10 times the size of Iraq, and with a 1.4 million-person military

machine already in place to train and absorb the new recruits.)

The other surprising thing about this new Pentagon scheme is that no one—even the famously self-confident and vainglorious Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld—could reasonably predict how it would work. Would Iraq soldiers really aggressively go after, and kill fellow Iraqis, fighting loyally on the side of the American occupiers? Could they be entrusted with the heavy arms and air support that U.S. troops have, or would they be left to do the job with small arms? Would arming 170,000 Iraqis end up simply being a way of inadvertently training and arming a whole new cadre of anti-American guerrillas? Would the new Iraqi recruits resist the temptation to funnel arms — and information—to guerrillas?

It seems incredibly premature, with the establishment of this Iraqi army so speculative and untested, for the Pentagon to already be talking about and planning for significant U.S. troop reduction.

But then, this appears not to be a generals' decision at all. Like the Vietnam War of yore, the military decisions in the Iraq war are clearly being made not by the brass, but by political operatives, headed by campaign "General" Karl Rove.

What this new plan means is that Rove and Bush's other political handlers are about to callously sacrifice both Iraqi civilians and American

soldiers in the interest of winning re-election next November. It may be possible, that is, for the U.S. to draw down the number of soldiers in Iraq during the peak months of the presidential campaign, enabling Bush to claim, with the help of a demonstrably compliant and unquestioning media, that he is winning the war in Iraq, but this can only be done by a) exposing remaining troops to much greater risk of attack and b) having the remaining forces adopt even more deadly and indiscriminate tactics against guerrilla attacks—for example wider use of helicopter and fixed-wing gunships to spread death and destruction over wide areas whenever there is an attack, and a return to more aerial bombardment. Look, for example, for carpet bombing of cities in the so-called Sunni Triangle, which will soon become Iraq's "Mekong Delta."

Longer term, of course, such a scorched-earth strategy will only lead to greater animosity towards the U.S. war and occupation, and to a more powerful guerrilla movement.

But that doesn't matter to Bush's political braintrust. Their goal now is clearly just to get past election day.

After that, though, they, or Bush's Democratic successor, will have to confront the old Johnson/Nixon dilemma: keep sending in even more troops, or risk having the U.S. defeated and driven from the country in a humiliating defeat.

U.S. Cuba policy out of tune

BY ROB GOWLAND
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Did you see where Benjamin Treuhaft, a piano tuner in the U.S., is being pursued by the U.S. Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) because in 1994 he went to Cuba and tuned pianos there — for \$1 (U.S.) each?

OFAC says Treuhaft violated the Trading With the Enemy Act and has been demanding that he cough up \$10,000 (they must figure he tuned an awful lot of pianos)! "More recently," he says, "OFAC sent me a Cease and Desist letter threatening \$1.3 million in fines and 10 years in jail."

The U.S. government would like you to believe that all U.S. citizens support the campaign against Cuba, but in fact lots of U.S. people think the country's anti-Cuba policy is for the birds. Treuhaft is one of them.

He is one of the organizers of a project with the catchy title Send A Piano To Havana. "We tuners collect used pianos for Cuba, visit the island en masse to fix them, and help run our Newton Hunt Workshop/School of Tuning and Instrument Repair at the National School of Music in Havana."

To show how absurd the U.S. policy is, while the Treasury is hounding Treuhaft for "trading with the enemy" in 1994, the following year he received permission from the U.S. Commerce Department to ship to Cuba the hundreds of pianos donated by U.S. citizens to Send A Piano To Havana!

So far, the U.S. tuners have delivered 210 pianos to "the 90 conservatories that dot that musical island." And they have another 30 "waiting to go."

But the U.S. government is well aware of the threat posed to American values and the democratic way of life by tuned pianos just over the water in Cuba. So this year OFAC refused to renew the U.S. piano tuners' license to travel to Cuba to tune the pianos Americans donated.

"This makes no sense so I'm going anyway," said Treuhaft in a letter to the Cuba Desk of the U.S. State Department earlier this month. And he went.

No doubt there will be further repercussions and efforts to stop Benjamin Treuhaft and his colleagues from continuing their simple humanitarian work. But every time U.S. government officials try to stymie such actions and to silence the "perpetrators," they create more rebels against U.S. policy — in the U.S. itself.

An interview with Amar Haza' al Absi

Is one kids magazine sufficient in Yemen?

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Children learn in the processes of childhood letters transferred into words when grown up. Educating the child does not stop within the limitations of the house and what he learns from his parents, however, it extends to contain the school, the books he reads, the way he understands his readings and how the family together with the school exert efforts to educate the child and enrich and develop his ability to express his ideas and feelings. The child is a real blank page on which knowledge, customs, morals, and principals can be written.

A creative work depends largely on the efforts exerted to enrich and develop child creativity and his way of thinking in the community. Creativity requires reading, knowledge and a special time for reading and having books and magazines, exercising hobbies, and developing talents. Reading comes to be the first thing of human interests and the main way by which the child explores the environment around and enhances his own ability of creativity.

Child magazine is the ground on which he/she plays with his thoughts, and the way to transfer his creative ability. Child press role lies in developing, directing and scouting talents either to participate publishing his ideas in the magazine or just to read. Child magazines should have a message and an idea useful in the processes of educating the child in a very simple language he or she understands.

But where are they? "al Hudhud,"

was the first comic child magazine; "Wadah," was published by Education Ministry, Aden; "Nashwan," by Dar al Hamadani, Aden; "al Hares al Sagir," and "al Bar'em."

All were published for ten issues in the eightieth and then stopped. "al Yemen al Saeed," "Thi Yazan," "Nadir," and "al Tofola," whose editor in chief was Najeeba Hadad were published in the 1990s, all stopped for financial reasons.

"Osama" is Yemen's only youth magazine published till now since 1991, though irregularly. In 1995 it was adopted by the Islah Social and Charitable Society and since that time it had been come out once a month regularly.

As the only Yemeni youth magazine, we have to shed light on it and leave it to the concerned bodies to support, and raise its state and the similar magazines needing to come into existence and to have their states in the Yemeni childhood library. What are the aims of the magazine, what does it consist of and how does it help the Yemeni children in developing their creative ability and talents? We get the answer from Amar Haza' al Absi, Osama magazine editor-in-chief.

Q: What does the child need and how does Osama magazine help to develop his/her abilities?

A: The child needs many things for psychological and mental development. He looks for knowledge and asks about any thing around him. He needs to get the religious and moral values, and for this we use the tales and stories composed of the good morals and behaviors in a loveable and high cultural way.

He needs to develop his mental abilities throughout thinking and to satisfy

his need for technology and science. In Osama, the child can find the puzzles, adventure stories and discoveries. And what the child really needs is enjoyment, getting everyday capabilities, and traditions of his community. In our magazine, we put puzzles and give awards, for the child needs to do some works and to be awarded. The magazine includes various chapters coinciding with the very interests of the children among which are schools and top students; knowledge; games and entertainment; quiz of the issue; stories and paintings; the pens of the children (their writings); girl-related issues, and others

Q: What is the role of the magazine in distributing and developing the child awareness and culture?

A: Child magazines have a great effect on the development of the children mentally, emotionally and socially. They are the right equipment of directing them, satisfying and developing their artistic taste. The effects of our magazine are the following:

1. It is a suitable way to enrich the child language and mind and to develop his/her reading, culture and science skills.
2. It helps the child to get new experiences regarding life and community.
3. It helps the child to spend his spare time in doing the useful things.
4. It represents a way of connection between the child and the community for it is the outcome of the community and his people.

Osama magazine comes to reach many of the governorates and the number of the publications reaches 12,000 copies.

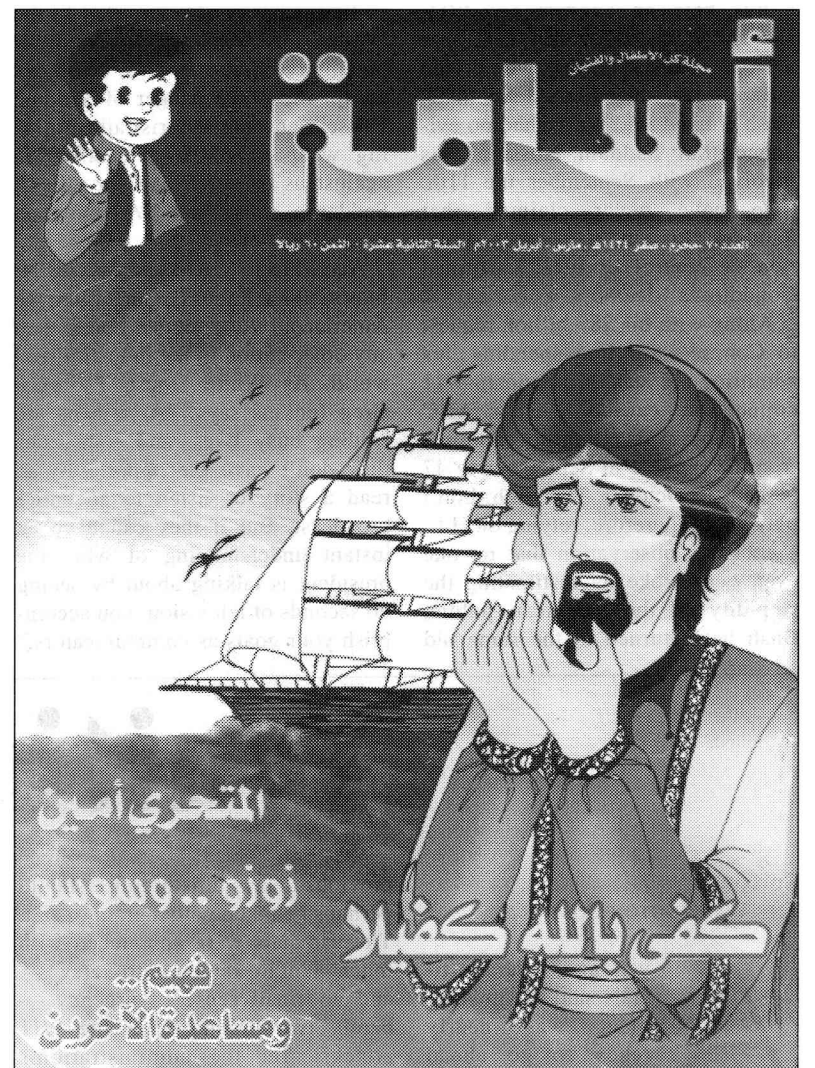
Q: What do the child magazines really lack in Yemen?

