

## Court bans publishing hearings of 15 al-Qaeda suspects' tribunal, military trial proceedings claimed

# Advocates quit again

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The Sana'a Criminal Court for Terrorism ordered that the accounts of hearings of the trial of 15 al-Qaeda suspects charged with several terrorists operations should not be published, while 15 advocates announced their withdrawal due to the perceived injustice of the tribunal.

The prosecution in the first hearing held May 29th charged the fifteen suspected terrorists with blowing up the French oil tanker Limburg in Mukalla in October 2002, carrying out several explosions in Sana'a, killing one soldier and plotting to blow up five embassies in Sana'a as well as plotting for killing the US Ambassador to Yemen, Edmund Hull.

The court resumed its fifth hearing last Saturday amidst intensified security measures, banning journalists from attending the session. However, journalists denounced the harassment and staged a protest directed at the office of the Minister of Justice, Dr. Adnan al-Jefri. They protested against the discrimination between state-run and



Al-Qaeda suspects at Sana'a Criminal Court

independent media. The Minister responded positively and told the journalists that it was their right to attend the sessions as the law does not make

the hearings closed to the media. He ordered the court judge to let journalists in. However, when journalists went again to the court they were let in, but

Judge Ahmad al-Jemuzi said only the decisions taken by the court, not the proceedings, should be published.

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Organizations and concerned authorities, local and foreign, must make a decisive stance toward this new assault on journalism.



Mr. Mohamed Ali Saad after medication in hospital

## UN sketches apocalyptic scenario of Yemen's future

BY MOHAMMED AL-QADHI  
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A UN senior official warned that if the government of Yemen does not continue to take a set of courageous decisions fully involving civil society, the private sector and the international community, Yemen's future is bleak, or rather apocalyptic. After finishing up four and a half years in Yemen as a Resident Representative of the UN, James Rawley sketched two possible scenarios for Yemen's future; one rather pessimistic and another optimistic one which he said

he believed can be achieved.

### Economic Front

He pointed out that in a pessimistic scenario on the economic front "Yemen continues to remain almost totally dependent on oil resources. At the present time that does not seem a bad thing." However, he said that with the drop of the oil price and production in Yemen, the scenario for the Yemeni economy will not be rosy. He also said that they have begun to see "signs of increasing budget deficits and indeed initial signs of fiscal difficulties, if not a crisis." Rawley stated that the economy being dependent on oil makes reforms which are controversial have some impact on society, whilst the private sector remains weak and uncommitted to



Mr. James Rawley

making the investment required to generate wealth and employment for the Yemeni people. This scenario includes a situation where there is lack of transparency and the pervasiveness of corruption, which to Rawley, is a problem identified not only by the donor community or foreigners but also the political regime itself. "Corruption is a problem that affects all countries". Unfortunately, the

cost of corruption is particularly acute in poor countries like Yemen. We simply can not afford it. These resources need to be mobilized for investment and development in the country. A pessimistic scenario will include a situation whereby corruption not only continues but also expands, further taking resources away

from development," he alarmed.

### Political Front

On the political front, the negative scenario represents a situation whereby the "judiciary remains weak; whereby the promising initial steps in improving human rights of journalists, I might say, come to a halt. Because of the war on

terrorism, there is an erosion of the human rights of the Yemeni people," he said. Rawley said that the negative scenario will also include a halt to initial steps on decentralization.

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## In Brief

## Four soldiers wounded

## TAIZ BUREAU

Hayel Saeed Educational compound in Taiz old city witnessed on Tuesday June 15 some disturbances at the gate of the center when one of the residents attempted to pass through some cheating slips for some of the students taking their final exams.

The dispute escalated and shots were fired, resulting in the wounding of four security guards and the perpetrator, who are now receiving medical attention at a hospital in the city.

Mr. Hussein Hazebe, the Director of the Education Office in Taiz, confirmed that the incident was contained and did not affect the progress of the exam at the compound. He warned the parents of students from gathering at the center's gate or attempting to assist their students to cheat during their final exams.

## Ministry of Health shutdowns 285 establishments

The Ministry of Health and Population announced last week that it will shut down nearly 285 dispensaries, clinics, and pharmacies in the course of its inspection campaign.

