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## Yemen joins condemning voices

# Photo shocker!

By PETER WILLEMS  
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The Yemeni government has formally condemned the alleged abuses carried out by US soldiers on prisoners in Iraq.

"We are with the general view held by many governments and offi-

cial, including the US and the British governments, which have condemned these atrocities," Yemeni Foreign Minister Abu Bakr Al-Qirbi said on Saturday.

Al-Qirbi told the Yemen Times. "We feel that it is unfortunate for the Iraqis who were hoping for a better future after Saddam Hussein, but it ended up with the same atrocities under the coalition forces."

In the United States, the CBS News program "60 Minutes II" showed last Wednesday pictures taken late last year of US troops abusing prisoners. They were broadcasted by Arab television networks on Friday.

The British military is also investigating allegations against

British troops. Photographs of British soldiers abusing Iraqi prisoners have also been released.

The "60 Minutes II" pictures depicted naked

US President George Bush condemned the abuses on Friday.

"I share a deep disgust that those prisoners were treated the way they were treated," said Bush. "Their treatment does not reflect the nature of the American people. That's not the way we do things in America."

But deep animosity towards America has spread across the Arab world after seeing the photos, including among Yemenis.

"Americans are acting like barbarians, animals," said a Yemeni shop owner. "There is nothing worse than sexual abuse. It has dishonored the Muslims. Not only are the Americans occupying Iraq, but they are now torturing the Iraqis."

Concern is also expressed that US soldiers committing such crimes could ignite acts of terrorism.

"This will certainly inflame idealistic feelings, and there is no question that terrorist groups will take advantage of this," said Al-Qirbi. "They always try to justify their acts of terrorism by injustices that Arabs and Muslims receive. So there is no question they will take advantage of these acts."

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American soldiers stand behind a pyramid of naked Iraqi prisoners at the Abu Ghraib prison near Baghdad, Iraq in this undated photo. (AP Photo/Courtesy of The New Yorker)

male prisoners posing in different positions - including prisoners simulating sex acts - while some had US soldiers ridiculing the naked prisoners, including one female soldier.

The photos were taken at the Abu Ghraib prison near Baghdad which was once known as the place of torture and execution under the Saddam regime.

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## Over alleged human rights violations 54 security men prosecuted

By MOHAMMED AL-QADHI  
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Around 54 security officers charged with violating human rights have been prosecuted, official sources said.

The sources said that among those security men are people charged with murder, torture or other crimes while investigating or arresting citizens on different charges.

Fifteen security men have been charged with practicing intimidations or attacks while doing their investigation, while 11 others have accused of gunfire, blackmailing citizens during doing their duty.

The sources said that those people who were prosecuted were proved guilty and were sentenced to either firing or suspended from their jobs, or to blood money fine.

The heaviest punishment against those security men who violate human rights is the ten year imprisonment against three of them.

However, some human rights activists said that the reports on the cases of such violations registered by the min-

istry of interior are not accurate and that a lot of such cases take place on a daily basis but nobody knows about them.

Earlier this year, reports talked about violations of human rights inside Yemeni prisons, including torture. In a research paper by a Yemeni academic, it was found out that security men still represent a fear for citizens due to their horrifying practices.

Dr. Mohammed Abdullah al-Mouyad, professor of international law at Sana'a University said in his paper that the improvement of the human rights record in Yemen is totally stipulated by the improvement of the security authorities' work.

He pointed out that violations of human rights by security men take place due to their ignorance of the law or lack of accountability.

He said that people still look at security men as a means of terror and repression, indicating that local and international reports recruited big officials' confessions of such violations and abuses of human rights on the part of security men, despite the ban of misuse of authority or torture.

### Donors meet

## Judiciary reform marches on

By YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Minister of Justice Dr. Adnan Al-Jafri presided over a broad meeting April 28, with a number of representatives of donor organizations to develop and strengthen the role of the partners of Yemen in development, particularly toward implementing the programs and plans of reforms of the judiciary considering the judiciary is one of the prerequisites to the financial and administrative reforms being carried out by the Government of Yemen.

The minister of justice laid out the ministry's plans and priority missions to develop and modernize the judiciary

in Yemen, with the emphasis on the provisions to develop an effectively efficient judiciary, specifically in the aspect of commercial judiciary. This can compete with international development on commercial dealings in order to pave the way and facilitate more investment and investors to Yemen.

The Minister cited the progress previously achieved by the Ministry in this regard.

The representatives praised the accomplished progress and the steps implemented by the ministry on the level to develop and modernize the Yemeni judiciary.

### French journalist gives lecture

## The ABCs of good newspaper writing

By Yemen Times Staff

The Information Training and Rehabilitation Institute in Sana'a held a lecture-delivering on April 27 and open-discussion assembly led by the French expert Ms. Vergina Levy.

Dr. Abdullah al-Zalub, Dean of the Institute affirmed the importance of holding such meetings for the interaction of different generations and cultures within the same profession and where the experience and experiments of the older generation could be of benefits to younger generations in sharpening and enriching their skills and capabilities.

Levy, a specialist in writing newspapers articles, talked about, under a title, "A good article has no boundaries: the principles of writing articles."

She summarized them in two primary principles. The first is the conformity of the written text of the article with the general policy and adoption of the newspaper and its board of editors.

The second is the importance of abiding by the profession's writing princi-

ples. She emphasized the necessity that the two principles are inter-connected and is not permitted to be separated.

She also pointed out to the importance of the availability of information and the background knowledge to enrich the article. She said that the writer must inquire about and care about the category he/she is addressing starting from the introduction in the article, which could decisively determine the attention of the reader to continue reading it or move on to others.

The writer must use suitable terms and to always ensure the connectivity of written sentences. The writer must already understand the motives behind writing an article as writing is not a duty as much as a feeling and moreover, there is sheer perfect article.

Following the lectures, an open discussion was followed by a number of journalists representing official, private and political parties affiliated newspapers who agreed on the elimination of several technicalities predominately covering the occupation of journalism.

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## Common visions Yemen and Pakistan pen agreement

By PETER WILLEMS  
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Yemen and Pakistan signed a Memorandum of Understanding during Yemeni Deputy Foreign Minister Hussein Tahir bin Yahya's visit to Pakistan last week.

The memorandum includes an annual dialogue between the two countries on political and economic issues and the exchange of information on the Al-Qaeda terrorist network.

"It was a productive meeting, and it dealt with a number of issues on security," Yemeni Foreign Minister Abu Bakr Al-Qirbi told Yemen Times. "Pakistan is a focal point as far as terrorist groups with links in Afghanistan and other places in the world. It is important for Yemen to maintain a close relationship with Pakistan and exchange information. So that meeting was important."

Yemen and Pakistan teamed up with the United States to fight terrorism after the terrorist attacks on US soil on September 11, 2001.

During Yahya's participation in the first session of talks under the memorandum in the capital of Pakistan, Islamabad, the two countries condemned Israel's policy of assassinating Palestinian leaders, such as the

killing of Hamas leaders Sheikh Ahmed Yassin and Abdulaziz Rantisi.

"We feel that the targeted killings are not based on legal grounds and not in line with international law," said Al-Qirbi.

Yemen and Pakistan also agreed that US forces must withdraw from Iraq as early as possible and be replaced by the United Nations to bring back stability to the country.

"Stability in Iraq cannot be really achieved unless a democratic government is established and the occupying forces evacuate," said Al-Qirbi. "Instability will continue in one form or another, even if there is a democratic government with the presence of the occupying forces. Occupation was not initiated. Therefore, if the Americans stay behind, people in Iraq will still look at them as an occupying force."

Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh called for an immediate US withdrawal from Iraq at a conference of local leaders in Sana'a last week.

The Pakistani government has rejected US and British appeals to send troops to Iraq and join a Muslim peacekeeping force. It is now considering a recent request to provide troops to protect the UN mission if it enters Iraq to strive for establishing stability.

## Training course in the field of combating agricultural pestilence

Thursday, 22 April 2004- The National Agricultural Training Center of the General Authority for Agricultural Research and Guidance-Dhahar- concluded a training course in agricultural pestilence.

The course, participated by 25 trainees of cooperative agricultural associations in Sana'a and Amran governorates and Sana'a secretariat, in addition to Dhahar, aimed at providing the participants with knowledge and know-how on vital combating programs to combat agricultural pestilence. The trainees agreed on the importance of combating pestilence and the reduction of using excessive chemical substances to avoid damaging of environment, plants and animals.

## Yemen tells Saudi Embassy to stop visas for Umrah

By HASAN AL-ZAYDI  
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

According to sources, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs sent a letter telling the Saudi embassy to close its door on Yemeni applying for Umrah's visas. The demand came as an official intervention in the disagreement that took place between Yemeni Hajj agencies, in one side, and the Saudi ministry of Hajj.

As a result of the disagreement, the Saudi ministry of Hajj suspended the activities of seventy Yemeni tourism agencies. Such suspension is expected to prevent 50% of the Yemeni intending to take part in the next Umrah season.

In their part, the Yemeni authorities demanded the Saudi embassy to close its doors on Yemeni citizens applying for such visas until the return of the delegation team they intend to send to KSA.

The Saudi authorities excluded Agencies from Yemen and Egypt from providing them with Umrah visas, which started two weeks ago.

Putting tough conditions on Yemeni agencies, Saudi authorities hope such steps will limit the chances of people taking advantage of their stay in the kingdom, during the religious season, to look for work.

## Brutal violence

YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Last week in Al-Asbahi City, a Sana'a high class neighborhood, a woman killed her mother-in-law, cut her body into pieces and put them into plastic bags.

The crime was discovered when the killer, wife of the victim's youngest son who works in one of the Gulf States, paid a boy to carry those plastic bags to the trash dumpster.

Not able to throw the bags into the dumpster, the little body asked a man to help him. Discovering the contents of the bags, the man took an immediate action and notified the police.

In the same span, and in an imitation to violence presented in Hollywood's movies, a private school student was stabbed to death in his stomach by a classmate, while other students put metal bars through his neck.

## Arab summit date not final: Qirbi

By YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Yemen said that the May 22 is not a fixed and a final date for the Arab summit in Tunisia.

Dr. Abu Bakr al-Qirbi, Minister of Foreign Affairs said Thursday that the date of the summit will be agreed upon by Arab ministers of foreign affairs in their meeting on May 8 in Cairo.

He said that Tunisia may need to postpone the date for some days to enable President Ali Abdullah Saleh attend the event.

Saleh would be engaged on May 22 celebrating and observing with the Yemeni people the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Yemen's unification.