A: Child magazines lack writers specialized in child literature, education and psychology so that he can understand the child and his psychology for writing for the children is a difficult art of writings. The financial support is among the needs of the child magazines to continue publishing. Many child magazines were published in the 1980s and 1990s, but unfortunately stopped for financial reasons such as Nashwan, al Tofola (childhood), al Gawhara, etc. The male dominance is the reason behind the absence of the girls magazines. They need the support of the child specialized establishments interested in the literature and education of the child such as the ministry of culture and ministry of media.

However, we are optimistic that the concerned bodies will help in the publication of the child-related books and magazines.

On the way to creativity

In Taiz, there are some 4-5 pages publications prepared by young boys aged 10-14 years old. They receive the writings and photos of their friends, select it carefully and publish them. Their small editors in chief, as they call themselves, and write in the first page in the list of the publication staff, take the information and writings, rearrange and type and design their small publications in the computer. Some interested bodies take the responsibility of printing and distributing them. This makes us trust the talents and creativity of the new generations of children and youths, the promising future awaiting them and the way of thinking they try themselves to



raise.

Will we adopt and show interests to some of the child creativity and talents?

Will we direct them, and help the child to make his own culture?! Here lies our responsibility.

Is it too corrupt, or . . .

Can Yemen's education system be changed?

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For the Yemen Times

Several years ago I wrote some constructive criticism about Yemen's Ministry of Education. A few points have been taken to consideration, but the main problems have not.

Now, it seems to me, the ministry is going from bad to worse. I won't go in detail about what this ministry is supposed to do, but I will try point out the corruption which is going on now in all its offices, starting from schools, local administration offices (MOE), provincial offices, and the base for the corruption in the ministry itself.

Schools

Almost 90% of the schools in the country have shortage of teachers, especially secondary and preparatory schools for the following subjects: maths, physics, biology chemistry and English. In Sana'a, more than 30 schools are without these teachers. Why, no statistics, no registration, no documents? Couldn't they solve it before school starts. What were they doing during the vacation?

Books are not distributed according to the requirement of the schools. Almost 30% of the schools in Sana'a only are without complete texts. Why? Who knows, the rest of the provinces might be without books at all. The shame is the ministry brokers are selling these books in front of the ministry at Tahrir Square.

Administration

The Number of inspectors from academic, financial, materials, administration, etc. There are more than necessary, almost one third of teachers' numbers. And most of them are teachers and are unfit to be inspectors or supervisors, not professionals, just assigned through bribes and relatives. Can any body answer how or why they transferred to these departments, quitting the teaching profession? Just visiting schools, filling up forms, asking teachers qualifications, giving themselves big positions, they show papers from the ministry, from local administration office, or from Sana'a Educational office etc. unorganized inspection, just to show off that they are doing an important job. But they themselves don't know why they are sent for and what their jobs are for. Of course the answer is with the so-called ministry.

This ministry has many assistance ministers. Deputy ministers, general directors, department directors, department heads, and so on. In addition, there are many councilors. At the local administration office (MOE) positions are in the dozens, but none of them solve the problems of schools, teachers, books, etc. They are just there for nothing. In some local administrative offices of the MOE, they don't have office papers on the corner or inside the compound.

In some schools the number of administration workers are more than the teachers, some of them hired directly by the school directors, and some of them relatives for officials at the head office or local administration

office. Many schools have many deputy directors, clerks, controllers, etc. All these people, especially at the ministry, instead of planning, organizing leading, properly just sitting, looking for income source, or how to help their relatives. The ministry has the collection of the most bureaucrats staff in this country.

Policies

There is no standard promotion policy, or rule for students. Every school director has got his/her own policy, has got his/her own people doing the business. Even teachers don't know what's happening after the exam.

Transferring teachers from school to without their willing. Interest, let teachers lose hope, demoralized looking for another job. Or change to private schools.

Many new schools, additional rooms to the old ones, have been built for this academy year to be used, but almost all of them are without desks, teaching materials and teachers. But directors and their assistants are already assigned.

The so-called teachers associations, two of them, of course never happened. Two associations for the same profession. Always create confusions for poor teachers by announcing different demands.

The new office building for Sana'a, which is the big agent for the corruption for the ministry. This office never ever will be changed, unless the old cows are changed with new professional, specialized staff. Some of them are pretending as if they got upset because

this time their financial and administration has been distributed to local administration offices. Most of them are just sitting there doing nothing. While schools are without teachers. Many department heads, without any job description don't know what to do? All the jobs is done by one general director. Why? Who is responsible for these? Of course the so-called ministry.

As I said it before, changing of the dishes doesn't make the food tasty unless you change the ingredients and cook.

Change from roots

As these are some of the problems at the ministry, I would like to mention again this ministry needs changes from the roots. And to this, I think all governmental officials, have to be involved too, especially the ministry of local administration, finance and generally the whole government. Man power is the most important part or backbone for a country development and this backbone is growing and strengthened by proper educational sectors. There will not be backbones means no man power, no man power means no development. If there is no development, the final result will be corrupted generation. So let's fight corruption and corrupted officials. Especially at the Ministry of Education.

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Ministry of Endowment closes donation boxes in Aden mosques

The Aden office of the Ministry of Endowment has given authorities of donation boxes in Aden mosques one week to remove the boxes.

It announced to the mosque preachers and scholars that they face severe legal punishments to those who don't abide by this rule.

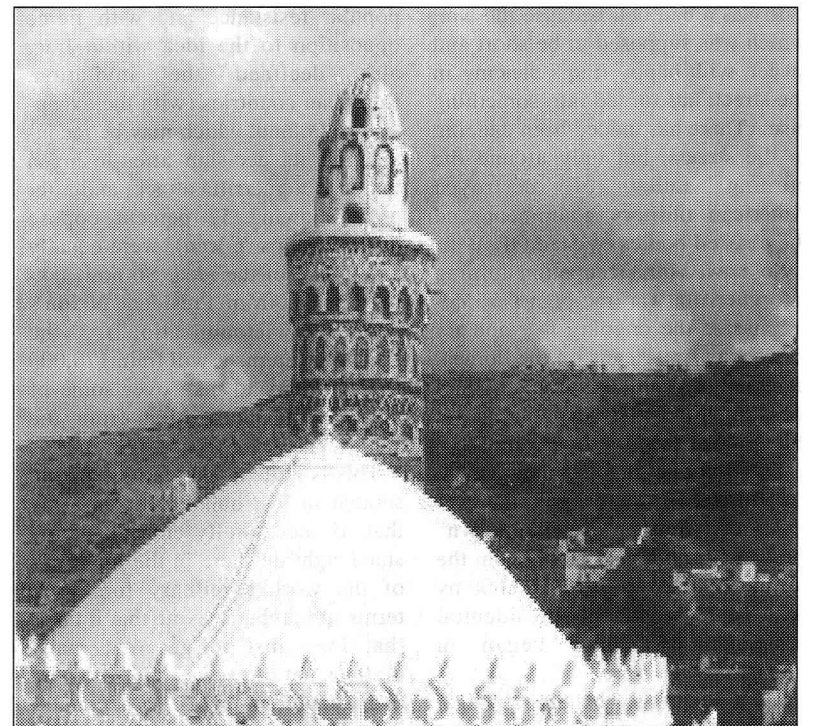
The announcement also prevents speakers outside mosques during prayers, and also during preaching and speeches between the five prayers.

This new law is considered the first of its kind in Aden since unity in 1990. It also focuses on the issue of

conflicts between the different sects or clans.

On a similar front in the capital Sana'a, al-Quds Establishment headed by Shiakh Abdulah bin Hussain al-Ahmar, speaker of the parliament, started off another round of donations directed to Palestine and protection of al-Aqsa mosque and supporting the Palestinian struggle against the Israeli occupation.

He also called on the people to participate, and send donations through the establishment's bank account in the Yemeni Bank for Construction and Development, also the Islamic Bank, or to be delivered directly to the establishment's center in Sana'a.



Queen Arwa mosque

Exercise may reverse heart disease in fat kids

ORLANDO, Fla, Nov 11 (Reuters) - A little bit of exercise can reverse the deadly changes that underlie heart disease in obese children, researchers reported on Tuesday.

Many studies have shown that children across the industrialized world are getting fatter — and that even toddlers are showing early signs of heart disease such as high cholesterol and the beginnings of clogged arteries.

But several researchers told a meeting of the American Heart Association in Orlando that parents can safely do something about it.

In Britain and the United States, around 15 percent of children and adolescents are overweight or obese.

Daniel Green of the University of Western Australia tested 35 obese children aged 6 to 16.

In his study group the younger children weighed an average of 140 pounds (63 kg), versus 64 pounds

(29 kg) for the average lean child in the same age group.

The teens were on average 5 feet 5 inches (1.7 metres) tall and weighed 212 pounds (96 kg), as compared to 126 pounds (57 kg) for average teens the same age.

He used a test of vascular endothelial function — it looks at the inside of the blood vessels. "This is a test that detects the first development of atherosclerosis," Green told a news conference.

Many of the children already had unusual signs suggesting that they were in the early stages of arterial disease. Other studies have shown that such children go on to develop visible symptoms 30 to 40 years later.

Weight training program

For the teens, Green put together an eight-week weight training program. "Their total body weight didn't change," he said. But the children lost body fat and replaced it with lean muscle mass, measurements showed.

"In young children it is a little bit

trickier because they don't want to push weights in a gym. They want to run around in a field," Green said. "It was essentially fun and games."

Both groups had tended to hang back in school physical education programs, but threw themselves wholeheartedly into Green's program, he said.

In both groups, total blood cholesterol levels did not change, but both groups had improved endothelial function.

After eight weeks of exercising three times a week for an hour each time, the children were allowed to go back to their sedentary ways. Two months later, Green tested their blood vessels again.

"The improvements we saw with exercise had reverted back," he said. "The bad news is you have to keep on doing it. The good news is it has a good effect."

A second study showed that statin drugs, which lower cholesterol, can be safely used in young children with an inherited disorder called familial hypercholesterolemia —

which causes even infants to have very high cholesterol.