The Ministry confirmed that the campaign is the translation of the directive of President Saleh to reform health care provision in order to improve the services of this vital public sector.

## Discussion ring on Yemeni Strategic Report 2003

The Yemeni Center for Strategic Studies organizes a discussion ring on the occasion of the launch of the Yemeni Strategic Report 2003.

The discussion ring will be attended by a number of researchers and interested persons. It will be held at the Center's headquarters, near "Al-Sadeeq" Mosque, the political zone, on Wednesday June 23, at 9:30AM. All are invited.

## Moroccan Cultural Week in Sana'a

Friday, June 18- Minister of Culture and Tourism, Mr. Khalid Al-Rowaihan and Moroccan Minister of Culture, Mr. Mohamed Al-Ashary inaugurated the Moroccan Cultural Week at the Culture House in Sana'a.

A large number of writers, intellectuals and artists from Morocco will participate in the event. They will also tour historic sites in Yemen.

Officials at the Ministry confirm that the Moroccan cultural week is the first of the cultural weeks of other Arab countries to take place in commemoration of Sana'a, the Arab Cultural Capital 2004.

## New child smuggling attempt foiled

Security sources stated last Tuesday that security forces foiled last week a new attempt to smuggle 22 children aged 10-12 years old into Saudi Arabia across the border of Sadaah Governorate.

According to statistics, the smuggling of children to Saudi remains a problem despite preventive measures taken at the points between the two countries in recent months.

Statistics from the Supreme Motherhood Council 2002 Report, state that 'Sana'a alone contained about 29,000 street children. According to some sources, the number of children involved in the market place reached nearly 2 million.

# To prevent tension between Hashid, Bakil tribes

## Bin Haider renders himself

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Sources stated to Yemen Times that a meeting was held last Thursday afternoon between President Saleh and Sheikh Hussein Al-Ahmar, son of House Speaker, Sheikh Abdullah Al-Ahmar, who is still going through medical treatment in Saudi Arabia.

The meeting aimed to ease the tension at Harf Sufyan, north of Sana'a, between Sheikh Hussein Al-Ahmar and Sheikh Mujahed Haider. The latter rendered himself to the authority based on a tribal guarantee after security forces surrounded his house.

A confrontation with the Dhu Hussein tribe affiliated to the Bakil tribes led to one person killed from Barat tribe and two security men wounded.

Bin Haider, a military commander, recently returned to Yemen after he departed to Syria following the 1994 civil war.

The tension escalated in Harf Sufyan, located in the center of the Hashid tribes, when Bin Haider prevented Sheikh Hussein Al-Ahmar from entering his region, accusing him of confiscating the rights of the Sheikhs of Bakil. He called for a

rebellion against the dominance of Hashid.

Sources said that Sheikh Mohamed Bin Najy Al-Ghader, one of the prominent leaders of the Bakil tribes, gave Bin Haider a guarantee in return for rendering himself to the Military Commander of the Paratrooper Camp in Juf Governorate, Col. Yanya Masar, before being transferred directly to Sana'a.

Sheikh Al-Ghader is exerting his good offices to ease the tension, which, according to monitors, could lead to greater trouble between the Bakil and Hashid tribes.

## Advanced equipment for Aden Port

## ADEN BUREAU

Yemeni Ports Authority has installed modern and advanced equipment for loading and unloading ships in Aden Port at a cost of 1,420,000 USD.

The new equipment includes 4 forklifts, one of which has a working capacity of 43 tons while the other three bear 3 tons each. They will be used for the carrying of containers and other construction materials arriving at and departing from the port.

The second batch of equipment includes two trailers to carry incoming and outgoing goods and a forklift with a working capacity of 34 tons.

The equipment will assist in the ongoing developments at Aden port.