Yemen showed reservations over the date of the summit as it is now, on Yemen's unification day.

Yemen demanded that the summit should be held in Cairo which annoyed Tunisia.

Yemen has been reported to have been unhappy as its initiative for Iraq and Palestine problems has not been put on the agenda of the Arab League summit.

## Upcoming conference on population, health and family planning

A regional conference on population, health productivity and family planning will be held in Sana'a May 8 to 9 under the slogan, "Ten years since Cairo Conference on Population and Development: 1994-2004, from recommendations to obligations and implementation."

According to Saba News Agency, the conference, organized by the Yemeni Family Caring Association, under the supervision of the International Family Planning Union, aims, among others, at evaluating progress achieved in Yemen in the field of population, health productivity and family planning.

It also aims at standing before the activities, which have not yet been implemented, and explaining the difficulties, challenges, and the funding

issues of population, health productivity and family planning based on the recommendations of Cairo Population and Development Conference.

It will also set the priorities in the fields of population, health productivity and family planning in five key areas: AIDS, youths, teenagers, social kind and services.

It is expected that three Arab Organizations will participate in the conference: the Sudanese Family Planning Association, the Bahrain Family Planning Association, and the Egyptian Family Planning Association

In addition, there will be participation of representatives of regional office of International Family Planning Union, local and international governments' corporations and related non-governmental organizations.

## Readers' Voice

Yemen Times features "Readers' Voice" a popular way for our readers to interact with us. This is your opportunity to have a say on world and local affairs.

### This edition's question:

Do you think the U.S. will appropriately punish those responsible for the torture of prisoners in Iraq (as seen in recently-released photos by CBS -- See page 1).

1. Yes, punishment will be appropriate.
2. No, it likely will not be enough.
3. No, it likely will be too much.

### last edition's question:

News reports mentioned that Shoura Council barred journalists from interviewing participants in Senates League 1st Conference, was that a justifiable measure?

- No, I think it deprivation of journalists rights 90%
- I have no idea 8%
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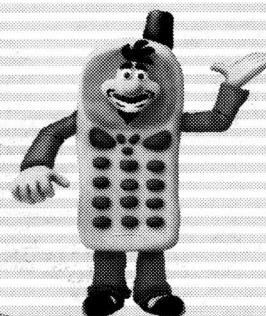
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# EU enlargement will help EU - Yemen relations: Jaffer

The long-awaited enlargement of the European Union took place last Wednesday, signaling a historic occasion for European people. On this occasion, Yemen Times met with Dr. Jaffer Hamed Mohammed Jaffer, the Ambassador of Yemen to the EU in his office in Brussels, Belgium.

Dr. Jaffer was appointed as the ambassador to Belgium and the EU, making him the first Yemeni diplomat to be concerned with the EU's enlargement and its consequences on the relations to Yemen.

On the issue of EU-Yemen relations, Dr. Jaffer said that they are indeed growing and enhancing by the day. "Those relations had started in the commercial aspect since the 1980s. After the formation of the 15-member EU, aid and cooperation had also increased and broadened," he said.

"The EU allocated significant amounts of money for social and economic projects in the country, and has pledged to continue this support in the future."

"Every year, negotiations between Yemen and the EU take place, alternately in Sanaa and Brussels. The last discussions were held in Sanaa in October 2003."

**Important development**

Dr. Jaffer said that in 18 December 2003, a breakthrough agreement was reached and signed. He signed on behalf of Yemen to allow the EU to

**A breakthrough agreement was reached to establish a permanent EU commission delegation in Yemen**

have a prominent commission delegation in Sana'a. In other words, this signals full diplomatic representation of the EU in Sanaa, just like any other embassy.

This is indeed a huge development, especially in accelerating decision making procedures on the spot and easing bureaucratic procedures to enable quicker response to project proposals and cooperation initiatives.

The other important development concerning EU-Yemen relations, is the ongoing work in establishing a committee for political dialogue, which will give relations a boost because it broadens the prospective of relations to

include political aspects too.

This initiative has come after Yemen worked thoroughly to find a role in the Barcelona process, in which Yemen is not included and wasn't accepted due to geographical reasons.

The Barcelona process is confined to the countries south of Mediterranean Sea. Other non-Mediterranean Arab countries also have special privileges including countries such as Sudan and Djibouti in the context of African and

**It is ironic that Yemen's embassy to such a massive and important region of the world is receiving the least of attention and care**

Atlantic perspectives. The Gulf Cooperation Council also has special relations with the EU. This eventually puts Yemen in an isolated position with no real frame for multilateral relations with the EU.

But following extensive efforts, we have come to agree initially on establishing the said committee for political dialogue, and have also agreed on holding its first meeting in July 2004 in Brussels.

Meanwhile, EU officials have also expressed their satisfaction and appreciation to Yemen for its positive role in fighting terrorism, developing human rights and democracy, and economic developmental reforms. The EU is also encouraged to see that we in Yemen are working to achieve social reforms such as enabling Yemeni women to participate in politics as we have female ministers, female ambassadors, and female activists. This what makes Yemen unique in this regard in the region.

**Yemen's presence in the EU needs care**

On Yemeni presence in the EU, the ambassador stressed that just as the EU has now enlarged and is composed of 25 countries with a total population exceeding 400 million people, it is quite important to have stronger presence and more activities of Yemen in Brussels.

"I need to focus here on the element of quality more than quantity. What we need right now in our embassy is more qualified Yemeni staffers more than anything else. As we can imagine, there will be more potentials for coop-

eration and expansion of relations with the EU and its individual member states, which in turn makes it quite demanding to have qualified team workers in all social, economic, logistic, research, public relations, and media fields.

This conforms to President Saleh's orders in taking care of the diplomatic sector and placing the right person in the right post.

For example, there are some Yemenis working in foreign embassies, who could be more useful working in Yemeni embassies in other Arab countries as they don't have a second language. It is not preferred to have a Yemeni diplomat with no foreign tongue (English, French, German, etc.) work in a European country, as this will not only affect the embassy's productivity and relations, but will also be unjust to the diplomat, who could have unveiled his potentials if he would have been posted in an Arab country and could potentially be frustrated.

On the other hand, as you have noted, the EU enlargement is also of

**The problem of Yemen is that it is not considered in any block or group in the region, causing it to be somewhat isolated**

major development which will result in greater demand for hard work and dedication to diplomatic work to produce more and use the opportunities available. With 10 more countries added to the current 15, and taking into account the fact that our embassy is concerned with Luxembourg too, this will require us to exert greater efforts and work closely with 25 countries. This is why it is important that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs looks into this issue with great importance and concern and provides our embassy with qualified and skilled Yemeni staffers, who will be the pillar of our mission in Brussels.

**Financial difficulties in our embassy in Brussels**

As for the obstacles that hinder the work of the Yemeni embassy in Brussels, Dr. Jaffer said that despite the fact of enlargement of the EU and strengthening EU-Yemen relations, the embassy suffers from financial short-

**The conference recently held in Sana'a with sponsorship of the EU is being followed up closely by all parties concerned**

ages in its budget. "I know that other embassies suffer too, but our case is even more severe as the budget is lower than most other embassies throughout the world, including Yemeni embassies in neighboring countries. This is ironic because greater attention must be paid to our embassy as it represents Yemen in the largest block of countries in the world, yet it is getting the least of attention."

Furthermore, the fall of the USD versus the Euro has also led to extra financial burdens up to 20% due to the fact that our central government in Sana'a still uses the US dollar for its foreign transactions, resulting in deficits in our budget as we have to change the dollars to Euros to pay our staffers, especially European staffers, causing tremendous losses.

This financial shortage has direct implications on the level of productivity and work we can achieve in the embassy. In other words, if the financial aspect is not improved, we will remain confined to fewer activities and less productive staffers, which will ultimately result in waste of potentials and possible contribution to EU-Yemen relations.

**EU support to Yemen on the rise**

In a final remark, Dr. Jaffer said that the EU has been obviously keen to support Human Rights and democracy in Yemen, and that was quite evident in the co-organization of the EU of the last regional conference on human rights and democracy held a few months ago in Sanaa by the Yemeni government in cooperation with the organization "No Peace Without Justice".

"I must note that the European parliament has praised the Yemeni government for coming up with the Sanaa Declaration that concluded the conference, in which Yemen pledged to continue its efforts in supporting freedom and human rights. The conference was said to conform to the strategy of the EU in Yemen and the region, and we are now closely following up on this issue with our EU counterparts. I also believe that EU support to Yemen is on the rise."

## Children's rights discussed

The High Council for Motherhood and Childhood, in cooperation with a Swedish organization, held a workshop April 27 to 29 to educate children of their rights.

It was participated by a number of students of both genders representing a

number of schools from Sana'a Secretariat.

Dr. Buthainah Al-Ja'afi, President of the High Council for Motherhood and Childhood, confirmed the importance of this workshop.

She pointed out that the need to

define what children want, what are their rights guaranteed by the legislations and laws, and how children look upon them.

The Undersecretary of Ministry of Social Affairs, Mr. Ali Saleh Abdullah, praised the role played by the High

Council and the support of the donor organizations to the activities of concern to the children.

The Director of Schools Activities of the Ministry of Education talked about the role to be played by his ministry, and how to make practical the opinions and suggestions of the nearly 30 students who participated in the workshop.

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**U.S. changes tack in Falluja**

**Iraqis hail "victory"**

FALLUJA, Iraq, May 1 (Reuters) - Soldiers of the old Iraqi army led by one of Saddam Hussein's generals patrolled the city of Falluja on Saturday, a year after George W. Bush declared the U.S. "mission accomplished" in ousting the Iraqi regime.

Cries of "victory over the Americans" echoed from minarets and gunmen celebrated in the streets under the green banner of Islam and Saddam-era Iraqi flags. Thousands who had fled a month of heavy fighting streamed back to their homes after U.S. Marines pulled back from their siege positions around the city.

Mired in a confrontation that spilled blood on both sides and outraged Iraqi and Arab opinion, U.S. commanders withdrew to more distant positions on Friday. Security was entrusted to local police and a new force of ex-soldiers under General Jasim Mohamed Saleh, formerly of Saddam's feared Republican Guard.

U.S. commanders call it an experiment that may be reversed.

But Iraqis, many of them impatient with an occupation that brought them pictures this week of U.S. and British troops abusing detainees, may well believe they are seeing the military defeat of a once-powerful enemy.

Americans, deciding whether to re-elect President Bush in November, may also wonder where the Iraq venture is taking them after the bloodiest month for U.S. troops since the war began.