It is common — affecting 1 in 400 births — said Dr. Albert Wiegman of the Academic Medical Center in Amsterdam, Netherlands. In the 214 children he studied, their affected parent — the one who had the gene for the disease — had a heart attack at an average age of 37 and died, on average, by 39.

Such children begin showing signs of arterial disease as young as 8, with their carotid arteries beginning to thicken. Wiegman hoped early drug treatment might stop this process before the arteries hardened.

He gave the children pravastatin, made by Bristol Myers Squibb under the brand name Pravachol. "It is a weak but safe statin," he told the news conference.

The drug lowered cholesterol by about 25 percent in the children, and ultrasound measurements of their carotid arteries showed thickening that had already started in children as young as 8 was reversed.

Finding joy in the midst of leprosy

By DR. SAEED ALI HASSAN AL-SHARAFI FOR THE YEMEN TIMES

I take this occasion to share my experience gained from a field visit through the National Leprosy Elimination Program. Usually as per the field visit schedule, my turn has been planned to Hajja Governorate, and my team mission and I went to the said governorate enthusiastically, where we met an intolerable scene.

It was 8 a.m., the sun was shining and the cold weather of the night fading away, that made us more brisk and the team very actively started entering into the field. We would have just finished investigating the people in one place. Suddenly a man with a stuffy nose flew away when seeing our team. All of us are watching this incidence and waiting for his next action.

Then we crossed to the next place where only few houses are situated far from one another. We proceeded to first house where we received a nice co-operation and saw the same man anyhow, we finished investigation and turned to another small tattered hut.

In the meantime more than 10 members appeared in front of us and prevented to move forth, that time it came to our knowledge that an old man who is living in that hut was the relatives to those who stood in front of us. Slowly one man came forward and told that the old man was a leprosy patient, and not having contact

with him and given strict restriction not to come out. Also, they insisted that we not to go to that place. We forced them and went to his hut.

We saw a 65 years old, fair-skinned man, already disabled because he had lost the feeling in his hand and feet, even unable to feel pain. He had been living away from his wife and children for more years in the cave type hut. We investigated and started giving medicine. After a few conversations with him, we found that the patient was ill treated by the neighbors surrounded by him. He hurt himself and lost interest to live in this world, we encouraged him morally.

We were aware that a lack of health education, loss of self-esteem, lack of confidence and social stigma, created this horrible situation. So we gathered village people and started giving health education specially that the disease is not infectious one, and more raised questions and replies have been sent to the respective persons.

After a few minutes his wife and daughter brought all things of the patient from the hut and kept it in their house, they started living together and neighbors started speaking with the patient. The patient was very happy.

We were happy enough after seeing this great change in the village. I believe that a big stone in front of leprosy was broken between the bad thoughts on the leprosy and society.

So this incidence, to me, to my team and also to my project was the great achievement.

Iraqis could suffer bad health for decades, report

LONDON, Nov 11 (Reuters) - Iraqis will suffer physical and mental illnesses for "years, maybe generations" due to poor living conditions, ongoing violence and a collapsed health service, a medical charity report said on Tuesday.

The report by UK-based charity Medact said a breakdown in law and order, lack of security and damage to infrastructure are hitting vulnerable

groups like women and children.

"Limited access to clean water and sanitation, poverty, malnutrition, and disruption of public services including health services continue to have a negative impact on the health of the Iraqi people," said the report's author Dr Sabya Farooq.

The report said the problems were compounded by widespread contamination.

"The environment is littered by mines and they are killing humans. A lot of unexploded bomblets are con-

tinuing to injure civilians, particularly children because they are brightly coloured," Farooq said.

She also said maimed Iraqi children would not gain the same benefits as Ali Abbas, a child who lost both arms and his parents in a missile attack on Baghdad and later received treatment in Kuwait and Britain.

A Medact statement said: "For every Ali Abbas...there are thousands of maimed children with no safe access to adequate health services, let alone sophisticated rehabilitation."

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The building overlooks another paved street (parallel to Khartoum St.) on the southern side of the building. The building is built on an area of 30 x 42 square meters and is located in one of the desirable housing neighborhoods in the capital of Sana'a.

The building comprises the following floors:

- A spacious basement (underground) floor which can be used as a car park, or for trade emporium exhibitions.

- The ground floor is also designed in unique architectural style in order to be used as a trade exhibition hall to provide expanded domain of movement. It is also well ventilated.

- The first floor is designed to make use of the whole area of the building, and hence can also be used for trade exhibitions or can be used as apartments based on high international standards and well-designed divisions.

- The second and third floors consist of 13 apartments, which are also divided and distributed in a stylish and practical matter, making it among the few in Yemen that meet international standards.

- An allotted space is also available for possible installation of an elevator that can be used from the basement floor to the last floor.

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This announcement is a great and alluring opportunity for investors, who have been waiting and looking for a well-designed and distinguished building to meet their investment needs, and at the same time enjoy a splendidly strategic location.

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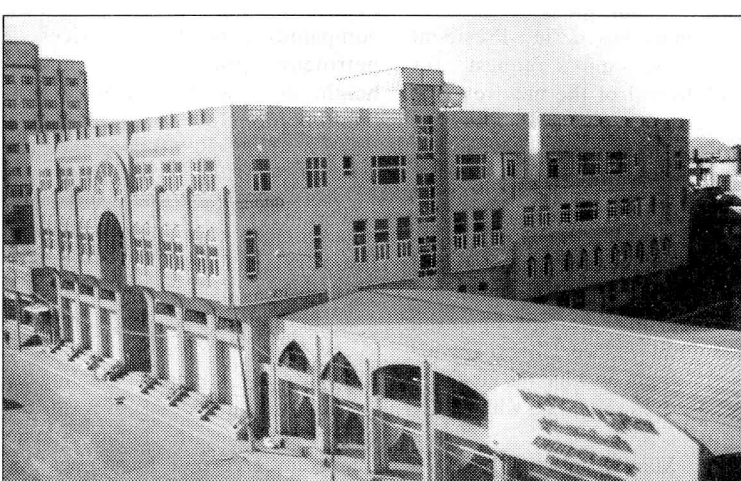
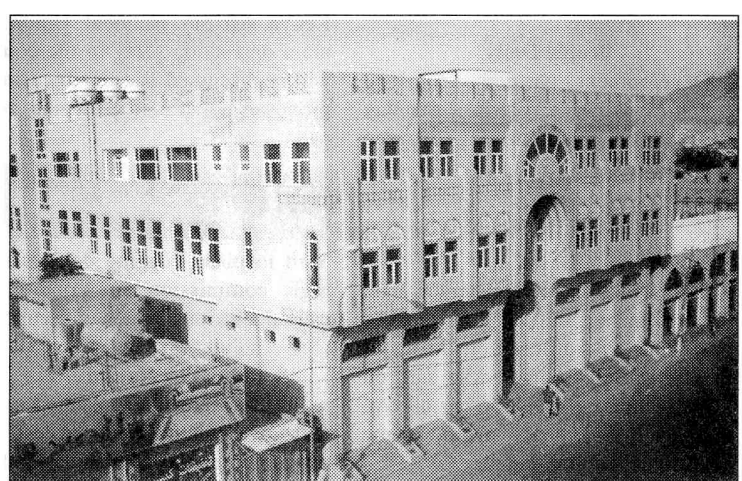
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Local Press

Prepared by Mohammed Khidhr



Shoura weekly, organ of Union of People's Forces of Yemen, 9 Nov.2003.

Main headlines:

- Aden refinery workers implement successful strike
- Abrogation of agreement with HUNT costs ports millions of dollars
- Warning from al-Qaeda use of freight planes for hitting targets in America
- 18 prayers arrested at the Grand Mosque
- Four persons killed in a vengeance issue
- Under American pressure, trial of Cole suspects postponed
- Islamic Liberation Party deems constitution and elections illegitimate
- Armed attack on Shabwa deputy governor house
- First electronic theft attempt in Yemen

American Democratic Senator Roberts Rockefeller, member of the American Congress demanded the Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld to resign from his post because of the painful blows the American forces in Iraq are exposed to, accusing Rumsfeld of practicing misleading and extemporariness in his work as secretary of defense.

American officials are coming under a large campaign of stultification among the American political and media circles an also at international level following the intensification of the Iraqi armed resistance operations against the American military presence in Iraq.

Some political and military observers see that there is one face-saving outlet for the American administration which is to enable the United Nations to run the Iraqi affair gradually and gradual withdrawal of the American military forces. This group also believes that if the United States does not take this option it would be forced at a later stage to a humiliating military withdrawal from Iraq. This is especially so as all indicators point out to escalation of Iraqi resistance operations and

development of its qualitative operations and the killing of more American soldiers and military despite of the American media blackout on the Iraqi military operations.



Al-Ayyam independent daily, 9 Nov.2003.

Main headlines:

- Dar Saad local council demands accountability of al-Basatin police
- Dr Rasie elected chairman of the GPC at Aden University
- A committee in Dhalie for disclosing employment violations at the governorate headquarters
- Finance bureau at Blouder inaugurates its job by implementing independent measures
- 4208 passengers cross al-Wadeaa border crossing

Mr Fadhil al-Naqeeb says in an article that its seems the America and all Arab countries have become moderate and entrenching the same trench and facing a common enemy that does not differentiate between them. Reasonably and logically in such a case say that America and the Arab countries should be real allies at least with regards fighting terror and should enhance factors of mutual trust. Doing so should be for being able to fulfill the task that field realities have proved it to be extremely complicated and difficult. This task could not be accomplished with only weapons and blood but rather needs reform, enlightenment and rationality and engaging peoples not only in offering sacrifices but also reaping the fruits of freedom and political participation and getting their living and gaining their rights, especially human rights.