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## New Italian visa measures

From 1st July 2004, in order to facilitate the access by visa applicants residing in Yemen to the Visa Services of the Embassy, the Italian Embassy in Sana'a will adopt a new procedure, aimed, in particular, at allowing the Italian Embassy to consider and process a larger number of applications. According to the new rules, from 1st July 2004, Yemeni residents will

therefore forward their applications for entry visas to Italy or to Schengen Countries to the Consular Section of the Italian Embassy in Sana'a through the FedEx offices in Sana'a (Federal Express Building, next to Emirates Airlines in Hadda Street, tel. no. 01/440228) and Aden (Mohalla Plaza Building, Mohalla Street, Tel. no. 02/245626).

## German consultant delegation

## TAIZ BUREAU

Secretary General of Taiz Local Council and Vice Mayor of Taiz, Mr. Mohamed Ahmed Al-Haj, on Saturday June 19 at the Governorate building in Taiz met with Mr. Hans Ludwig Burges, head of the delegation of CIM, a German consulting firm. The two sides discussed a workshop to be held in Taiz at a later time on determining the important standards to build trust and relation between the local council and other governmental corporations.

The workshop, scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, June 20-21, aims to utilize the German expertise in organizing the administrative relations between the local council's leadership and the branches of ministries, corporations and private sector.

The German delegation held another meeting with Director General of the Media and Public Relations Department for a discussion of the mechanism to hold the workshop to ensure its success and the maximum benefit.

## Session on standardization & specifications concluded

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

The General Session on Specifications, organized by Yemeni Standards and Specification Authority and its Saudi counterpart, concluded last Thursday.

The participants, representing a number of related authorities, received during the three-day session lectures on specifications, standards and quality control. They also were acquainted with the role of labs in setting up specifications, implementing them, and in writing out labels by Saudi experts who came for this purpose.

Dr. Abdul Sallam Ghalib Al-Qamish, President of the Yemeni Authority, handed out certificates to the participants at the conclusion of the session, in addition to honoring some Yemeni media organizations.

Yemen Times received a certificate in appreciation for its distinguished role in this aspect.

## Yemeni Female Media Forum holds session on Internet

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

Under the auspices of the Minister of Telecommunications and Information Technology, the Yemeni Female Media Forum began on Saturday June 19 its second training session for female journalists. This session aims to enable them to interact efficiently with the Internet and personal computers.

The thirty-female journalists involved in the session from various Yemeni media organizations will receive five days of practical training on using the Internet and personal

computers in order to enable them to make contact effectively with others in Yemen and overseas.

The Minister instructed the training of the 30 journalists at the expense of the Ministry, in cooperation with the Yemeni Female Media Forum

It is worth mentioning that the forum organized last April a similar training session for thirty female journalists on the use of Internet, in cooperation with the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung. The first statistics on female journalists in Yemen, collected by the Forum, indicate that only 19 of 360 female journalists have E-mail addresses.

## Sana'a Conference for religious men and intellectuals

BY MOHAMED BIN SALLAM

Sunday, June 20- The First Islamic Guidance Conference was inaugurated in the presence of about 270 official dignitaries, religious figures, intellectuals and interested individuals from all over the world in the field of guidance.

The four-day conference, organized by the Ministry for Waqf and Guidance, will examine before a number of working papers and discuss the most important issues related to the life

of the Muslim community. The conference aims to clarify the misunderstandings and debates that have emerged in some Muslim societies.

Among the issues to be discussed are Jihad in Islam, the role of religious men in directing society and reviving the message of mosques, denouncing extremism and fanaticism, the issuing of Fatwas (formal legal opinions), and other essential issues in this era, which is burdened with unprecedented challenges.

A number of optimists predict that

the conference will come out with positive results, to improve the message of mosques, and to show the bright side of Islam. It is hoped that the conference will produce a number of recommendations to benefit Muslim communities in Muslim countries and abroad and in crystallizing the Islamic and religious dialogue in a manner relevant to the reality of the world today.

## A training session for the poorest segment of society

## Taiz Bureau

The French DIA Organization will organize during the period 19-21 of June, a training session for 20 trainees in the field of psychological health. The trainees will receive theoretical lectures on the health and psychological aspects focusing on the importance of the intimate relation between parents and children and its mental influence on children.

The lectures will touch upon problems related to the aggressive and socially unacceptable behavior of some children.