"The city's defenders are celebrating," yelled one man as a group of gunmen in civilian clothes raised banners and rifles aloft on a street to acclaim their "defeat" of the Marines.

A uniformed member of General Saleh's 1,000-strong force, dubbed the Falluja Brigade by Marines, looked on.

On foot and in civilian four-wheel-drive vehicles, this force began patrolling the streets of the Sunni Muslim city, which was among those most loyal to the Baathist dictator.

"God has given this town victory over the Americans," wailed a message from a mosque in the town centre. "This victory came by the acts of the brave Mujahideen



An Iraqi man holding a child awaits to get permission from Iraqi and U.S. security forces to pass through a checkpoint at the entrance of Falluja on May 1. Thousands of jubilant people, forced to flee a month-long siege that cost hundreds of lives, streamed through newly opened checkpoints around the city after U.S. Marines pulled back from many positions and left Iraqis in control. REUTERS

of Falluja who vanquished the American troops."

**"Eyes wide open"**

A Pentagon spokesman said the United States, which had made a point of excluding senior figures of the old regime, was going into the Falluja deal with its "eyes wide open", aware of the risks of dealing with the relatively unknown Saleh, whose influence over — or links with — the insurgents are unclear.

Lawrence Di Rita said the Marines had had to end the siege or risk new challenges to U.S. authority and jeopardising plans to hand over to an interim Iraqi government in two months.

Marine commanders say they are playing the new arrangement in Falluja by ear and may return to the town. They say they will pursue insurgents and foreign militants and are still hunting the killers of four American security guards, images of whose mutilated bodies prompted the U.S. offensive a month ago.

Hammad Makhlaf, returning to Falluja

with his wife and five children to find windows smashed and walls damaged at his home, said: "Praise God. The most important thing is that the town's dignity has been preserved with the defeat of the Americans."

**Death toll rising**

The world's only superpower turned to Saleh after failing to eliminate an estimated 2,000 guerrillas dug in among 300,000 civilians. President Bush's critics accuse him of wading into a Vietnam-style "quagmire".

The rising death toll is pressuring Bush in polls ahead of November's presidential election. April was the bloodiest month for U.S. troops in Iraq. A total of 129 were killed in action during the month — nearly a quarter of the combat death toll of 540 since U.S.-led forces invaded in March last year.

That toll includes two sailors assigned to the region around Falluja, whose deaths on Friday were reported on Saturday.

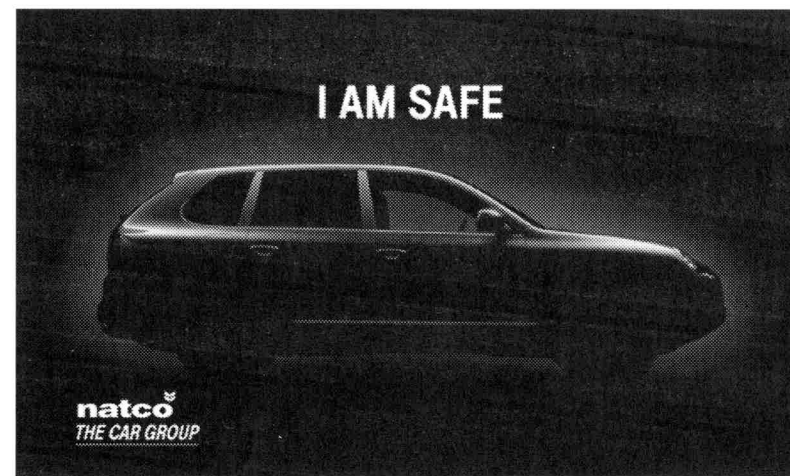
U.S. television programme "Nightline"

sparked controversy by devoting a show to broadcasting names and pictures of the dead.

The bloodshed at Falluja has also not helped Washington win over Iraq's Sunni Muslim minority, long dominant under Saddam — doctors say 600 have died in the siege, enraging much of the "Sunni Triangle" of towns north and west of Baghdad.

And U.S. efforts to maintain the goodwill of those Iraqis who did welcome the overthrow of the Baathist state, such as the Shi'ite majority to the south, have been hampered by the scandal over the abuse of prisoners by military jailers.

The Arab world was outraged by photographs published this week showing U.S. troops abusing detainees in Saddam's once notorious Abu Ghraib prison. On Saturday, a London newspaper published images it said showed British troops, who control the Shi'ite south around Basra, abusing an Iraqi detainee.



**Gunmen open fire in Saudi, U.S. victims reported**

RIYADH, May 1 (Reuters) - Gunmen in Saudi Arabia opened fire on foreigners in an attack in the Red Sea port of Yanbu on Saturday and U.S. diplomats said Americans were reported among the victims.

Saudi Arabia said militants stormed a Saudi contractor's building in the city and an unknown number of foreigners and Saudis were killed, while security forces killed three of the attackers.

"At 7:00 a.m. (0400 GMT) on Saturday four men entered the headquarters of a Saudi contractor in Yanbu and fired at random on Saudis and foreigners," the Interior Ministry said in a statement.

"Security forces chased them and they took refuge in residential areas and hijacked some cars. Three of them were killed and a fourth was wounded. There were a number of deaths and injuries among Saudis and foreigners," it added.

U.S. diplomats in Saudi Arabia said they had received reports that Westerners, including Americans, had been attacked in the industrial city of Yanbu and some were killed.

"We have reports of more than one death. Americans appear to be among the victims," a U.S. embassy spokeswoman in Riyadh said. "We are still working on gathering details".

Saudi Arabia has been battling a year-long wave of Islamist militancy, targeting mainly foreigners. More than 50 people have been killed in suicide bombings in the capital Riyadh, including an attack on a security building last month.

A hotel employee in Yanbu said a Westerner was killed in a five-star hotel in the city, adding he had no details.

"Somebody died, but we don't know their nationality yet," the hotel employee said by telephone.

U.S. and British diplomats said they were checking reports that a number of Western expatriates had been shot.

"We are looking into reports that Westerners have been killed or injured in a shooting," a British embassy spokesman said.

Yanbu, about 250 km (160 miles) north of Jeddah on the Red Sea, had until now been largely unaffected by violence in the kingdom.



Saudi firefighters extinguish a burning car used by suspected militants who shot dead four Westerners in an attack in the Red Sea port of Yanbu May 1. REUTERS

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# Koreas mark Labour Day after North's train blast

PYONGYANG, North Korea, May 1 (Reuters) - Koreans from the North and South jointly celebrated May Day on Saturday in the North's capital, but the occasion was overshadowed by memories of last month's deadly train blast near the China border.

About 300 South Koreans — including labour union members — flew to the North on Friday to take part in Labour Day events held in the Pyongyang, where banners hanging on the street read "Celebrate May 1" and "Long live Patriot Leader Kim Jong-il."

At least 161 people were killed and 1,300 injured in the catastrophic explosion on April 22 in



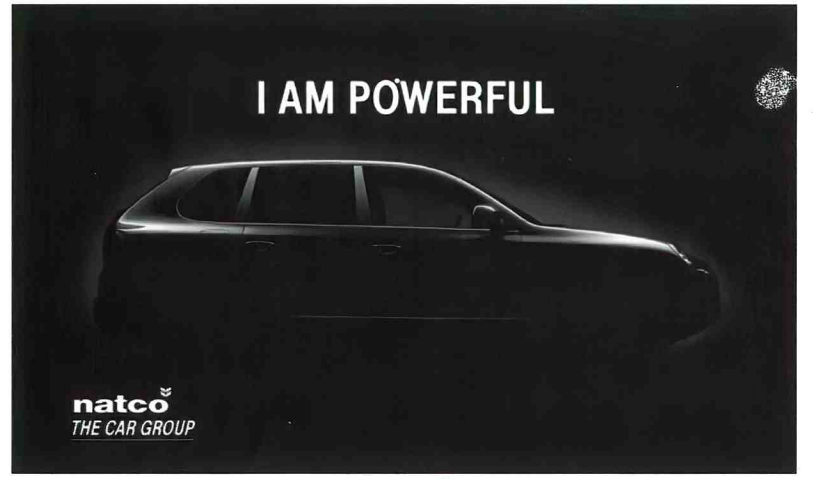
North Korean students perform during an inter-Korean May Day rally at Reungdo park in the North Korean capital Pyongyang May 1. REUTERS

the North Korean town of Ryongchon on the Chinese border.

KCNA said last month the blast — caused by a collision between trains carrying fuel and ammonium nitrate and sparked by an electricity pylon — had the force of 100 one-tonne bombs and caused "horrible" damage across four km (2.5-mile) radius.

Kim Yong-nam, North Korea's number two leader and the President of the presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly, took part in the Pyongyang event.

The Koreans have been technically been at war since the Korean War ended in an armed truce 50 years ago.



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Yemen joins condemning voices

## Photo shocker!

The US military has brought charges against six soldiers on abuses carried out in November and December last year. Seven other soldiers have been suspended from their duties at the prison.

An army report, written by Major General Antonio Taguba in February and obtained by The New Yorker magazine, said that some Iraqi prisoners were subject to "sadistic, blatant and wanton criminal abuses."

"These acts could not have come from the orders of the US government," said Nashwan Azzabeedi, a Yemeni financial manager. "It's probably just the individual soldiers themselves who did it."

But the credibility of the US war in Iraq may be deteriorating. The Bush Administration was in a precarious position when many countries around the world opposed the US attack on Iraq a little over a year ago. During occupation, Iraq has been unstable, and intense conflicts erupted last month when both Sunni and Shiite groups battled with US troops.

"There is a loss of credibility and confidence coming from these atrocities, and it makes the future of the Iraqis more uncertain," said Al-Qirbi. "This is at a time when peo-

ple were hoping that the UN would play a role in restoring order in Iraq and the formation of an Iraqi government, which would lead the country towards general elections. This has come at a very unfortunate time."

At a conference of local leaders in Sana'a on April 25, Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh demanded the immediate withdrawal of US forces from Iraq. He said that Iraqi people were not living in freedom or democracy, they should choose their leaders and that the United States did not find weapons of mass destruction it had claimed as the reason for its invasion.

Since prisoners being abused has been broadcasted, many have been criticizing the United States for claiming that it brought liberty to Iraq. Some argue that even though Saddam Hussein was a brutal dictator, the crimes carried out by US soldiers are viewed very much the same.

"I believe that life is worse in Iraq than it was under Saddam," said a Yemeni businessman. "He was a dictator, but after him there has been nothing but fighting and killing. And now we see humiliation and torture. Life was better before the war began."