In fact things are not progressing in such a trend. America is now fighting terror according to its understanding and concept and at the same time launches wars on Arab countries, a policy that does not go in harmony with the basic task. America and its allies role has been for 60 years absent from freedom and democracy in the region and at present want to

Main headlines

- New agreement on intensifying security and intelligence cooperation with America
- Islamic Liberation Party "Yemen Willayah" declared
- 48 Revolution contained sublime principles and goals, mainly shoura, social justice
- Yemen, central region for arms smuggling
- To finalize the deal of exchange with Israel.
- Nasrallah sticks to release of all Lebanese prisoners
- A youth kills his brother and escapes in Mualla, Aden
- Criminal investigations in Dhamar investigates with 15 persons in the incident of a mosque, five of the wanted still at large
- Yemeni students in Syria and some other Arab countries waiting for their financial assistance
- Director of military survey department stands trial before Sheikh Othman court
- Big violations at Immigration and Passports in Aden
- In Aden, aid of the president distributed according to partisan and personal basis
- Large-scale arrests to discover those in charge of bag bomb in Aden
- Fire destroys carpets trade shop in Taiz
- In meeting with FBI director, president Saleh renews Yemen's demand for the release of sheikh al-Mouayad and companion
- Comprehensive security qualification of all Yemeni ports to be completed next March
- Plan for returning antiquities from citizens, intensive monitor of border crossings
- Regional meeting in Sana'a to discuss electronic government program
- Poll by European Commission, Zionist entity & U.S. represent the biggest threat to world peace
- Racist inhumane measure implemented by American occupation forces against al-Awja town, Iraq
- Iraqi resistance renders Ramadhan a hell for Americans and supporters
- UN warns traitors of their peoples
- "Ramadhan" discloses the need of general system in mosques
- Release of prisoners in late Ramadhan
- Arab Salafi followers among 800 deported from Yemen
- The president renews demand for the release of sheikh al-Mouayad
- Committee from Gas Authority closes down shops that cheat in prices
- Military commanders seize by force the Mansoura country estate in Aden
- Yemen receives al-Heala from Bosnia republic
- General strike of oil workers of Aden refinery
- Bush's speech received with Arab criticisms, Iranian denunciation and Israeli satisfaction
- Yemeni-Chinese Joint Committee to meet in Sana'a beginning of next month
- Downing 3rd helicopter recalls ghost of Vietnam in Iraq

accomplish this task in six months, as if it is a magical prescription that would put an end to dictatorships. America does not deal with democracy in the region and represents the worst imaginable example of supporting aggressive armed dictatorship in Palestine. Therefore the Arabs have no belief in any good from Washington and do not believe in it in Iraq. Even the new forces in the Arab societies fear that America would finally push them in the inferno of the regimes and turn its back in the middle of the road.



Al-Sahwa weekly, 6 Nov.2003.

Main headlines:

- In congratulations to president Saleh by al-Mouayad: Be as you are known to be
- "Yemeni" in most terrorist acts, Bajammal considers that an "early globalization"
- 76 refugees in Yemen, among them 226 Iraqis

On fighting poverty columnist Mohammed Saleh al-Hadhiri says it has been proved that poverty is not the rule but an exception in life of the society and that means that material prosperity has its negative and positive reflections whereas poverty's reflections are all negative. Thus there must be a fight against poverty as an act that must not be done with a slogan form but in a form compatible with the relationship of poverty with absence of material development and absence of just social and national relations. Fighting poverty is a positive act by its nature and must be developed to be a scientific action as well through developing the material and ethical basis in its concept related to justice among classes of the society and relations of work and production. This mate leads us to mention about the principle of justice in wages and fighting administrative and financial corruption as a proper beginning for fighting poverty. There are other factors causing poverty represented by wrong economic policies and also all political introductions that have no social content that is related to

designing policies in a manner serving high life segments of the society and makes wealth piles up with a small class of the people. Poverty is part of the national question and rather the major part of it. Thus fighting poverty could not have any meaning unless there is a treatment of the entire national matter and placing the entire society at the threshold of development as it is the material solution for poverty.



Al-Thawri weekly Organ of the YSP, 6 Nov.2003.

Main headlines:

- Dhalie central prison prisoners denounce manipulation in lists of those released
- Anti-violence forces practice violence against citizens of Shamaiteen district
- Final statement of International Socialism includes a decision on Jarallah Omer assassination crime.
- A citizen dies of Israeli insecticides
- Central Bank refuses to abide by judiciary rulings

The newspaper editorial says that the attempts intended for driving wedges among active political forces are in fact aimed to drag all to a conflict whose parties are those adopting the national project and programs of civil change. One of contradictions in Yemen's political life is the attempt to weaken the opposition and considering such endeavor a first place issue of the ruling regime.

The authority is mistaken when it thinks that weakening the relationship between the YSP and Islah would be power added to it and again it would be mistaken if it considered that weakness of opposition means a strength for the ruling system. Reality is quite contrary to that the authority thinks of. The strong authority is the one that capable of choosing its political adversaries from among the elite of opposition elements who are strong in their arguments and programs and firm in their beliefs in rightness of their affiliation to the homeland and the people.

World Press

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

Egypt

Al Ahram

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak met on Monday with US Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage to discuss deteriorating situation in Iraq and Palestinian territories as well as recent bombings in Riyadh.

Al Gomhuria

US military aircraft launched heavy raids on positions of the Iraqi resistance around Fallujah, west of Baghdad, on Monday, dropping bombs weighing 500 pounds each on the targets. Meanwhile, a US soldier from the 18th Military Police brigade was killed in a rocket-propelled grenade attack in Iskandariya, some 50 km south of Baghdad.

Britain

The Times

The United States Supreme Court offered some hope to the families of Britons held at Guantanamo Bay Monday when it said that it would hear appeals against their captivity.

The Independent

Doctors and cancer charities in Britain have been asked to help trace 5,000 women who are at high risk of breast cancer after receiving radiotherapy treatment for the immune system disorder Hodgkin's disease.

The Guardian

The new Conservative Leader Michael Howard Monday tore up the rule book of opposition politics when he announced a radically slimmed-down shadow cabinet of just a dozen,

Al Akhbar

Saudi King Fahd Bin Abdel Aziz said on Monday that his country would show an iron fist in the face of terrorists who were involved in the bombing of al-Muhaya residential compound in Riyadh on Saturday night, in which 17 persons were killed and 122 others injured.

The Egyptian Gazette

Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom said on Monday that Israel had ruled out releasing a Lebanese guerilla involved in the killing of three Israeli soldiers, a stance that could torpedo a prisoner swap deal with the Hezbollah resistance group.

designed to give the Conservatives "focus" on the core issues that will determine the next election.

The Financial Times

The United States could next month be hit with the largest sanctions in the history of the World Trade Organization, following a final ruling on Monday that Washington had violated international trade rules by imposing tariffs on steel imports in 2002.

The Daily Telegraph

Prime Minister Tony Blair on Monday night brushed aside criticism of US President George W Bush's forthcoming state visit to Britain, saying Europe and the United States must work together to "win the peace" in Iraq.

Germany

Die Welt

The Christian Democratic Union and its parliamentary group want to kick out legislator Martin Hohmann for his anti-Semitic remarks.

Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung

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Nigeria

This Day

The Nigerian presidency on Monday said it will regard as violation of territorial integrity of the nation any attempt by the United States government to sponsor a kidnap attempt on the person of former Liberian President Charles Taylor.

Vanguard

The Senate has defied President Olusegun Obasanjo's request for the withdrawal of the new revenue allocation bill and on Monday

Philippines

The Philippine Star

Voting 13-1, the Philippine Supreme Court declared unconstitutional Monday the impeachment complaint against Chief Justice Hilario Davide but said nothing on what the House of Representatives should do with it.

Manila Bulletin

Speaker Jose de Venecia on Monday ruled that the House of Representatives will respect the Supreme Court decision that declared unconstitutional the second

once the largest chemical company in the world, has applied for bankruptcy.

Handelsblatt

For the first time since the end of 1990s, many cities in Germany this year can expect rising business tax incomes.

vowed to forge ahead with its efforts in prescribing a new allocation formula for the country.

The Guardian

The Nigerian federal government on Monday issued fresh guidelines for the operations of oil marketing companies in a deregulated downstream sector of the industry, demanding that all oil marketing companies must display prices of petroleum products at readable height on a well-illuminated billboard before Nov. 30, 2003.

impeachment case against Chief Justice Hilario Davide.

Philippine Daily Inquirer

The Philippine National Police on Monday said it was not discounting the possibility that the takeover of the control tower of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport by former Air Transportation Office chief Panfilo Villaruel and his aide was a part of another elaborate plot to seize power from the administration of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

India

The Hindu

The Supreme Court on Monday stayed the warrants issued by the Speaker of the Tamil Nadu legislative assembly for the arrest of six journalists.

The Times of India

Describing Atal Bihari Vajpayee as "the only leader" capable of taking "bold steps" to solve the outstanding problems between Pakistan and India, Pakistani information minister Sheikh

Rashid Ahmed said in New Delhi on Monday that he was confident the Indian Prime Minister would attend the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation summit in Islamabad in January 2004.

Hindustan Times

The interest rate war in the home loan segment is not over yet. On Monday, the Industrial Credit and Investment Cooperation of India (ICICI) Bank reduced interest rates on home loans by half a percent.

Kenya

Kenya Times

All the six public universities in Kenya were closed on Monday indefinitely following a nationwide strike by lecturers asking for higher salaries.

People Daily

Development partners from 50 countries will take part in a two-day consultative group meeting between

Kenya and the World Bank to be held in Nairobi Tuesday morning.

East African Standard

A new draft constitution of the Kenya African National Union, the main opposition party in the country, will be discussed Tuesday focusing on proposals about radical changes to the party.

Pakistan

Dawn

India has ruled out a bilateral call on Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee proposed by Information Minister Shaikh Rashid Ahmed who said on Monday that he was carrying an oral message of peace from Prime Minister Zafarullah Jamali.

The News

Pakistan Monday demanded of the British government to respond quickly whether it authorized MI-5 or Scotland

Yard to place bugging devices in its high commission in London and caused a serious breach of security.

The Nation

Besides agreeing to launch a joint anti-government street protest, two opposition parties Muttahida Majlis-e-Amal (MMA) and Alliance for Restoration of Democracy (ARD) on Monday announced to requisition the sessions of National Assembly and Senate before Eid.

The art of living



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Success in life could be defined as the continued expansion of happiness and the progressive realization of worthy goals. There are many aspects of success; material wealth is only one component. Success is, in fact, a journey, not a destination. Material abundance, in all its expressions, happens to be one of those things that make the journey more enjoyable. But success also includes good health, energy and enthusiasm for life, fulfilling relationships, creative freedom and psychological stability, a sense of well-being, and peace of mind. How can we achieve success in the real sense of the term? The purpose of this article is to give you some of the tips that make your life worth-living.