The training session will also include lectures on the abnormal aspects of some children such as biting nails, sucking fingers, uncontrolled urinating, convulsive movements, learning difficulties and sleep walking. Ms. Hana Al-Mahdi, a Social

Worker at the Organization explained that the session aims to acquaint mothers and fathers with these problems and aspects, which could affect their health permanently if they are not treated promptly. Furthermore, the session aims to increase the awareness of some parents of how to handle and to treat these problems safely, properly and quickly and move towards better mental and health conditions for children.

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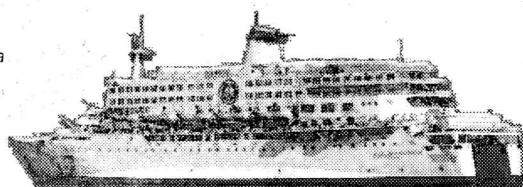
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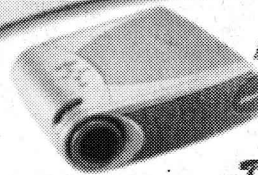
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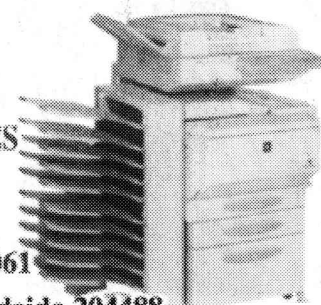
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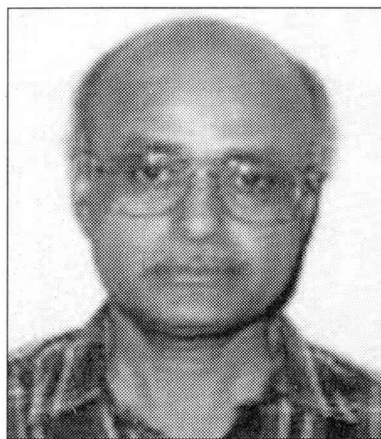


# Media discourse in Yemen

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FOR THE YEMEN TIMES

When Mr Walid Al-Saqqaf, Editor-in-Chief and Publisher of the Yemen Times (YT), sent me a note of appreciation for my presentation on the Media Discourse in Yemen at Hodeidah University international conference held last year and evinced his keenness to carry in YT its abridged version tailored to meet its readership requirement I felt deeply gratified at once by his magnanimous gesture and a modicum of self-fulfillment at having struck the right chord at the right place — the right place of mediacy in Yemen.

The credit behind the writing of this article thus indeed entirely goes to Mr Walid, though, in the process, I should admit, I



Dr Vinod S Dubey

explain why in the event of a communication bottle-neck or a necessity to establish

A brief word on some of the key-dimensions of discourse — social, pragmatic and psychological — is relevant here before a discussion of the media discourse in Yemen, which follows below.

Social dimension of discourse highlights that discourse is primarily a social event and can occur only in a speech society. This is so because discourse derives from social conditions of production and social conditions of interpretations.

Pragmatic dimension of discourse reveals the relationship between what is actually said / transmitted and what is really meant / received.

Psychological dimension of discourse is derived from the notion of 'relevance' in the act of communication. Discourse is successful to the extent that its effect on the addressee is large and to the corre-

3) — covers much of space of the advertisement and is what the reader is first drawn to and first interested in whereas the verbal component of the advertisement — the name of the shop where the product is available for sale — occupies much less space in the advertisement and gets only secondary attention. How the visual component is crucially far more important than the verbal component would be apparent if it (the visual component) is blanked out from the cited advertisements, which would result in total loss of the communicative value of these advertisements. To check this, compare Figs 1-3 and Fig 7 (with visuals) with their corresponding Figs 4-6 and Fig 8 (without visuals).

## Dimensions of the Yemeni print media English advertisement discourse

The use of visual, instead of verbal, as dominant component in the Yemeni print media English advertisement discourse has a clear reference to its social, pragmatic and psychological dimensions.