## Chinese hit the road for holiday despite SARS

BEIJING, May 1 (Reuters) - A week of high-volume May Day holiday travel started in China on Saturday with tens of millions of people expected to hit the road despite confirmation of a sixth suspected patient as having the virus.

The latest outbreak has killed one person and infected at least five others. Three people suspected of having the potentially deadly disease were in hospital in Beijing.

Airports and train stations across the country installed thermal scanners to check passengers for fever, a telltale symptom of potentially deadly Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome.

The World Health Organisation, which has sent teams to China to investigate the outbreak in Beijing and the eastern province of Anhui, believes the latest cases may have come from two people who caught the virus in a SARS

laboratory.

More than 90 million people are expected to travel during the seven-day holiday starting on Saturday, pouring 35 billion yuan (\$4.23 billion) into tourism-related industries, China's National Tourism Administration has said.

An outbreak of SARS last year prompted the government to cancel the May Day holiday, one of the country's three annual "Golden Weeks" when businesses close and much of the country goes on holiday, giving the economy a shot of consumer spending.

That outbreak pounded the economy, especially service sectors such as tourism, in China and across much of Asia.

Well over 1,000 people have been isolated in connection with the latest outbreak.

The Health Ministry confirmed on Saturday that a centre for disease control and prevention researcher suspected of having SARS actually had the disease. No new cases were reported around China in the 24 hours to 10 a.m. (0200 GMT) on Saturday, though.

China came in for criticism last year for failing to report the outbreak, which began in the south of the country, when it first appeared but this time the World Health Organisation applauded China's efforts to cut the chain of transmission.

"We believe that at this point in time there is no significant public health threat from this outbreak of SARS," said Julie Hall, a SARS team leader with the WHO in China.

Nevertheless, several countries, fearful of a repeat of last year's SARS outbreak that was spread by travellers and killed nearly 800 people worldwide,

were screening visitors from China.

The WHO had not recommended additional measures for the government to take over the holiday, but Hall added: "It is too early to say that this is under control and the chain of transmission has been broken."

Beijing's Communist Party boss Liu Qi inspected the city's centre for disease control and prevention's anti-SARS centres on Friday, saying it was a critical time in SARS prevention and the city could not let its guard down, the Beijing Daily reported.

The deputy director of Beijing's health bureau said he was confident the city would be safe.

"Beijing is now a safe enclave, where millions of local residents and tourists from both home and overseas will have a very joyous and safe holiday," Xinhua quoted him as saying.

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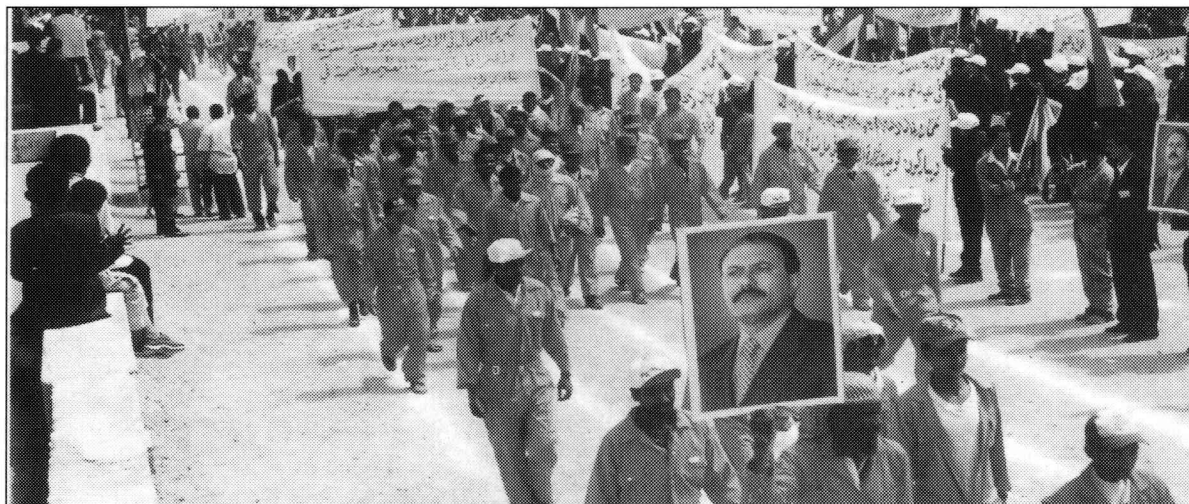
Multiple variables and many syllabuses have been created by the policy of economic and financial reforms since 1995 that have impacted rates of growth and affected the labour market in Yemen.

On this occasion of the World May Day we would like to link the population growth rate in our country, estimated at 3.7%, to indicators of a rise in the numbers of workforce in the market, and its reflection on available job opportunities, as well as what must be done to reduce unemployment.

The government has tried to tackle the structural disorders in the economy in record time, and has implemented a program for economic and financial reform with the aim of enhancing trust in our gross national economy, attracting investments, increasing the gross national product, reducing debt, taking measures for halting fluctuations of exchange prices and reducing inflation to less than 10%.

But the efforts to help the industrial and agricultural sector remain weak and that has hurt the labour market. There is a shortage in training and qualification of work forces, despite the fact that the government has raised the ceiling of its investment expenditures and finished projects characterized by intensive labour.

What has increased unemployment is the retreat of both public and private sectors in providing job opportunities. That situation has created a real problem in the growing of the labour market, and that has led to spread of new cases of poor groups in the society and each individual, according to field studies; become bearing the



Workers mark May Day with a parade. (Yemen Times Photo by Fahmia al-Fotih)

living costs of a medium of four members out of economic sustenance, in addition to spending on himself.

The government has not stood with its hand folded before on this situation. It has launched the social safety net, supported funds of social development and care and adopted projects to fight poverty and developing small industries.

It has also supported the fund for fish and agricultural encouragement and smaller lending program and other measures aimed at alleviation of unemployment and finding opportunities for those capable of work in the market.

By considering deeply the policy of economic and financial reforms we should judge through it what the government has traversed of distances in the social area and treatment of labour market.

Indicators show that reforms were concentrated on founding solutions to structural defects while available work opportunities remained low, especially that the efforts exerted for improving the condi-

tions of the unemployed were confined to partial solutions and short-term and temporal programs.

On the occasion of the World Labour Day we can talk with transparency about requirements of the labour market where there are squandered human resources. There is a need for speeding up the rate of economic and financial reforms to stop the chronic deficit in the state's general budget and appropriation of part of it for expansion in the process of training and qualification of the workforces, as well as working for activating investment and pushing the private sector to adopt intensive work strategic projects.

If there are qualified and trained work forces in various areas and there are strategic projects the labour market would get flourished and we would be able to market and export Yemeni labour to neighboring markets in a regular and studied way founded on specialization and responding to demand for local and external job opportunities.

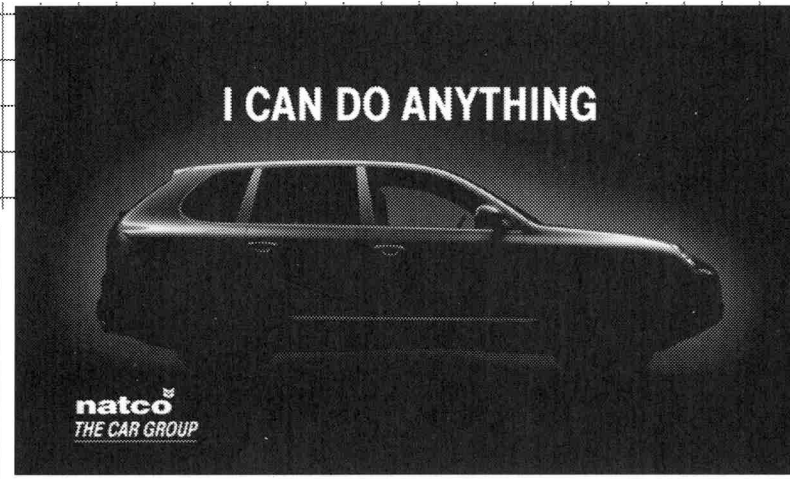
We would point out that there is another

problem at the labour market represented in the increase in number of groups graduated from government and private universities. They are waiting employment opportunities. These are in need for strategic plans for accommodating them at the public and private sectors according to their specialties.

The whole question requires preparation of surveying study to know their volume and need for them in different areas.

No doubt the government's programs and plans have accommodated many groups of unemployed and provided tens of thousands of opportunities for the labour market forces, but the increase in the rates of population growth and outputs of university education require exertion of more efforts to improve conditions of workers, as they are the builders of the homeland and represent leaders of the active movement in the society.

The attention paid to them should not be confined to an honoring just ceremony, but it must find comprehensive solutions to their problems.



## Just where are all the expatriates? Mapping Yemenis abroad

By YEMEN TIMES STAFF

The Statistics Central Apparatus in Yemen is preparing for the implementation of the census of population, houses and installations next December to obtain accurate statements about demographic changes, internal and external migration and the volume of population density in the countryside and the towns compared to requirements of services and development projects.

Moreover, one of the more important things in the census is to get acquainted with the density of the Yemenis spread out in expatriation, and the places where they are living, as well the relationship of the expatriates with what is mentioned in the map of investment inside the homeland.

The Minister of Expatriate Affairs Abdeh Ali Qubati affirms the census is reaching accurate statistics and correct definite statements. The census will give records in various areas of the republic in order also to define rates of migration, kinds of expatriates and their professions, qualification, skills and their social and economic circumstances.

The census represents a major pillar in developing the field work for serving the expatriates and to reach at a proper framework on requirements of the homeland's sons in the expatriation areas, as well as effecting balance between what the country needs and aspirations of the expatriates in addition to what the expatriate hopes of services to offer to the homeland.

The government wants from the census to draw up a map of accurate data on expatriates installations and to obtain modern statistics on characteristics of the population in order to keep pace with developments and changes achieved by modern technology necessary for developmental construction.

The Ministry of Expatriates believes that the coming census would contribute to pushing forward the wheel of expatriates investments and accommodate their projects within sustainable development.

Accurate and proper figures would help he expatriates benefit from them and positive contribution to ongoing economic changes in the country.