First of all, we must believe that there are forces both good and evil that are within ourselves and also outside. These are, in fact, our own impulses magnified. The channel between our inner impulses and the forces outside ourselves is our own imagination and remember, a powerful imagination is our most important single piece of equipment. Our powers of concentration are also vitally important. The principle is that any strong emotion or feeling carries a charge of force, which is likely to affect that at which it is directed. The effect will vary with the strength of the feeling and the sensitivity of the target. We know that in ordinary life someone who has a strong personality can make him obeyed by the sheer force of his will. When you sense an emotion radiating from another end, as often happens, you seem to understand immediately what that person is feeling, you are reacting to a current of force whose nature you recognize instinctively, as if you were a kind of radar receiver registering invisible waves in the atmosphere. Therefore, a powerful imagination, coupled with relentless concentration, is then necessary for leading a happy, successful life.

Every person who wants to attain success in life must make use of some combination of the principles that are explained below:

The Principle of Purpose

We must have a definite aim or purpose in life. Life is like a journey. Once there was a young boy. He wanted to travel by train. He went to the railway station and asked for a ticket. The ticket clerk asked him where he wanted to go. The boy replied, "I do not know, I just want to travel". Many people are like this boy who wish to travel, but do not know where to. So, you must first know exactly what it is that you want.

After you know what exactly you want, make the attainment of that objective an obsession. Make it a sort of burning desire. Take it to bed with you at night, and to work with you in the morning. Think over it constantly. The best way to transform your objective into a burning desire is to write down a complete description in the following manner:

a. Write down exactly what you want to accomplish or achieve, and also in how much time you want to do it. Be definite.

b. Write down exactly how you want to go about achieving the above.

c. Describe what you are going to do in return for getting your objective. Remember, there is no such thing as 'something for nothing'. You must give something or perform an equivalent service to be eligible for a return. This is very important. If you haven't thought of giving something in return, do it now.

d. Write down again exactly what it is that you want and also in how much time you want to get it. Repetition is most essential.

Faith could even move mountains.

The Principle of Belief

This is perhaps one of the most important principles of achievement. It is the one factor that endows all who use it with power. Christ said that faith could even move mountains. According to Shakespeare, "Our doubts are our traitors". So, faith is one great equalizing force, which truly makes all men equal. Without belief you cannot accomplish anything worthwhile in life. Supreme self-confidence, based upon faith in God. Certainly, no one can ever attain supreme self-confidence without believing in someone higher than oneself, without having a definite belief in Infinite Intelligence. But how can we force ourselves to believe? The answer is very simple. It is through repetition. This is the way all desires are developed. A person comes to believe anything he repeats often, even if it is a falsehood. In the same way, the mind too can take and carry out orders, just as if it were a person. It will act upon your dominating thoughts, whether or not they are given as direct orders.

The power of the mind is so great that it has no limitations other than those, which people set up in their own minds. The power that removes all such limitations is belief...belief in God. Do you know that the average man uses only 5 percent of his brain capacity and even the world's greatest geniuses rarely employ more than 15 percent? What a great race of human beings we would be if we could put to use just half

of our mental and physical ability!

The Principle of Initiative

No privilege on earth is of benefit if one doesn't take advantage of it. Similarly, no privilege is of benefit to you unless it is organized into a definite plan and put into action. There are two forms of action: (1) that in which we indulge from force of necessity and (2) that which we exercise out of choice and through our own free will. It is the latter one, which leads to success. This is the form of action, which you should try and adopt.

The Principle of Imagination

There are two types of imagination. One is as S.T.Coleridge has said, "Primary imagination" or basic imagination and the other is "secondary imagination" or creative imagination. Primary or basic imagination is simply the act of combining recognized ideas, concepts, plans, facts and principles in new arrangements. This is the most common of the two types of imagination and is used in a large measure by most of other, or us, at one time. Creative imagination, on the other hand, relates directly to some God-given power yet unknown to science, all new ideas are perceived and interpreted and then translated into actual ability. Only those limited number of people who have attained some form of unusual qualities or leadership abilities, as the name suggests, uses creative imagination. There are many examples of people who have used the power of creative imagination to great advantage. Edison, Henry Ford, Shakespeare, Marconi, Abraham Lincoln...the list is enormous. In fact most of the revolutionary discoveries, great literary works etc have been made through the use of creative imagination.

Success is, in fact, a journey, not a destination.

The Principle of self - discipline

The greatest of all the essentials of success is self-discipline. Through self - discipline, the power available through each of the principles of this Philosophy of success becomes condensed and ready for application in the practical affairs of everyday life. Self-discipline, simply speaking, is gaining control over oneself and this includes our mind. It is said that when a man gains control of his mind and begins to rely upon it, he has achieved a victory of the highest order- one that places within easy grasp whatever he has set his mind and heart upon. A person who has no self-discipline is like a dry leaf that is blown here and there by the stray wind of circumstances. Such a person

can never have a chance to come within sight of anything that remotely resembles personal success. Self-discipline begins with the mastery of one's thoughts. It reaches one to think first and act afterwards. Most people do just the opposite. Self-discipline gives you complete control over the so-called 14 major emotions that rule our life.

The 7 positive emotions are love, sex, hope, faith, enthusiasm, loyalty and desire. The 7 negative emotions are fear, jealousy, hatred, revenge, greed, anger and superstition. All these 14 emotions are obviously states of mind, subject to control and direction. The 7 negative emotions can prove to be deadly if they are not mastered. Similarly, the 7 positive emotions may also be just as destructive as the negative emotions if they are not organized and under control. Self-discipline enables one to eliminate or subjugate the 7 negative emotions and exercise the 7 positive emotions in whatever manner desired. Lack of control of the 7 negative emotions may lead one to sure failure in life. The proper channeling of the 7 positive emotions, however, gives one the driving force that can be used for the attainment of any wish. Of course, it needs practice to learn the art of self-discipline.

The Principle of Intelligent Thought

What is thought? Is thought subject to individual control? The answer to the second question is -yes. Thought is a form of energy that is distributed through the brain. But it has one peculiar quality that has no connection with any other form of energy: Thought has intelligence. Thought can be controlled and directed towards the attainment of success in life.

How do you control thought? By taking possession of your mind. You can take possession of your mind by habit. We are ruled by habit. Our habits are fastened upon us by repetition of thought and experience. They function voluntarily, without any effort on the part of the individual. Thought habits, just like our physical habits, can easily become fixed. Once formed, they function automatically, without any voluntary effort on our part. When a thought habit becomes fixed, it is taken over by some unknown law of nature to the subconscious mind, which it voluntarily carries out. This unknown law is almost like the law of gravity. It relates human beings and all things to one another in

exact conformity with the nature of their thoughts. Negative thoughts bring forth negative results. Make a decision never to think in a negative way. Project all your thoughts, instead, in a positive manner. Think big. That is one of the secrets of successful living.

The Principle of Enthusiasm

Everyone desires success in life, but only those who have the fiery enthusiasm ever attain success. Enthusiasm is emotion or feelings in action, or it is a kind of feeling that one initiates at will. But while enthusiasm is purely voluntary, it must be accompanied by a motive. So, the beginning of all enthusiasm is desire based on motive. Enthusiasm stimulates the subconscious mind and puts it to work in connection with the motive, which inspires enthusiasm. Yes, uncontrolled enthusiasm is almost as detrimental as no enthusiasm. For example, the man who is so enthusiastic over himself and his own ideas that he monopolizes the conversation when in the company of other people is sure to be unpopular. Such a person also misses many opportunities to learn by listening to others. Remember that every thought that you send out becomes a definite part of your character. So, try never to have thoughts of a negative nature. Think no more of poverty, despair, and disease. Instead, train your mind to dwell on positive thoughts. Through proper control and careful practice, we can build up a personality that provides us with a strong will, a sharp imagination, self-reliance, persistence, initiative, courage and ambition to have a successful living.

The Principle of Personality

Many people make the mistake of thinking that there is nothing you can do about 'personality', because you are either born with a pleasant personality or an unpleasant one. This is quite wrong. It is wrong to think that you are born with a definite personality, which you will stick to you throughout life regardless of your own efforts. You are changing everyday. The cells in your body are constantly dying and replaced by new ones. In the same way, your personality is also constantly changing. It is being directly affected by your physical health, your thoughts, desires and emotions. One well-known Sales Manger of an International Organization has made up a list of the essentials for a good salesman. These

are health, honesty, ability, initiative, tact, enthusiasm, sincerity, energy, open mind and knowledge of business. You will note that only one of these ten points deals with the business, and that nine deal with the man himself. Since we are all concerned with selling, either ourselves or our services or our products, it is obvious that these personal traits - in other words, our personality-forms nine-tenths of our chances of success. So, if you intend to make a success of yourself, you need to have a winning personality. It is an important fact of life that some one is instrumental in getting almost every material thing in this world. No matter how great a man's knowledge, if he cannot win the co-operation of other people, if he cannot sell his ideas, win friends and persuade others, he cannot get very far in life.

A powerful imagination is then necessary for leading a happy, successful life.

Therefore, determine to improve your positive traits and to cut out and cast away all negative ones. Resolve henceforth to be honest with yourself and with others. Be sincere and genuine. Above all, be yourself. An attractive personality is a natural personality. You cannot make a lasting impression with your personality without expression. Your personality may express itself through physical appearance, through your conversation or through writing. The way you dress, talk or write is 'you'. This is how other people see you. An overdressed person or a continuous talker quickly becomes unpopular. You must learn and behave according to your personality. Conversation is the most important form of speech. It reflects your mind and your personality. A high-pitched voice tends to get on people's nerves after some time. It is far better to modulate your tone of voice by talking softly, gently and clearly.

It is within the reach of every human being to develop his or her inherent abilities. We have tremendous capacities, far more and far greater than we suspect. If we really make use of those talents given by God in the proper way, each every one of us can lead a successful living.

Magic chairs in Taiz University

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Have you heard of magic chairs? If you are a student in Taiz University, you will experience magic chairs. You come to the class, book a chair and go out. But when you come back to the class, you get shocked to see your chair gone.