### The social dimension

The Yemeni social scenario is characterized by the occurrence of English as a foreign language, and, obviously, such an occurrence is highly restrictive. Naturally, therefore, it goes with minimal proficiency level in English of a majority of the Yemeni users of English. What is more, it also visualises an English speech situation wherein a majority of the Yemeni users of English prefer to stay content with fulfillment of their minimal communication requirements in English, apparently in keeping with their minimal proficiency level in English.

Consequently, Yemeni English advertisements highlight only the core contents of the message, by visual display of the image of the sale product or its associative image, and ignore / marginalise descriptive details about it. For instance, the image of two bottles without any description, or details given in prints too fine to be read ('Paul Smith: Perfume') (Fig 1), and the associative image of a woman beside a bottle

(Figs 2 and 3) are easily understood in the native perfume-loving society.

But, for a non-native addressee who is unfamiliar with the Yemeni social condition of production and social condition of interpretation of such advertisements, a communication bottleneck / breakdown is an inevitable probability.

### The pragmatic dimension

The social interpretation of Yemeni print media English advertisements is clearly derived from their pragmatics, or the pattern of relations between what is actually said/written and what is really meant. This is why despite little or no verbal (descriptive) details about it the prominent display of visual image in the advertisements proves much too handy in establishing easy rapport with the target native addressee. Apparently, the advertisement copywriter fully exploits here his knowledge of English-as-a-foreign-language situation in Yemen with the best of his imagination.

The iconic image of two bottles in Fig 1 and evocative image of a woman in Figs 2 and 3, both displayed prominently in the advertisements, carry the same implication in the native Yemeni communication situation, being an advertisement of a brand of perfume, more precisely, a solicitation to buy it.

Similarly, in Fig 7, the prominent display of visuals of automobiles, etc. serves as the main text, and the verbal (descriptive) component of the advertisement — "With Best Wishes From ...." — functions as a co-text which has an implication of a solicitation to buy the item(s) whose image is

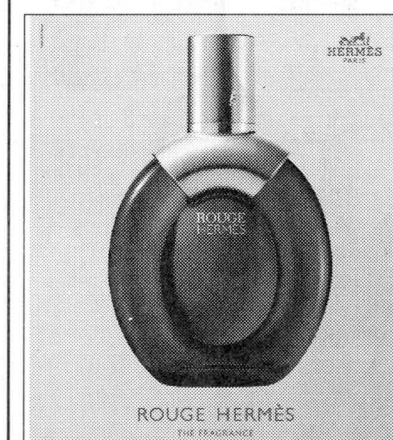


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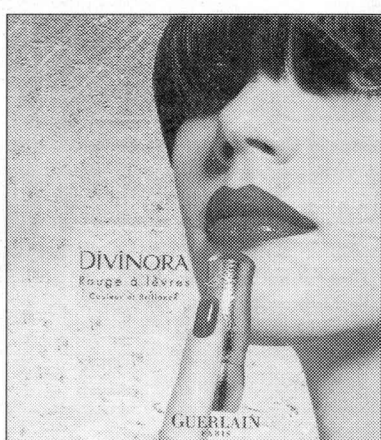


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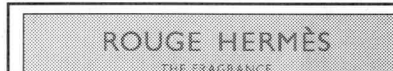


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have been a privileged beneficiary myself at the opportunity given me by YT to reach out my views to a wider cross-section of readership, especially media savvy people in Yemen and perhaps outside.

A few things to catch my instant attention on my first arrival in Yemen over a year ago were the warmth of the people here, their Arabic and eye-catching uniqueness of local media scenario, particularly the English media situation. I was also at the same time quick to notice that since the English media scenario in Yemen had so far remained unexplored, it needed a full and in-depth scholarly attention. Fortunately, the Hodeidah University conference just came my way around that time as an opportunity to express my views on the subject, though only one of its aspects, precisely, the dynamics of print media English advertisement discourse in Yemen.

### Notion of discourse

Discourse in linguistic parlance is now a cover-term to refer to all aspects of how meanings are structured and negotiated in the society through either of its main channels, verbal (linguistic) or visual, or both. The extended implication of the term thus goes beyond linguistic communication per se, and has reference to "a behavioural unit that has a pre-theoretical status in linguistics."