### Exchange Rate for the Yemeni Rial

Currency	Buying	Selling
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Euro	330.0100	219.6400
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Kuwaiti Dinar	625.6800	626.3900
UAE Dirhem	50.2200	50.2700
Egyptian Pound	29.7100	29.7500
Bahraini Dinar	489.2600	489.8200
Qatari Rial	50.6600	50.7200
Jordanian Dinar	260.1600	260.4500
Omani Rial	479.1200	479.6700
Swiss Franc	141.7200	141.8800
Swedish Crown	24.1000	24.1300
Japanese Yen	1.6896	1.6916

Source: Central Bank of Yemen

# Important Announcement

The Ministry of Telecommunications & IT announces that it has taken steps to prevent international calls from passing illegally via the fixed and the GSM telephone networks as they are in breach of the telecommunications law. Therefore, citizens who receive international calls which appear as local numbers on their fixed or GSM telephones are requested to cooperate with the Ministry and notify the call center on free access number 170 at any time. The information required by the call center is purely the local or GSM number that appears on the customer's telephone display. The call center handling calls to 170 is available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week.

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### Sarwah City's secrets unveiled

The current Sarwah city

State's officials say that the practices of some members living in Sarwah such as kidnapping of tourists, bombing of oil pipelines spread across the province have prevented the expanding of development to the city.

On the other hand, the citizens of Sarwah city complain that the negligence of the state of their city has led to such practices in order to pressure the state to implement and carry out some development and services projects.

However, the big concern of the majority of the city is the collective punishment of the state to the practice of some individuals.

Electricity and health services are not sufficient. There are electricity poles erected in the streets but without electricity current.

The only hospital in the city was established in 1985 and it is closed most of the time due to the lack of medical cadre and medical equipment. The role of its working division, renovated by the German Health and Family Planning Project is limited to giving vaccination to women and children. As far as schools, there are some schools but without teachers.

In conclusion, the presence of military forces and the statements of officials imply that the citizens of Sarwah are aggressive and evils. They should have been living like this at the 13th century.

But, in reality, they seem peaceful, hospitable and magnanimous. There are many citizens who are graduates of universities, colleges and military academies who are unemployed.

Definitely the measures and mistakes of the officials have led to a big hiatus between the citizens and the state. The remaining question is the President of the Republic able to narrow this gap?

And in the recent visit of President Saleh to Sarwah and his inspection of the situation would eventually lead to the lifting of the suffering of the citizens?

Only the coming period could answer these questions

I ACHIEVE MY HIGHEST GOALS



### Pakistani school celebrates annual sports week

FOR THE YEMEN TIMES

Pakistan School Sana'a, the pioneer institute in English medium education, celebrated its sports week, recently.

This week occupies an important place in the academic calendar of the institute. Inter-House competitions are held during the week.

Students impatiently wait for this week, as it provides them the opportunity to display their talent in games, athletics, stage events and drawing and painting.

This year the students were evenly grouped into four houses namely Iqbal House, Jinnah House, Al-Zuberi House and Al - Qais House, each headed by a house master.

Football, volleyball, basketball, races, drawing and painting, singing, recitation and fancy dress shows were the events that were included in this year's competitions.

Different organizations and business managements sponsored the tournament. Al-Qais House earned the maximum points by winning many competi-



The high officials of Pakistan  
Embassy and Pakistan School



Al Qais House after receiving the  
trophy

tions and won the most coveted trophy.

At the end of the week a prize distribution ceremony was held. Parents, diplomats, dignitaries and high officials of different departments attended the ceremony.

Mr. Khalid Mehmud, the principal of the school, while delivering his welcome address, highlighted the importance of sports and said that games are important and essential for personality development and mental grooming of students.

His Excellency, Nawab Amir Abdul Rehman Nousherwani the Ambassador of Pakistan to the Republic of Yemen and the Chairman of Pakistan School, graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

In his address, he extended his congratulations to the students and teachers on their praiseworthy effort. His Excellency applauded the endeavors of the Principal and stressed upon the management and the staff to work diligently in order to uplift the institute further.

At the end, His Excellency gave away the prizes to the winners.

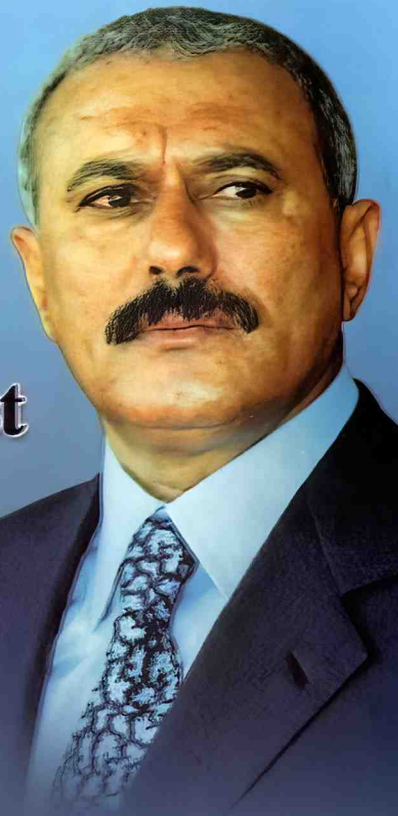
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# Local Press

Prepared by Mohammed Khidhr

## Main headlines

- To assure him of ousting Saddam, The Saudi ambassador to Washington was informed on the decision of invading Iraq before Colin Powell
- Jumbo spiders attack American forces in Iraq
- The Shura prevents journalists from conducting interviews with delegations attending Senates Conference
- President Saleh demands American occupation troops immediate departure from Iraq
- London refuses to offer legal support to Abu Hamza in the case of his denationalization; his loss paves the way for handing him over to Yemen or America
- America pounds the two Iraqi cities of Falluja and Kufa with heavy artillery and warplanes
- Yemeni military plane crashes, its Syrian pilot killed
- Arab silence towards American shelling of Iraq cities of Falluja and Kufa
- 106 Yemeni detainees in Guantanamo
- The Arab National Conference refuses giving Arab support for American occupation of Iraq
- News on acute differences inside the Saudi family and fear from revolution eruption,
- American officials confirm the idea of controlling Saudi oil fields
- Gaddafi breaks 15-year boycott with Europe
- American occupation troops face difficult options in Iraq
- The world warns against targeting Arafat
- Sa'awani preaches, threatens and denies Zindani's involvement in Jarallah assassination
- Yemeni Journalists Syndicate: No boycotting decision of the American embassy
- Yemen's students in India send distress call
- Issues of smuggling and terror flare up again between Riyadh and Sana'a
- The president apologizes from attending the Arab summit on 22 May
- Unprecedented initiative for reformation of the country's situations
- Meetings of Senates and Shoura Councils League in the Arab homeland and Africa held in Sana'a
- The president orders disclosure of his fate,
- Egyptian parliament considers the issue of Ubeid kidnapping
- In his address to the 1st regional conference of Senates and Shoura Councils League,
- The president demanded the United States of not being biased to Israel and pulling out of Iraq
- Reforms coming from outside would not succeed
- The president stresses Yemen's active participation in the Arab summit meetings
- Yemen and Saudi Arabia finish placing border markings in late of next May
- Measles disease continues spread in the two governorates of Hajjah and Hudeidah amidst citizens concern

SKETCHED OPINION



By Samer A.

parliament members ho refused the deal should be said that their stance deserves praise and we hope that it would be an introduction to other and other stances facing corruption and refusing passing on of corrupt interests.

**Al-Wahdawi weekly, organ of the Nasserite Unionist Organisation, 27 Apr 2004.**

**Main headlines**

- Fleeing of millions and corruption without accountability
- Organization's secretary-general: Resistance of occupation beginning of the revolution

Political security seeks to split the union of physicians and pharmacists

The political editor of the newspaper says in his article sending Arab troops to Iraq even if according to conditions of the Arab League secretary-general Amr Mousa is a new disaster of the Arab rulers against the Arab nation and Iraq together. The beneficiary from it is the American-Zionist scheme aimed at the Arab region. That scheme searches for justifications and inlets making it perching on the region with all of its weight creating the reforms it wants but not the ones we want. Despite of the reasonable conditions of Amr Mousa the proposition has dropped the most important condition which is the

American occupation departure from Iraq in coincidence with replacing that by role of the United Nations and in a fixed time ceiling when the United Nations role comes to an end and full sovereignty returns to Iraq.

This is the solution accepted by logic and reason and accepted by the Arab nation but not a decision by the UN ignoring presence of the occupation. For otherwise the international role would become a mere cover for plundering and destroying Iraq in a larger scale by the American occupation.

In such a case neither the UN nor the Arab forces can prevent the Iraqi resistance from hitting the American occupation and all that try to prevent it.

**Al-Nahar weekly, 29 Apr 2004.**

**Main headlines**

- A Salafi group: Secularism is infidelity, pluralism violation of loyalty
- Change of date, a condition for attending the summit
- Islah and the GPC win majority of seats of the University Teaching Staff Union

The newspaper editorial says despite the variance in stands political parties vis-à-vis the American an European projects for reform in the Middle East, the causes differ about support and opposition about those two projects, especially after the government had announced its support for the principle of reforms.

Since the government has declined from its utter rejection of the two initiatives, claiming that success of political reform projects requires that those projects are emerging from reality of the countries meant in the projects and not imposed from outside, the president's advisor and secretary-general of the GPC, Dr Abdulkareem al-Iryani has surprised all by declaring that Yemen was not meant by any project for political reform as it has preceded those call and approved work in political pluralism, freedom of press and formation of trade and professional unions since the unification of its two parts in 1990. Dr al-Iryani has further said that the political system in Yemen, based on pluralism and democracy, is no longer required to say "yes" to the American president Bush. Some circles in the opposition have considered what Iryni said as a kind of political abstention and others considered them an ahead step for refusing the convening of a national conference to discuss constitutional and legal reforms stabilizing and enhancing the effectiveness of parties and role of unions and also limiting domination of the ruling party on all potentials of the state for serving its goals and policies. Those also see in the rejection beforehand of any internal dialogue on reforms as a reflection of the state of harmony stamping the relationship between Washington and Sana'a due to its cooperation in the area of fighting terror, a matter that has made the latter safe from any pressures forcing it to create actual reforms, active organisations not dominated by government control and women taking part in making decisions especially following the sharp retreat in the political

life since defeat of the YSP in the war of 1994 summer and its departure from rule by force.

**Al-Balagh weekly, 27 Apr 2004.**

**Main headlines**

- Conflict on land still claiming lives while security bodies in deep sleep
- America practices inroad against Saudi Arabia
- The president says the slogans America raised in its war on Iraq have fallen, calling coalition forces for immediate withdrawal from Iraq
- Dr Mansour al-Zindani accuses government and opposition of not understanding democracy correctly
- Shoura council prevents journalists from meeting delegations participating in the 1st conference of Senates and shoura councils
- In the wake of clashes with security, An armed group blocks the main street in Qa'taba
- Ending the issue of vengeance between the two tribes of Ahzoum and Akroub in Dhalié
- Hood rejects the commercial department ruling in the case of Fuad al-Shahari, deeming it a judicial precedence

The newspaper's editor in chief writes saying last Sunday in Sana'a the first conference of the Senates, Shoura and equivalent councils league in Arab countries and Africa commenced its meetings. Here we would like to call the attention of the people supervising the conference and other similar ones to some points that concern us as media men.