This is a magic chair, isn't it? What makes students in Taiz University call their chairs "magic chairs" is the fact that chairs are a few. As a result of scarcity of chairs, students exert themselves to find a chair in any way. In fact, the scarcity of chairs is one of the problems, which disturb the educational atmosphere in the campus. No doubt this problem has impinged on the students, since they are compelled to allot some of their valuable time and efforts and move heaven and earth looking for a chair. In fact, running from one room and another to get a chair has become the order of the day in Taiz University. This annoying problem has its impact even on the student's routine. Some students for example do not sleep well and spend their nights fixing their eyes on the window, waiting for dawn to break, so that they can rush to their colleges in order to reserve a chair. Others come to the class and are out of breath peeping from the door to see a chair here or there, but to no avail. Disappointed, they move back and forth from class to class, from floor to floor, hoping to get even half a chair.

But the real catastrophe occurs when he sees his teacher nodding his head as a signal for him not to come in because he is late. Dropping his darling chair, dredging mountains of disappointment and bearing signs of grief and strain on his face, he plods back home. It is no exaggeration to say that this is just a common experience every day. To add insult to injury, the process of conveying chairs from place to another many an accident takes place and lot of hue and cry is made. A girl, for instance, seizes a chair in a hurry and while rushing towards the class, hits one on the leg and collides with another. A boy grabs a semi-chair and out of haste rushes dropping a part of that broken chair on his leg to avoid its fall on the floor and its dreadful noise. However, there is some inescapable noise made by girls pulling their chairs along the corridors until they reach their destination. As we see, girls rarely carry chairs but they usually pull them creating deafening noise.

As a matter of fact, this problem has become the talking point among student just as the Anglo-American occupation for Iraq has become the talking point among the people of the world. Sometimes we ask ourselves: does this problem exist in other countries?

To conclude, this issue is not a hard nut to crack. One way to solve this problem is that the University administration should provide every classroom with a sufficient number of chairs and adopt a periodical repair program to mend those broken ones. However, if this solution is far-fetched, it might be better for us to sit on the floor than to exert ourselves and waste our time running after magic chairs. After all, a drowning man does not fear getting wet.

Poetry Corner

Ode to Rig No. 1: Mother of all rigs in Yemen

Rig-1 oil drilling rig came to Yemen in 1984 and drilled the first oil well in Safer Maarib called Alif No. 1 for Yemen Hunt Oil Co. and by Allah's grace we got oil in that first well! The rest is history. This drilling rig continued drilling in Maarib up to October 17th 2003, total of nearly 20 years! Now they have shut it down, it is lying in safer yard. On behalf of all the workers on this rig I dedicate these simple words to this magnificent Rig No. 1.

*People live, people die
People laugh, people cry
Some give up, some will try
Some say hi, some say bye
Others may forget you
But never will I ...
Abdulkhaliq Al-Jabry
Rig 1's former warehouseman*

A New Day

Every sunrise ushers in a new day. Given to us to use it well. You can waste it or use it for good. What you do today is most crucial. Since a day of your life is taken. When tomorrow comes, this day will go forever. In its place a new day will appear. Let it be utilized for something good. Make every new day count. Have a wonderful day today!
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YOUTH FORUM

Ramadan: An opportunity for self-purification

Ramadan, the holy month in Islam, is the most spiritual month in a year. The revelation of the Holy Quran began in the month of Ramadan. It is a beckon light for the mankind and a clear proof of the criterion of the right and wrong symbolized by the crescent. Fasting during the Ramadan literally is the fourth cornerstone in the Islamic religion. During Ramadan the doors of heaven are opened while the doors of hell are shut. Moreover, evil conceals itself while good comes to the fore, and the whole atmosphere is filled with piety and purity. On the whole, fasting means to abstain completely from food, drinks, smoking, and intimate intercourse from before the break of the dawn till the sunset. This abstinence is a means of achieving piety and righteousness. Fasting makes the Muslims cultivate patience, good nature, and willpower. Also it makes them sympathise for the poor brethren. The heart through fast-

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Beauty

Where is beauty?
Where is she?
I think she resides in money
But others tell me it's in honey
May be you can see her in the sea
While gazing at it, sipping your tea
You can see her when she dances
On the green grass throwing furtive glances
You can see her in the cascading water
In a smile of the father to his daughter
You may as well see her in the sky
In the sun, the moon, or birds that fly
Among the twinkling stars in the dark night
If you have the gift of a keen insight
Where is beauty?
Where, indeed, is she?
Have the vision and her you can always see
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Gray wants Viduka back on Leeds' side

LONDON (Reuters) - Eddie Gray says one of his first moves as caretaker manager of Leeds United will be to get troubled Australia striker Mark Viduka back in the team.

Viduka has missed the club's last two league games, a 6-1 hammering at Portsmouth and a 4-1 home defeat by Arsenal which has left them bottom of the league, after a series of rows with former manager Peter Reid, who left on Monday.

Gray told Sky Sports on Tuesday: "He's a major player in our squad, a great goalscorer and a smashing player. His problems here have been well-documented in the last few weeks, so I will have a chat to Mark."

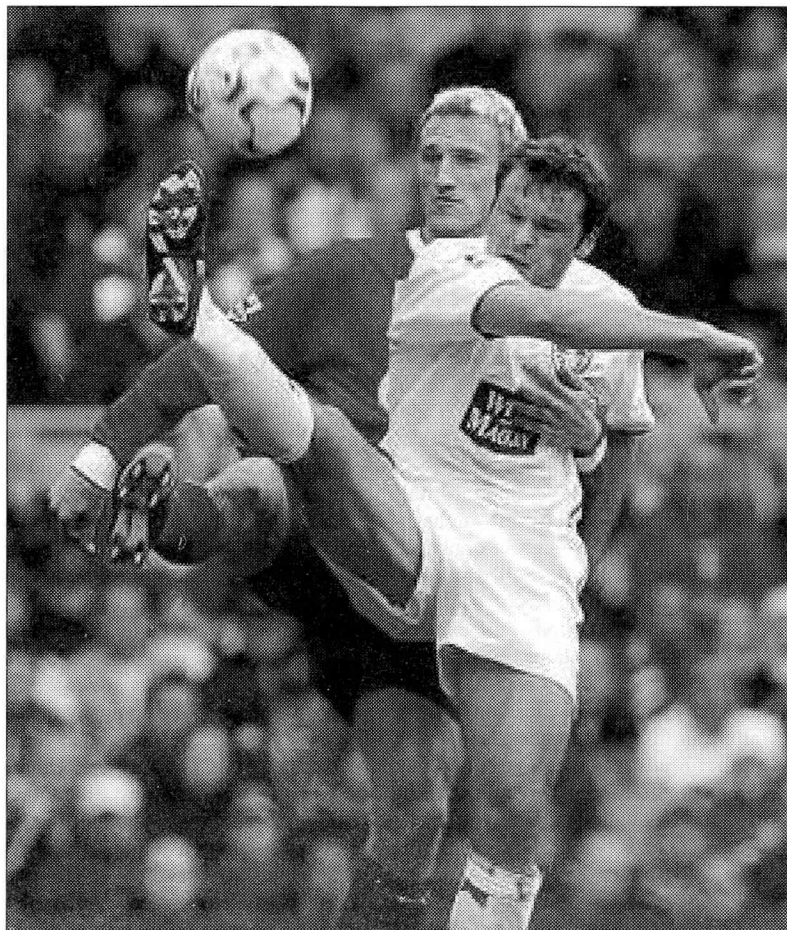
"But I'm fully expecting him to be lining up against Bolton."

Viduka, the club's leading scorer last season, missed the Arsenal game for disciplinary reasons after what Reid called "a couple of incidents" and was dropped from the side to face Portsmouth after a training ground row with Reid the day before the game.

Leeds take on Bolton at Elland Road on November 22 after the international matches this weekend.

"The game against Bolton is a big match," said Gray, whose Leeds playing career from 1965-83 took in the club's most successful era in the mid-1960s and early 1970s.

"But it's at home and one thing we have to try and turn around is to get teams once again to be frightened to come to Elland Road."



Eddie Gray says one of his first moves as caretaker manager of Leeds United will be to get troubled Australia striker Mark Viduka, pictured, back in the team. Viduka, the club's leading scorer last season, missed the Arsenal game for disciplinary reasons. REUTERS/Paul Sanders

Spain's Joaquin faces fitness test for Norway playoff

MADRID, Nov 11 (Reuters) - Winger Joaquin will have a fitness test on Tuesday to see if he has a chance of recovering from a groin injury in time for Spain's Euro 2004 playoff against Norway.

The talented 22-year-old Real Betis player, who missed his club's 2-1 defeat to Barcelona at the weekend, has joined the rest of the squad at their training base near Madrid and is hopeful he will be available to play in the first leg in Valencia this Saturday.

"I'm going to try and stay with the squad," he said. "But we will have to see what the doctors say. I have got a sharp pain in the stomach area at the moment, but I still think I've got enough time to recover."

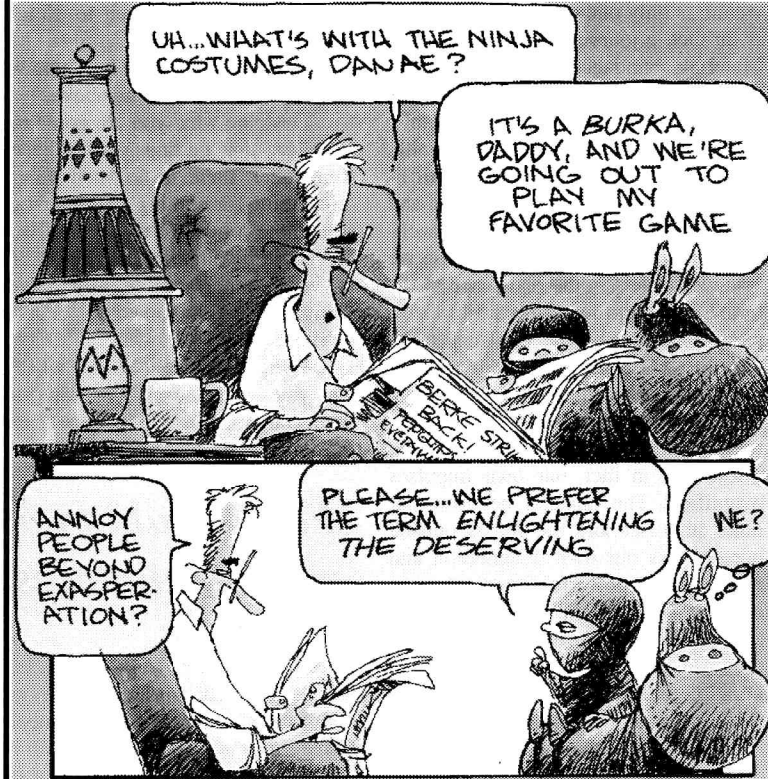
Coach Inaki Saez has said he is likely to call up a replacement if Joaquin is forced to withdraw from the squad.