Even as language remains the dominant means of human communication it is increasingly realized that it is not the only or exclusive channel of human communication. The growing global trend for a mixed verbal-visual discourse structure, especially in the media globally, underscores this fact, as also a primordial fact that the visual channel of communication precedes its verbal (linguistic) channel significantly: "Seeing comes before words. The child looks and recognizes before it can speak." This would perhaps

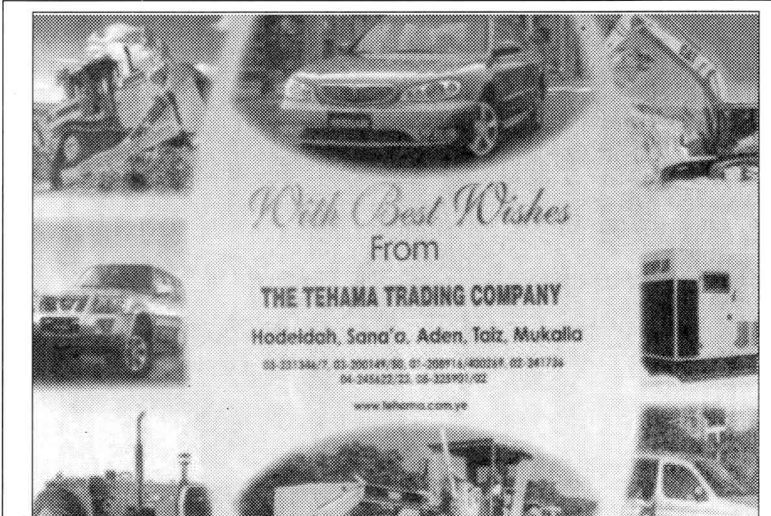


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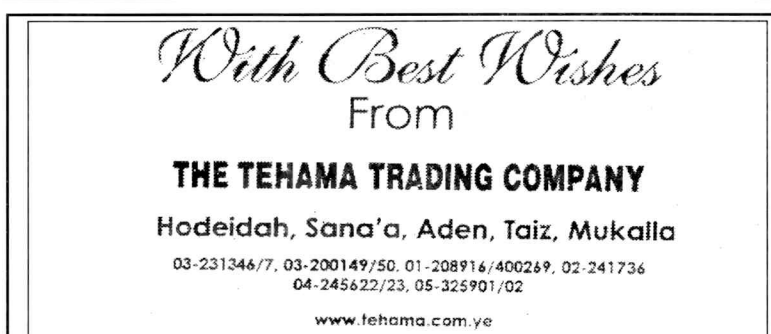


Fig 8

a quick rapport with the addressee, as, for example, in the Yemeni English-as-a-foreign-language communication situation, the overriding discourse pattern is one of mixed verbal-visual structure, the latter quite often marginalizing the former structure.

### Dimensions of discourse

sponding extent that the effort required by him to process it is small.

### English advertisement discourse in Yemeni print media

For an in-depth view, attention is restricted for the present to only one of the several aspects of media discourse in Yemen, namely, the English advertisement discourse in the Yemeni print media. Interestingly, the English advertisement discourse in the Yemeni print media presents a fairly cohesive picture of similarity and contrast. Significantly, the Yemen Times (YT), the leading English weekly of Yemen, alone provided a representative sample of the Yemeni print media English advertisements, and, therefore, this study is entirely based on it. It needs to be added that, for reasons of space, a discussion of only a selection of them will follow here.

### Structure of the Yemeni print media English advertisement discourse

Perhaps a most prominent eye-catching sight for a first-time reader of YT is its advertisements, particularly those published on its first page (see Figs 1-3). Even as these advertisements display a mixed verbal-visual structure a closer look reveals that it is their visual component that functions as the main 'text', or the dominant component of discourse structure while the verbal component functions only as a kind of 'co-text'. This is because the visual component — the image of a bottle of perfume or the associative image of a woman beside such a bottle (Figs 1-

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visually displayed, and not 'really' one of greetings or 'best wishes'. This can be checked by comparing Fig 7 (with visuals) with Fig 8 (without visuals).