The confining of presence to editors in chief of newspapers to attend opening and closing sessions of conferences is something positive but as media people we are concerned with media presence in such conferences, in other words we are interested in conducting necessary media coverage through interviews and dialogues with members of participant delegations regarding the conferences held on our territories and also concerning regional and international issues.

Unfortunately most of the people entrusted with conducting such conferences in our country are obsessed by the security premonition without observing the media aspect and such a stand can be a cause for depriving our country of the positive privilege in the field of pluralism and freedom of the press.

The second point is the usual differentiation practiced by the organizing sides between media men representing foreign press and agencies and their local colleagues. The differentiation also includes journalists representing government press and those affiliated to private sector.

We hope that in future there would be a role by the ministry of information to overcome such negatives.

**Al-Shoura weekly, organ of People's Forces Union in Yemen, 28 Apr 2004.**

**Main headlines**

- Corruption devours billions in oil sector
- Fate of Ubeid is shrouded with ambiguity by influential people
- Since its running in 1994,
- Tawfeeq Abdurraheem refuses to pay lease of the airport patrol station
- Saeed Thabet maintains his journalistic work while waiting for appeal ruling
- Local sit-in in Radafan and Qbeeta in protest to non-implementation of projects and stealing of poor allowances
- Iraq last quagmire for American hegemony

The political editor of the newspaper says the stand of the parliament regarding the oil scandal is a significant turning-point in its work of which we have been used to have it passing over issues and does not care about its authorities and tasks and specialties. That has made the Yemeni citizen almost lose his trust in the parliament.

The MPs, including those representing the ruling party, have found themselves before their responsibility towards the oil scandal and therefore they have taken none can deny its being a principled one and rejecting corruption. This represents a positive initiative and shining sign for those parliamentarians who decided to be biased to the people and voters and future.

All those MPs who have taken the principled stance of refusing corruption, injustice and violation of law and rights and freedoms, declaring their siding with the citizen and the homeland would find themselves in confrontation with all who target the homeland's right and the rights of the citizen as reflected by the scandal of oil that our government has committed. The responsible stance taken by the



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## Reflections

*Waiting for Godot or waiting for Jehovah? (final part)*

### The sword, the chicken, the grip and the chantage trip!

From past articles we can deduce easily that the cultural heritage represented in the Bible and the Old Testament have inoculated in western and American minds an endearment and worship to anything related to Israel and all the Biblical related customs and traditions. Adding to this, Judaism as a religion is an ancient one and has followers around the world. Indigenous Western followers of Judaism have had due to suppression by Europeans, to try to unite themselves so as to protect their cultural heritage and mundane interests. Of course, Jews are Jews religiously not ethnically and because of that they have been always involved in trade, industry and different lucrative businesses. They are brought up thinking that they are the chosen people and others are merely insignificant miserable goyim. You will notice that Adolf Hitler did borrow the Jewish term GOYIM and Germanized it as "UNTERMENSCHEN". He used the same Jewish weapon against Jews, Africans and Arabs.

Yes, American Jews are ruling USA with their moneys businesses and brains and most importantly through what president Nixon termed in his secret recordings as the "STRANGLING GRIP" i.e. the total Jewish control on the media. Really, I feel sympathetic with any Non-Christian Zionist American president because he shall have to succumb to the Jewish ordained policies or meet his doom or at least scandals of Watergate and Monica Lewinski type (Carter and Clinton know better!).

So today like yesterday Jews are

rich and educated. They are playing on the cultural religious heritage which is very much instilled in European and American minds in addition to what I term as "THE SWORD OF DAMOCLES" and that is the forever ready accusation of ANTISEMITISM. This has made Jews capable of getting their message through easier than any. Hence, come the different Lobbies, but the crucial catalyst factor for this Jewish Boom is the exploitation of Jews' tragedy in Europe during the second World War for although Adolf Hitler killed Jews and considered them together with Africans and Arabs as "Untermenschen". His maniac endeavors only served Judaism and Zionism more than ever before. Jews in the west are continuing to play on the harp of Jewish extermination camps, Auschwitz and so forth and shall continue so because this is the chicken laying golden eggs. By the by, Mr. Moshe Katzav, the Israeli President (an extremist compared to Hayim Herzog) has just begun a new CHANTAGE TRIP to Europe. Thus, Zionists shall always utilize the Jewish Second World War Crimes as the "sword of Damocles" against Americans and European nations through their insurmountable media grip( just look back at the media campaign against the French president Chirac because he did not join the coalition).

In other words Arabs saying why don't we make a lobby in the USA? Are terribly wrong because Arabs simply cannot fit in, as is the case with the Jews due to the factors mentioned herein before. So what the Arabs can do in order to pressurize American Jews into modifying their policies towards the Middle East. Theoretically, it is fairly easy, just

have a united one-type policy against USA, deprive Americans from oil by driving them out from the region by force, yes only a united overall Arab action can do that. Arabs united can do it but is it possible to do that when each and every Arab country is run by ferocious megalomaniac dictators.

Believe me, the safety valve for Israel's existence amongst us is not the American wholehearted support nor is it the Israeli Nukes but Israel's safety valve is our backward mentalities our clutch to obsolete impractical beliefs. The British Canterbury Archbishop was exactly right when he declared recently that Arab civilization and Arab contribution to civilization ceased to exist five hundred years ago. This is true as long as illiteracy, religious bigotry, despotism and dictatorships are the norm in the Arab World.

So we have a long way to go. In order to sense how idiots we are just listen to the crap mouthed by the ignominious "Al-Sawany" the ignorant assassin who asininely killed Jarallah Omar a Yemeni Socialist Party prominent figure.

Arab dictators, Arab ignorant Security institutions, Arab extremist religious savants, Sunni and Shiite hair splitting quarrels, Bin Laden and his likes do serve Zionism better than Americans and Europeans.

To me and from a Zionist Christian point of view these are the powers of evil. Therefore, does Israel order America about? The answer is "NO". Does America order Israel about? The Answer is simply "No".

From a purely practical point of view, American Jews control and order both entities about. So, what are the prospects of an Arab counteraction? Simply waiting for Godot as Christian Zionists are waiting for Jehovah.

# Email service verses regular mail service

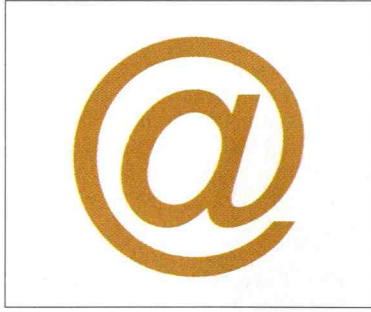


By Eng. Aimen Azadeen  
For The Yemen Times

**F**rom time to time, someone comes to me, asking, "What is your E-mail number?" The correct question must be, "What is your E-mail address?"

Most people are used to addressing mail by numbers, or maybe it is the problem of phone numbers. You want to contact someone; you will first think of a number to dial.

Conventional writing in general is more cost effective and more practical than making phone calls. It always requires days for a letter to reach another part of a country or to another country via the postal service. Although it provides the opportunity to rewrite a letter over and over again, and to look back into and think over about what has been written, it requires clarity and a direct approach in order to convey the point or the objective or the intended purpose of the letter. Otherwise, it would take a lot of time during the exchanges of posted letters and/or packages from one region to another and from one country to another to reach a mutual understanding and agreement. This is a very slow-pace and an ineffective mechanism to be adopted as a viable mean of communication, especially in the rapidly changing competitive business markets of the world today. However, even in many instances nowadays, using paper work as a method for correspondences and contacts on a large scale would be ineffective, time-consuming and unpractical. Also, making telephones calls for conveying ideas and decisions could not be considered a wise alternative for the above-mentioned purpose. Sometimes, stating an unintentional statement could prove to be very regrettable or of nega-



tive consequences, if it was taken out of context. One could only wish that it were not stated, but nobody could retrieve or go back in time to change it.

Traditional writings are not meant to be expressive since they do not provide an immediate chance to express one's emotions, for example.

There are many reasons for considering emails more efficient, effective, practical, faster and less expensive, with the capability to send and receive email messages from anywhere to anywhere. Email messages can include pre-set expressions using emoticons (facial expressions) like the :) to express happiness and satisfaction, :D to express laughter, :( to express sadness, and lots more. Recipients have the chance to ask for clarifications through replying back and forth briskly with email messages or letters' delivery service. Emails can be dispatched at the desirable time. They can be sent anytime without having to worry about mail service working hours and buying envelopes and stamps.

Emails are more efficient for internal correspondences within the same company. Some companies that depend on paper work have to invest a great amount of time and efforts to have or search for a mechanism to archive all internal papers in order to obtain final reports and financial closing statements for evaluations. Another example is a company with affiliated branches over the country, or even with branches abroad. Sustaining and conducting regular follow up contacts through long-distance or

overseas telephone calls would definitely generate huge monthly telephones bills. The most cost effective mechanism, fastest, the most practical method and the easiest answer I would say is Email. All that is needed is to have an E-mail account, and an E-mail address for the person you want to contact.

### So, what is E-mail anyway?

E-mail, or electronic mail, is an electronically transmitted message over computer networks like the Internet. It is a message sent from one computer and received by another one. E-mail is one of the most popular services running on the Internet nowadays.

E-mail service is like the normal postal service, a letter is to be sent from someone, and will have to stop at different postal stations until it reaches the final destination, almost instantaneously.

Think of the postal stations as mail servers, when the letter "email" reaches the final postal station "mail server" it is stored in a mailbox "electronic mailbox". But as I said before, emails are faster and this will only take seconds.

Attachments could be included within emails, like pictures, documents, or even applications. Think of attachments as packages also.

Packages or mails are being checked at the postal stations for the security and safety of recipients. And nowadays it is the same with emails. With emails, some mail servers check of viruses or application that might cause harm to the recipient's computer or files.

### How to send and receive E-mails

Sending posted letters consumes time in writing them down manually through any available means, including the tedious process from licking and sticking postal stamps on addressed envelopes and the physical presence at the postal mail service. With emails, after typing them with the keyboard, the message would be sent through an email program. With the email program, you

address the mail to the recipient by filling the <To:> field and finally just press the send button.