Spain, who finished as runners-up to Greece in Group Six of the qualifying phase for next year's tournament in Portugal, play the second leg against Norway in Oslo on November 19.

7-Day Weather Forecast

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FIFA's Blatter annoyed with FA

BY MIKE COLLETT

LONDON (Reuters) - FIFA president Sepp Blatter has criticised the FA for taking too long to deal with the Rio Ferdinand doping case and for failing to implement rules on immediate suspensions for red cards.

Ferdinand, the 24-year-old England defender has been charged by the FA with misconduct for his failure or refusal to take a scheduled drugs test at Manchester United's training ground on September 23.

It is unlikely his case will be heard before December. Blatter told reporters at a media briefing on Monday that he had spoken to FA chairman Geoff Thompson about the delay. He would also be talking to the FA about their failure to introduce immediate suspensions in the same competition for sendings-off.

The rule was agreed at the recent FIFA extraordinary congress in Doha and Blatter said he would be urging the FA to step into line with other national associations.

Reluctance to implement the rule could be dealt with by FIFA's disciplinary body who might merely warn the FA but could, as an ultimate sanction, suspend it from FIFA activities.

The FA says it will not change its rules halfway through the season. In England, players sent off have the right



FIFA president Sepp Blatter, pictured, has criticised the FA for taking too long to deal with the Rio Ferdinand doping case and for failing to implement rules on immediate suspensions for red cards. REUTERS/Asen Tonev

of appeal and are not usually suspended for up to two weeks after that appeal has failed.

Mistaken identity

FIFA now insists on far tighter grounds for appeal, which in future would be confined mainly to cases of mistaken identity.

"As far as red cards are concerned, the player must be suspended for the next match in the same competition, and any appeal must be held before that match," Blatter said.

"The English FA have known about this since it was discussed at the International Football Association Board meeting in Belfast in February.

"As well as talking to the FA about the Ferdinand case, I will also be talking to them about the red card issue," Blatter said.

The FIFA chief also said he was surprised at comments made in an interview by Dick Pound, the chairman of WADA, the World Anti-Doping Agency, that FIFA was not complying with WADA's code on drug abuse and

doping in sport.

Pound suggested that if FIFA did not sign and implement the deal before the Olympic Games in Athens next year, soccer could be removed from the Olympic programme.

"I have no idea why he is saying this," said Blatter, "I spoke to him recently. He knows our stand on this issue and I believe WADA will accept our point on this."

"We will sign the code on drugs on condition that we keep the principle of "individual case management". We want to deal with players who test positive for drugs on an individual basis with no minimum or maximum ban laid down.

"Perhaps we will ban them for less than two years, perhaps we will ban them for longer. But in common with other team sports, this is what we believe is right for football. We will not abandon our own authority for football but if individual case management is agreed in the code we will accept it."

"Dick Pound knows this and I am surprised at the comments he has made about FIFA. We are part of the Olympic Games and intend remaining as part of the Games."

WADA wants all international sports bodies to agree to a two-year minimum ban for most doping offences, a clause Blatter and FIFA do not agree with.



THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

BY Eugenia

- Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19)**
Stop before you do something you will regret. Step back, cool down and center yourself. You have other things that are far more important to attend to.
- Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20)**
You will form alliances that will ensure your success and your future. Your steady and stable approach will be what attracts people to your side today, and you won't stand alone.
- Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)**
You have great ideas so put it all together and get moving. No one knows better than you how easy it is to lose sight of your goals.
- Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)**
You will be sensitive and emotional today. Nagging or tears will only lead to more trouble. Put your energy into self-improvement projects.

- Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 22)**
Don't let secrets hold you back. Put things out in the open so you can move forward. Financial or legal matters can be cleared up. You may come into extra cash today.
- Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)**
Romance and intrigue will enter the picture today. You will attract the right kind of partner, who appreciates your attributes and enhances everything that you pursue.
- Libra (Sept 23 - Oct 22)**
If you aren't careful, your emotional matters could lead to troubled waters both at home and at work. Take a day to sort through your differences and catch up. Put your personal problems on hold.
- Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**
This is your day to dazzle and deal. Nothing will stand in your way. Everyone will be very supportive. Love and passion are in the picture.

- Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**
You may have to deal with added responsibilities today. Do what is necessary but look into getting the help you need. Money matters will start to improve.
- Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)**
Partnerships will be on the rise in business and your personal life. Your involvement in something that has allowed you to take a power position will be what attracts people from all walks of life.
- Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)**
Concentrate on the task at hand. Your ability to work with others will make you look good. It is a good time to make sure you are eating properly and getting enough exercise.
- Pisces (Feb 19-Mar 20)**
Plan a social event today. An older relative may require a little extra attention. Dating or getting together with someone you are partnered with will lead to passion.



EU research chief wants European astronaut launch

BRUSSELS (Reuters) - The EU Commissioner in charge of space research said on Tuesday he wanted the bloc to launch astronauts into orbit, but limited EU resources mean such dreams will likely remain firmly on the launch pad.

The EU's executive put forward proposals saying funding needs to increase at twice its current rate to stop the 15-member bloc becoming dependent on others for space access.

China, with an economy many times smaller than the EU's, sent its first astronaut into space last month, and Commissioner Philippe Busquin said the EU needed to ensure it remained a credible space power.

Asked if that meant putting a man into space, Busquin replied: "It's important to have a serious agenda. I myself would definitely be in favor."

Previous European astronauts have gone into space as part of U.S. or Russian missions.

But the bulk of Europe's space funding goes direct from member states to the independent European Space Agency, bypassing the EU — and ESA director Jean-Jacques Dordain made it clear he did

not want Busquin's fingers on the purse-strings.

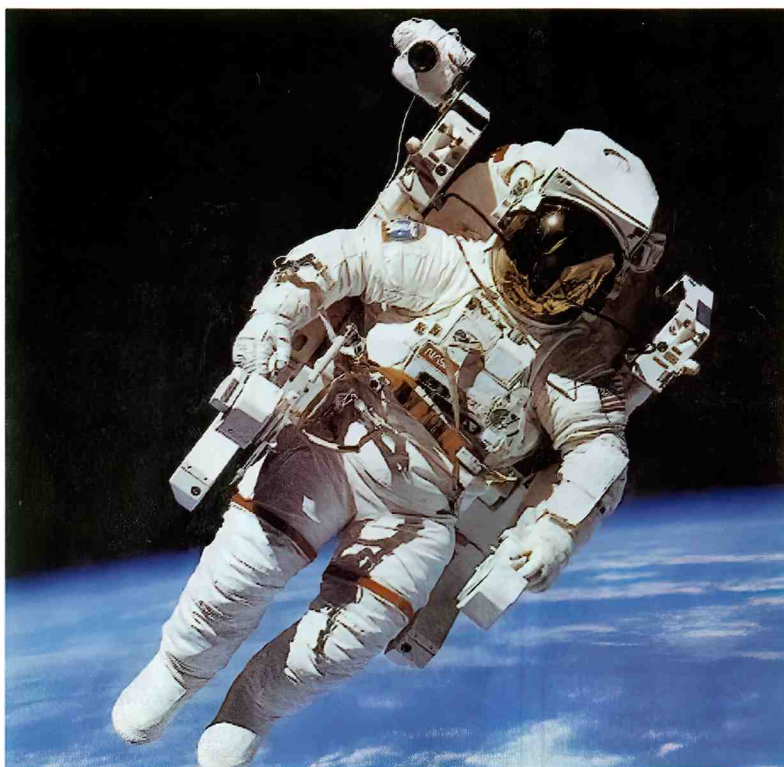
"What would really be a disaster would be to replace intergovernmental funding by community funding," he told reporters at a news conference to promote the EU's new space strategy, as well as closer links between the EU and the ESA.

Commission proposals, reported by Reuters on Monday, said that Europe's spending on space research needs to rise at 4.6 percent a year rather than its current 2.3 percent to meet Europeans' expectations and stop the EU losing independent access to space.

Extra EU funding would need to be approved by the member states' ministers at the European Council, and would focus on the EU's flagship projects for global positioning, satellite monitoring and high-speed internet links.

The EU spends around 400 million euros (\$459.2 million) a year on space projects, though much of this includes research with aerospace applications.

The ESA receives less than two billion euros a year, though this is dwarfed by the 15 billion euro annual budget of its United States counterpart NASA.



Sony music sings new copy: protection tune

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Sony Music, home to such artists as Beyonce Knowles and Bruce Springsteen, on Monday said it plans to introduce new CD technology in Germany that prevents users from copying songs to file-sharing sites, but allows them to make copies for their personal use.

The record industry blames its recent sales slump on file-sharing services like KaZaa, which it says are havens for piracy. Last year, major labels issued "copy-protected" CDs that prevent them from being played on computers.

The copy-protected discs faced a backlash from customers and music fans, and several lawsuits emerged from some cus-

tomers that complained these CDs caused their computers and other devices to malfunction.

But Sony thinks it has an appealing approach: Give customers added incentives to buy copy-protected CDs.

On Monday, Sony will release rhythm & blues group Naturally Seven's new CD in Germany with a so-called "second session." The disc can be played on almost any device conventionally, said Sony Music Chief Technology Officer Phil Wisner.

It also contains a compressed digital copy of the music that can be quickly copied onto any computer. From the com-

puter, users can copy that music onto Sony portable digital music players.

The CD's also allow users to connect to Web sites with exclusive features such as bonus songs and concert tickets. The features are only available if you have the original CD.

Such features are already available with Sony artists like Tori Amos and AC/DC. But the new discs combine the "second session" copy protection with the bonus features, which Sony has dubbed "ConnectedD."