### The psychological dimension

The success of an advertisement lies in how 'relevant' or 'more relevant' it can make itself to the addressee through a stimulus — its verbal or visual component, or both — and through a response it can evoke from the addressee. The extent of response from the addressee depends on the extent of its effects on him in a given context, which, in turn, depends on the degree of minimal 'processing effort' required on his part to receive the target message.

The regular appearance of the same or similarly patterned English advertisements in YT is a clear evidence of their being successful commercial advertisements, or their being 'relevant' to the native addressee. Being aware of the social dimension of English-as-a-foreign-language communication situation the advertisement copy-writer best exploits the strategy of using the visual as the dominant component of advertisement discourse structure to stimulate the native addressee's immediate response to the advertisement. After all, naturally and primordially, the visual channel precedes the verbal channel of communication.

The texts in Figs 1-3 provide only what is most essentially relevant from the point of view of both the addresser and

addressee: the visual image of the advertised item and the name of the shop where it is available for sale. The iconic image of a pair of bottles in Fig 1 and the evocative image of a woman beside a bottle in Figs 2 and 3 work as stimulant to the target addressee to buy the product, and, of course, from the shop(s) named in the verbal component of the advertisement.

### Some remarks

The Yemeni print media English advertisement discourse generally opts for mixed verbal-visual discourse structure for reasons of Yemeni social, pragmatic and psychological considerations. Indeed, the visual component of its structure constitutes the main text whereas the verbal component functions as a kind of 'co-text'. Such a choice pattern seems to be derived from the natural and primordial phenomenon of the act of communication: "Seeing comes before words." Interestingly, the discourse structure one encounters in Yemeni print media English advertisement discourse is also largely shared by that in other forms of media discourse in Yemen, for example, in Yemeni commercial hoardings in English displayed atop shops and on streets and other vantage points.

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The Yemeni Minister of Tourism & Culture H.E. Mr. Khaled Al Rowaishan, Arab Hotels company board members & Fahed Abu Shaar – Starwood Hotels Area Director of Operation and GM of Sheraton Kuwait Hotel & Towers attended the official opening ceremony.

Country officials, ambassadors, top corporate accounts, travel agents, airlines as well as media and press representatives were invited for a reception dinner party which took place in the newly renovated spacious lobby.

Different specialty food corners from around the world representing hotel restaurants

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The renovation project took almost 2 years with a budget around **USD \$5,000,000** covering following areas:

- Full renovation of two floors with a new modern Italian furniture and facilities (TG, safe box, and mini fridge).
- The new executive lounge with a private meeting room was redesigned and refurbished.
- Business center.
- Safety and security were also included in the renovation project by implementing a new state-of-the-art firefighting and alarm system.
- New air conditioning system.
- Shopping arcade.
- Hotel façade and main entrance.



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# Iraq oil exports still idle, foreigners attacked

BASRA, Iraq, June 19 (Reuters) - Guerrillas bent on disrupting Iraq's transition from U.S.-led occupation killed a Portuguese security man on Saturday as technicians strove to repair a sabotaged pipeline and restore vital oil exports.

An overnight blast in the turbulent Sunni Muslim city of Falluja destroyed a house, killing 20 Iraqis and wounding at least four, witnesses and hospital officials said.

Some witnesses said the house was hit in a U.S. helicopter strike. The U.S. military had no word on the incident.

Hundreds of Iraqis were killed in battles between U.S. Marines and guerrillas in Falluja, west of Baghdad, in April. Truce arrangements put an Iraqi force in charge of security.

In southern Iraq, police said a roadside bomb exploded on a road southwest of Basra, as a vehicle of the type used by a security company protecting Iraqi oil facilities drove by.

A Portuguese guard and an Iraqi policeman were killed when the blast sent their vehicle somersaulting off the highway.

A spokesman for the British military in Basra said an Indian and another Iraqi had also been wounded in the attack.

Iraq has been unable to export any oil since sabotage attacks crippled two southern pipelines earlier this week.

An oil official said welders working in searing heat on the Faw peninsula south of Basra had run into delays but might complete repairs to one of the pipelines later on Saturday.