After that comes the mail transport stage, where the letter "Email" goes from one postal station "mail server" to another, till it reaches the nearest postal station "mail server" for the recipient to pick it up.

When an email moves from the sender mail application to recipient's computer, it flows across various TCP/IP "a family of protocols used for computer communications" protocols.

The standard protocol for sending emails is SMTP "Simple Mail Transfer Protocol", which is the TCP/IP protocol that transfers email messages among computers on the Internet. When an email is sent, it is to be routed to a SMTP server. Mail servers use SMTP to communicate. Simply SMTP defines how messages move from one mail server or computer to another.

SMTP can only transfer ASCII text messages. But we are able to send attachments and graphics along with an email. Here comes the turn of MIME, which enabled senders to enhance the body of an email messages.

MIME "Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions" is an addition to SMTP. It encodes the other features like attachments; sounds, pictures, and applications into a text-only representation that SMTP can transfer.

Sender mail application should be a MIME-compliant for the sender to send mails with an enhanced feature like attachments. Also, the destination needs a MIME-complaint mail application in order to decode the added features. Without the support of MIME, the recipient would not be able to view the attachments or pictures.

To receive a letter you should have an address, or a mailbox "account on a mail server". In this mailbox you receive your letters. You will have to connect to the mail server and download your mails because emails can only arrive at a com-

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puter that is connected to the Internet. This computer is the mail server, which can understand SMTP. If this mail server was not continuously connected, it may miss email deliveries from the network "Internet".

Your computer is not continuously connected to the Internet, which is why you will need an account on a mail server that is connected all the time.

The question is, "How do you check your emails, and download them to your computer?"

Here comes the turn of two other protocols, POP3, and IMAP4.

POP3 "Post Office Protocol version 3", a protocol that has been designed to let computer users connect to the POP3 mail server and download their emails. POP3 downloads all new emails in one operation. To connect your computer to the POP3 mail server, your mail program must understand the POP3 protocol.

IMAP4 "Internet Message Access Protocol version 4", is another protocol like the POP3, but with more features than POP3. IMAP4 enables you to view your email subjects before downloading them, and choose which emails to download.

Some mail servers provide a web interface "web-based mail servers", where you can access your emails, and also send emails through that interface. In this case you can access your emails from anywhere, and no need for a computer with a POP3 or IMAP4 client configured. Examples of such mail servers with a web interfaces are yahoo.com and hotmail.com

Web-based mail servers enable you to access your mail via a web browser.

So, if your mail server does not support a web interface, you will need an

email application or client that understands IMAP4 to communicate with an IMAP4 server, or a client that understands POP3 to communicate with a POP3 server. And in both cases the client should understand SMTP to send emails.

### E-mail Application "Agent"

An E-mail application, or what is called a Mail User Agent "MUA", is the application that accesses your mailbox on the mail server, and enables you to read your incoming emails, and send new emails.

When you send a new email, your MUA routes the email to a SMTP server. The server looks at the email address "TO, CC, and BCC fields" and forwards it to the recipients' mail server.

TO, CC, and BCC fields contain the recipients' addresses similar to the mailing address on an envelope. The regular posted letter could only be sent to a single recipient, but with email you can send it to "To" multiple recipients, and also make a CC "Carbon Copy" of it to other recipients. And moreover you can also send a BCC "Blind Carbon Copy" to another group of recipients.

A tip worth mentioning is that if there is a time you want to send a mail to a large group of friends, don't just paste all email addresses into the To or CC fields. Do it with the BCC field. The reason for this is that the email you will send may go through a circulation process from one of your friends to another group, which will lead to exposing the others' email addresses to someone who may misuse them. In other words, your friends or maybe even you may find a lot of unwanted emails landing in your mailbox from unknown addresses, making your mailbox full and unable to receive new mails.



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## I. What to Say

Situations and Expressions: (66)  
Mother's Day (I)

The name 'mother' conjures up in everyone's heart the image of a figure who is an embodiment of unbounded love, kindness and sacrifice. The celebrated American essayist Emerson rightly remarks "Men are what their mothers made them." As an Yiddish Proverb says, "The warmest bed is mother's". She is the only thing that retains eternal love under any and all conditions A mother laughs when the child laughs; cries when it cries; and lives when it lives. Mother is, indeed, a special gift from God to every child. As it is said by Prophet Mohammed (PBUH), the heaven lies at mothers' feet. It is our sacred duty to express our love and gratitude to the mother. In the fitness of things, Mother's Day is observed with solemnity and reverence.

### A bouquet of humble offerings:

- Mother's love and care is beyond compare. Stars will stop shining and seas will have no water, but love will stay timeless and pure in the form of a Mother. Nothing hides from a mother, for she knows her child inside out; she feels pain; she senses restlessness and is always there to give comfort and care. Thank you mom for everything.
- It takes a smile that warms the heart and brightens up the day. It takes a way to knowing just the thing to do and say. It takes a lot of love and care and endless patience, too — it takes all that to make a mother as wonderful as you. Happy Mother's Day.
- This loving wish comes today for you, dear mother, with all the thanks that you deserve and more, for there's not a dearer mother than the one, all my love is for. Love you, mom!
- Heart to heart, soul to soul, a mother's bond with her child is that close, and nothing in heaven or on earth stands so wonderful, so loving as a mother. Affectionate Mother's Day wishes.

## II. How to say it correctly

Correct errors, if any, in the following sentences

1. The children were so eager to go to the circus that they were already before lunch.
2. Bill's father asked him to put the car in the garage, but Bill told him that he had all ready done so.
3. The doctor either advised me to eat less or to take more exercise.
4. We discovered that, on Sundays, there neither was a train nor a convenient bus for the journey.
5. Candidates must both answer the first question in Section A and the first question in Section B.

### Suggested answers to last week's questions

1. A considerable number of Yemeni students are studying in India.
2. There were three trophies in the show case and the winners were allowed to choose anyone.
3. You can have them back, now, I've finished with them.
4. "Lay your guns down and lie on the floor", ordered the bandit.
5. Mice got into the store and ate most of the grain.

## III. Increase Your Word Power

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

1. Person who helps even a stranger in difficulty.
2. Hospital, especially for patients with weak lungs, or the convalescent people.
3. Breeding of silk worm for the production of raw silk.
4. Speaking one's thoughts aloud.
5. One who walks in sleep.

### Suggested answers to last week's questions

1. One who makes love without serious intentions: philanderer (n)
2. First or original example: prototype (n)
3. A form of work of art in which objects are glued to a backing to form a picture: collage (n)
4. False arguments intended to deceive others:

### sophism (n)

5. An offence against grammar or idiom: solecism (n)

### (B) Foreign phrases and expressions

Give the source of origin and meaning of the following:

1. loco citato
2. magnum opus
3. malapropism
4. manifesto
5. manuscript

### Suggested answers to last week's questions

1. irony (Gk. 'dissimulation'): Irony is an oblique quality or mode of expression.
2. jeu d' esprit (Fr. 'play of the mind'): An epigram, witticism or brief flight of fancy, urbanely expressed. Oscar Wilde was particularly adept at them; as in these lines from A Woman of No Importance (1893):  
Mrs. Alonby: They say, Lady Hunstanton, that when good Americans die they go to Paris.  
Lady Hunstanton: Indeed? And when bad Americans die, where do they go?  
Lord Illingworth: Oh, they go to America.
3. lampoon (Fr. 'lampon'): Let us drink: It is a virulent or scurrilous form of satire.
4. literati (Lat. 'the learned'): The term is used to describe men of letters and learned men.
5. litterateur (Fr. 'a man of letters'): One who devotes himself to the study of writing of literature.

### (C) Words commonly confused

Distinguish between the following pairs of words

1. drown, sink
2. elicit, illicit
3. eruption, irruption
4. fetch, bring
5. formalism, formality

### Suggested answers to last week's questions

1. classic (adj) (of the highest quality): The film Titanic is a classic  
classical (adj) (of proven value because of having passed the test of time): She is an exponent of classical Indian dance.
2. jealous (adj) (feeling showing fear or ill will): It is difficult to explain and satisfy a jealous husband.  
zealous (adj) (full of enthusiasm): A zealous worker is an asset to an organization.
3. crime (n) (offence for which there is severe punishment by law): Crime carries with it punishment.  
vice (n) (evil conduct or immorality): He is free from all vices like alcoholism.  
sin (n) (breaking of God's laws): We pray to Allah, the most merciful, to forgive our sins.
4. discover (vt) (bring to view something existing but not yet known): Columbus discovered America.  
invent (vt) (create or design something not existing before): James Watt invented steam engine.  
5. disinterested (adj) (willing to judge or act fairly because not influenced by personal advantage): 'His action was not disinterested because he hoped to make money out of the affair'.  
uninterested (adj) (not caring): She is uninterested in her work.

### (D) Idioms and phrases

Bring out the meanings of the following in illustrative sentences:

1. be a bundle of nerves
2. the wee hours
3. get off to a flying start
4. lick some one's boots
5. at a premium

### Suggested answers to last week's questions

1. kith and kin (near relations): I treat my students as my kith and kin.
2. Jack of all trades (one who knows a little about many things): A Jack of all trades is a master of none.

3. an iron will (strong determination): A person with an iron will is likely to scale the ladder of success.
4. a Herculean task (a work which needs tremendous efforts): Checking corruption in public life is indeed a Herculean task.
5. to hold one's tongue (to be quiet): 'For God's sake, hold your tongue and let me love'

## IV. Grammar and Composition

### A. Grammar

Which word in each group does not belong?

1. usual peculiar everyday ordinary
2. ignore recognize realize notice
3. depressed bored uninterested keen
4. kick kiss punch hit
5. swelling bruise medicine injury
6. ankle elbow knee heart
7. mend burst destroy smash
8. check reject examine inspect
9. damage ruin repair spoil
10. cost expense charge refund

### Suggested answers to last week's questions

1. I would definitely recommend Greece for a holiday: wonderful beaches; lovely weather
2. He had the most terrible journey home: train delayed; long traffic jams.
3. Motorbikes are such a bad idea: many young riders killed; dangerous for other road users.
4. He was sentenced to forty five years in prison: burned a house down, killed three people.
5. I consider myself an expert on Russia: speak the language; lived in Moscow.
6. We should employ her as an English teacher: several years' experience; good with children.
7. She's completely bilingual: excellent French; perfect German.
8. That house would be ideal for us: plenty of rooms; nice garden.
9. He has had a skiing accident last year: broke his leg; twisted his wrist.
10. I will never go to that restaurant again: food very bad; waiters rude.