Sony will evaluate customers' reaction to the new technology before introducing it in other countries. Wisner declined to specify a timetable for which the technology will be available in the United States.

"We believe we can deliver more value by delivering more immediate content, an interactive experience, a better experience. Even if you could go to a (file-sharing) site and download a single song, you won't get the kind of content that we can deliver."

A label on the disc will say it includes the new copy protection software features.

There are several limitations. The digital files will only play on Sony-licensed digital music players. Wisner said Sony is working on "plug-in's" that will allow the files to be played on more popular players like Microsoft's Windows Media. He expects the plug-ins to be available early next year.

To copy the music to the Sony portable player, the technology requires an extra step to copy the files to a separate program to transfer the music to the portable player.

At this point, music can be transferred only to Sony portable players, although Sony executives note that Apple Computer's popular iTunes service works the same way with the Apple-branded iPod.

Earlier this year, BMG introduced similar technology with its hip-hop performer Anthony Hamilton.

BMG, which announced plans to merge with Sony Music last week, is using software from SunComm Technologies to restrict the amount of copies that could be made of Hamilton's music. The software, however, was quickly hacked.

BMG spokesman Nathaniel Brown noted sales of Hamilton's copy-protected disc did not fall off in the weeks following its release as dramatically as most releases

often do in part due to file sharing. Brown suggested this was partly the result of the copy-protection software. "Consumer and retail response has been positive," he said.

"All copy-protections can be hacked," Wisner said. "But if give people what they are asking for in terms of value, they won't go out and steal it. It's called trusting the consumer."

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Erman film exposes Guantanamo 'scandal'

An international filmmaker has exposed America's Guantanamo Bay detention camp as a "human rights scandal".

Ashvin Raman has made a groundbreaking documentary for German television which will be screened on Germany's ARD channel on 12 November.

His film includes exclusive footage of Guantanamo Bay, as well as interviews with released detainees and top American officials.

More than 600 foreign nationals have been detained without charge or access to lawyers and family members in the US naval base since November 2001.

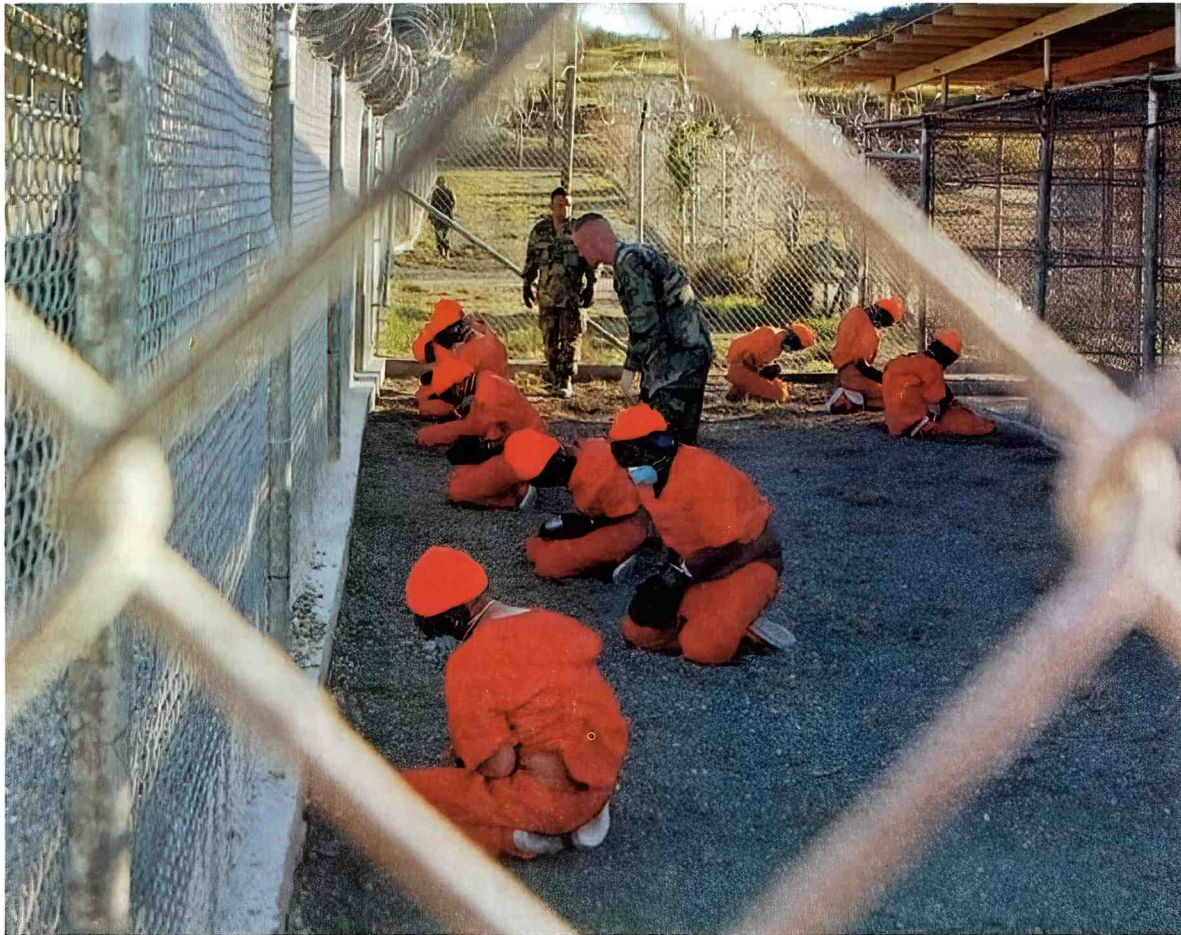
The US has refused to recognise them as prisoners of war, or allow their status to be determined by a tribunal as required under the Geneva Conventions.

Bad information

Raman said it was a scandal that two years after the US opened the camp, people were still being flown over there from Afghanistan.

He said: "Out of 660 people in Guantanamo Bay there are probably only five to 10 big names. The rest are just foot soldiers and ordinary people who were in the wrong place at the wrong time."

"The truth is that Afghans have a bad habit of informing on other Afghans. They sell people off by say-



U.S. Supreme Court said on Monday it would decide appeals by Afghan war detainees challenging their incarceration at a U.S. military prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the first time the justices will rule on the Bush administration's anti-terrorism policy. A file photo shows detainees sitting in a holding area watched by military police at Camp X-Ray inside Naval Base Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, during their processing into the temporary detention facility on Jan. 11, 2002. REUTERS

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ing they are terrorists and many Afghan warlords have made a lot of money that way."

Raman, who presented a paper on Guantanamo to the European Parliament in September, said the camp was just "a showpiece for the American people".

"It is there so that Bush can tell them that he is doing something about terrorism. But you just can't keep people locked up for such a long time without charge or having access to lawyers."

Inhumane conditions

Indian-born Raman said conditions inside the camp had not improved much since it opened.

"Things have only cosmetically improved. The fact is that if you are being held in solitary confinement in a cell that is five metres squared then that is not good. Don't forget, in the last few months 32 prisoners have tried to commit suicide."

He added: "The released prisoners that I spoke to just couldn't believe they had to spend a year of their lives there in the first place."

After the American war on Afghanistan in 2001, about 660 people from 42 countries were sent to Guantanamo Bay for interrogation.

The detainees were taken to a place outside US territory to minimise the

application of legal constraints that might otherwise apply.

Enemy combatants

The Americans say the Guantanamo detainees are being treated humanely and receive good food, excellent medical care, and the opportunity to worship.

However, the US considers them as "enemy combatants", which means they are outside the normal legal framework and can be held indefinitely without trial or access to lawyers.

Washington says it cannot treat the detainees as normal criminals because of their alleged links to Osama bin Ladin's al-Qaida network.

Neither are they regarded as prisoners of war under the Geneva conventions, because they were not members of the regular Afghan armed forces.

The Pentagon has announced that six Guantanamo prisoners are likely to be tried by military tribunals.

The defendants may face prosecution on a number of charges, including violations of the laws of war.

Depending on the particular charges, the death penalty may come into force.

Source: Aljazeera

By Roshan Muhammed Salih

Guinness record breakers gather to celebrate

LONDON (Reuters) - A burp from the loudest belcher in the world echoed round Britain's Tate Modern Gallery as the Guinness World Records book celebrated the release of its 100 millionth copy.

The book, which lists world records from the smallest dog to the highest paid TV guest star, has its own entry in the latest edition as the best-selling copyright book of all time.

"Everybody has a dream to be the best at something in the world and the public has an incredible imagination," the book's editor Claire Folkard said at a reception in London on Tuesday. "That's what has kept us going."

One guest who satiated her desire to be entered into the book as a record holder was Elaine Davidson who had 1,903 piercings, studs and rings over her tattooed body.

The Brazilian living in Edinburgh said she does all the work herself and had once pierced herself 85 times around her waistline in just two hours.

She started piercing herself four years ago because she wanted to be listed in the book. "Now, my dream has come true," she said. "Piercing is my stress relief."

Britain's tallest man was another eye-catching record-holder, towering over reception guests, drinking champagne and eyeing (surely, the smallest in the world) Peking Duck spring rolls.

"I wish to remain anonymous," he said when asked his name.

At 7 ft 6.25 inches (2.32 m), 59-year-old Charles Greener was listed in the Guinness book in 1969 but is still 19 cm shorter than the world's tallest woman.

"I used to do book accounts, though not high finance," Greener chortled before scouring the tops of heads to see where the belching noise came from.

Paul Hunn, 34, produced the loudest burp in the world on television in 2000 and is keen on retaining his record.

"I started burping in the school yard and continued in the pub - it seemed a natural progression," he said, turning to talk to children's television presenter Katy Hill.

Hill, who presented Blue Peter, the longest-running children's television programme, was at the reception to sign the 100 millionth copy of the Guinness book along with the other record-holders.



Brazilian Elaine Davidson, who holds the Guinness world record for being the woman with the greatest number of body piercings - 1903 altogether - pokes her finger through her tongue at the Tate Modern art gallery in London, Nov. 11. The gallery held an event on Tuesday to mark the release of the 100th millionth copy of the Guinness World Records books. REUTERS

"To be honest with all these people looking up and around her. "Or maybe here, I feel a bit of a fraud," she said, just normal."

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