### (B) Composition: Paragraph writing

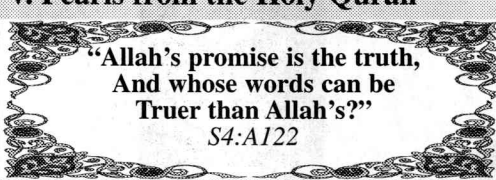
Expand the idea contained in the proverb:  
65: HE WHO PAYS THE PIPER CONTROLS THE TUNE

### Last week's topic

64: GREAT MEN HAVE ALWAYS SCORNE  
GREAT RECOMPENSE

Achievement, that is success in any enterprise or undertaking, is the outcome of relentless efforts with commitment and dedication. Great men who accomplished heroic deeds did not do it for winning a crown of glory. They were, indeed, inspired by a desire to keep off the trodden track, think new thoughts, extend the frontiers of knowledge and to make human life more sublime, more worth-living. In the course of their endeavor they did not hesitate to put up with great hardships which, however, did not deter them from their avowed objective. The only recompense they sought is the satisfaction of doing a good job directed at human welfare. They shunned any selfish motive for narrow personal gain of fame or riches. A selfless desire for service dedicated for the larger human interest and well-being has been the driving force for creating something beautiful and something new, be it in the field of science, arts, or literature.

## V. Pearls from the Holy Quran



## VI. Words of Wisdom

"I am always doing things I can't do,  
that's how I get to do them."

—Pablo Picasso

## Campus Causerie Perceptions and perspectives

Cultural Fete, Faculty of Education, Mahweet 2003-2004

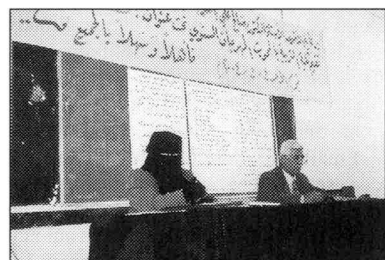
With a view to promoting original research activities in various disciplines and in step with the tradition of organizing symposia for the wider dissemination of the knowledge gleaned from the scholarly explorations, the Faculty of Education, Al-Mahweet, organized a three-day academic and cultural fete from 6 to 8 April, 2004.



Dr. Al-Kamali (I) and Dr. Hussein

### A brief overview

The celebration was held under the aegis of Mr. Ali al-Zaikam, General Manager of Local Council. The vice governor of Mahweet governorate Mr. M'd Hamoud Al-Mattary and his assistant Mr. Hamoud Shamlan along with Shaikh Qassim Hubaish, the general managers in the governorate and social personalities were among the galaxy of distinguished guests present on the occasion. Sponsored by Dr. Mohammed Al-Kamali, Dean of the Faculty, the event included addresses by some members of the faculty. An attractive sidelight of the glittering function was an interesting bouquet of skits in which students of the faculty artistically expressed their needs and aspirations. Merit certificates were distributed to the best three students in each department.



Presentation by Dr. Bushra M. Sadoon

The highlights of the second day of the celebration included presentations by eminent faculty members. The themes of their talks were as follows:

1) *Current perspectives on Salah Bin Mahddi Al-Mugballi Al-Yamani* by Dr. M'd Al-Kamali, the Dean of the faculty. Dr. Al-Kamali in his extremely illuminating presentation contrasted the Verbal School vis-a-vis Al-Muatazila school. Furthermore, he explained the

significance of Al-Figh (jurisprudence) School and its founders. He proved that all Yemeni people were craving for knowledge in different sciences but their difficult circumstances was an obstacle between them and what they achieved through different periods of history.

2) *Heat barrier and its effects on the climate of Sana'a* by Dr.Harith Abduljabar Hameed.

3) *Yemeni grammarians between six and nine Hijri centuries* by Dr.Tariq Abdulrazaq Bakair.

The celebration was concluded on 6 April on which the following three researches were delivered:

1) *Differences and similarities in grammar between Arabic and English Language* by Dr.Bushra Sadoon Al-Noori.

2) *Numbers Theory* by Dr. Hanni Muslim Abood Al-Daiyani.

3) *Al-Hamadani as a geographical and historical scholar* by Mr. Abdulrahman Jillan.

All the sessions were vibrant with lively participation from the packed audience which included students of the faculty and many distinguished scholars interested in the respective fields of research. The event added luster and luminosity to the brilliant academic halo which has been the hallmark of the faculty.

Courtesy: Rizq Al-Sanani Mahweet



A segment of the audience in rapt attention

## A word of appreciation for Dr. M.N.K. Bose

It is my honor to present to Dr. M.N.K. Bose, who is a regular contributor to Yemen Times, a special word of gratitude and appreciation. Dr. Bose is a truly dedicated professional who has spared no pains to write for Yemen Times on the techniques of teaching the English language. On the completion of the 50th installment of his invaluable contribution, we and all our readers need to appreciate his column entitled "A letter to the Teachers of English".

This column has indeed contributed greatly in enhancing the skills and knowledge of teachers teaching English as a foreign language.

Hence, once again, I would like to thank Dr. Bose for his significant contribution to Education, and hope that his columns would continue to appear on the Education page of Yemen Times for many years to come.

Walid Abdulaziz Al-Saqqaf  
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### YOUTH FORUM

No more war... no more lies

"Think not of those who are killed in the way of Allah as dead. Nay, they are alive, with their Lord, and they have provision"  
—S3:A169

The fluctuation of the sudden events in Arab region is deviating to an inevitable turning point, particularly nowadays. With broken hearts, we received an incredible and mournful news of the assassination of the venerable Mojahed Sheikh Yassin who is considered as a spiritual leader of Palestinian liberation organization, Hamas. Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, a lofty symbol of devotion, had dedicated his entire life to advocate his beliefs and fight villainous Zionist enemy, who defiles our sacred places, until he obtained the Martyrdom a few days ago. His cogent attitude led to many of successful political operations by martyrdom-loving Militants by whom he destabilized Israel security. A pious, handicapped man, he scared the heavily armed Israeli armies. Admittedly, the disruption and the drowsiness, which has unfortunately become a base and a pillar in our perpetually deceived communities, must have led to many of our ordeals and afflictions. Undoubtedly, our inability to take crucial decisions is one of the gravest defects we are suffering from. Time has come for us to reconsider our condition as well as our attitude.

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## WONDERWORD

by DAVID OUELLET

FOUND IN GARAGES

Solution: 11 letters

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## Germans help uncover its past Sarwah City's secrets unveiled

By HASSAN AL-ZAIDI  
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Sarwah City was the first capital and major commercial city of Sheba Kingdom because of the strategic importance of the region and the strategic fortified geographical location.

They erected their palaces where the ruins are reminiscent of the magnificent civilization that had once flourished in it.

Sarwah of Sheba is located at the heart of the province of today's Sarwah City, about 50km west of Marib.

It is surrounded by a series of mountains from all directions, leaving only three primary exits to the city.

From the northern eastern and western

tribes of Bani Jubr tribes, the descendants of Khawlan tribes.

The reaction of a first-time visitor may be a combination of fear, astonishment, admiration and amazement feeling beset with many exclamatory questions.

### Stop! Where are you going?

The visitor of Sarwah may take the asphalt road towards the northern boundaries of Marib City.

The first-encountered awesome experiment would be at the Security Checkpoint where their line of questioning and the tone of their articulation would imply and give the impression that the visitor might be going to a dangerous zone.

Thirty kilometers later another frightening encounter would take place. This time at an

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Historian believe that Sarwah city, with its area of 3 hectors, palaces and 4 meter-high fences which still standing today and temples, is dated back to the 7<sup>th</sup> century BC.

The German excavating team headed by Dr. Aris Jerliikh has unveiled and discovered startling discoveries in the city.

Dr. Jerliikh said that there are still efforts being exerted to investigate the role of the

mystery on the temple where it proves that the temple was supplemented with dining rooms and advanced sewage system.

### The famous Al-Naser Palace

Inside the palace of Al-Naser are two rocks put on each other, each is about 70 meters long, one meter wide and two and a half meters high. They refer to Sheba king "Kurb Al watur", whose engraved portraits



A view from the historic city of Sarwah.

bounds are Haylan and Murted Mountains, respectively, from the south boundary are "al-Ajarum" mountains and from the east is "Kaofel" mountain.

The city's eastern exist is toward "Dhenah" valley, and the northern exit, commonly used by Sheba people, is toward Al-Makhdarah and Habab Valley exist from the Western side.

The inhabitants of the city, nearly 20,000, belong to "Jahm" tribe, one of the primary

army-affiliated military checkpoint, one could see tens of tanks and armored vehicles scattered on the sides of the road.

Again the line of questioning could be more intimidating this time such as from where? Where to and what do you want? One would reach a conclusion that there are strict rules to be followed.

Once the visitor arrives at the province market, the fences of Sarwah city could be seen from there.

city and whether Sarwah city was considered a religious city or not.

The city embraces the famous "Al-Magah" temple in addition to many other temples in the city.

The German expert confirms the role of artificial irrigation system in the resurrected thriving life in Sarwah city, through the centuries, where the city continued to play its role even after the crack of Marib dam.

She said that the study conducted on the city confirmed the importance of artificial irrigation system in sustaining life in the city through the construction and building of dams.

Sarwah city enjoys a strategic location for the flourishing of trade because it is situated at the intersection of important roads network.

The city is connected to a marble mine, the most important in Yemen, where some engraved pieces dating back to Sheba era were found inside it. This confirms that this mine was part of the commercial activities of the city.

Some of the findings in the city came as a result of demolishing some homes built in the vicinity of the temple of Al-Magah since 200 years ago. The construction of temple is dated back to the mid-17 century BC.

The excavation has unraveled some of

are all over the temple talking about his military conquests, construction activities and his forays to some parts of Yemen.

The German excavation team has also discovered a tomb inside the city of Sarwah, which is similar in characteristic to the tombs found in "Awam" cemetery in Marib.

The German team believes this tomb is only part of a massive cemetery and only the future excavation will determine that.

The German team said that the excavation at the site of Sarwah Palace adjacent to Al-Magah temple, is dated back to the 2nd century BC.

Dr. Aris Jerliikh, Director of the German Institute and the head of the German team expressed her belief that this palace remained occupied until the 3rd century AD, but regrettably, part of this palace does not exist anymore because of the plundering of its rocks in the past.

But she pointed out that there are fences built of the same rocks in the surrounding region of Sarwah city, in addition to signs connected to rituals of hunting ibex, a hunting sport practiced by kings of Sheba in the past.

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Old road from Sarwah-mine.

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