Anti-U.S. insurgents have mounted what appear to be concerted attacks on the oil industry and Iraq's nascent security forces ahead of the handover to an interim government on June 30 when the postwar occupation formally ends.

The insurgents have also stepped up assassinations of government and security officials, as well as attacks on U.S. and other foreign forces trying to sta-



**Iraqi fire fighters extinguish a blazing patch of spilled oil after saboteurs damaged a pipeline near the southern city of Basra June 15, 2004. Iraqi Oil Minister Thamir Ghadhban confirmed saboteurs blasted an oil pipeline feeding storage tanks at Basra in the Gulf, cutting exports by a third. "There were two sabotage cases," he told Reuters. REUTERS**

bilise Iraq.

The U.S. military reported the deaths of two more American soldiers, bringing to 614 the total killed in action since last year's invasion of Iraq to topple Saddam Hussein.

One soldier died of wounds after an ambush near Baquba, northeast of Baghdad, on Friday. Another was killed at a U.S. base in the capital by a mortar attack that also wounded a foreign contractor working for Kellogg Brown & Root.

## Clashes in sunni heart lands

U.S. 1st Infantry Division troops clashed with insurgents south of the mixed Sunni and Shi'ite town of Baquba for the third day running on Saturday, a military spokesman said.

Two U.S. soldiers were seriously wounded when their patrol was attacked near Baquba overnight, 24 hours after troops killed Iraqis armed with rocket-propelled grenades in the same area.

Five Iraqis were killed and a U.S. soldier wounded in a day of clashes in Samarra, a predominantly Sunni-popu-

lated town northwest of Baghdad, on Friday, the spokesman said.

On Thursday, a suicide car bomber killed 35 people at an Iraqi army recruiting centre in Baghdad and a car bomb killed six members of the civil defence corps in Balad, to the north.

Washington blames most of the attacks on Saddam's mainly Sunni loyalists and foreign Islamic militants.

Finance Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi, who belongs to Iraq's Shi'ite majority, told Germany's Focus magazine he expected violence and killings to increase ahead of June 30.

"These people are the remnants of the old regime," he said. "The people behind these murders are trying to trigger a civil war by provoking a reaction of the Shi'ites against the Sunnis. The Shi'ites have however seen through this plan."

Washington and London are hoping that violence will diminish after the handover once Iraqis are convinced that the occupation is really over and they have control of their own destiny.

Interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi

will reach out to officials who served in Saddam's Baath party, a senior official in the U.S.-led authority said.

"You will see considerable efforts by the prime minister to show that they do have a place in the political process," said the official, who asked not to be named.

He said efforts to enable Iraqi security forces to operate under a clear Iraqi chain of command had accelerated after a crisis in April when some units refused to join the U.S. assault on Falluja or colluded with a Shi'ite uprising in the south.

"It goes with handing over sovereignty. We have always understood that the transfer of sovereignty would have to be complete. You can't do it in dribs and drabs," he said.

The official said the political transition and efforts by Iraqi security forces might calm Sunni insurgents and curb violent criminals by the autumn. Foreign militants would keep creating trouble, but might become increasingly unpopular.

## US says Falluja airstrike targeted al Qaeda network

FALLUJA, Iraq, June 19 (Reuters) - The U.S. military said an airstrike in the Iraqi city of Falluja which killed about 20 people on Saturday had targeted a safe-house for fighters led by Abu Mussab al-Zarqawi, a militant accused of links to al Qaeda.

Brigadier General Mark Kimmitt said he did not dispute Iraqi accounts that around 20 people were killed in the strike.

He said there was "significant intelligence" members of Zarqawi's Muslim militant network were in the house, but there was no evidence that he himself was there.

The U.S. military has said Jordanian-born Zarqawi has played a major role in bombing attacks in Iraq and maintained a network in Falluja, the country's most rebellious town.

The airstrike on Falluja left victims crushed under rubble after two missile strikes demolished the house, witnesses said.

Relatives brought 22 bodies for burial to a cemetery after the blast.

"An American plane hit this house and three others were damaged. Only body parts are left," one witness told Reuters.

Falluja residents say U.S. troops have

deployed hardline tactics in the town that have killed scores of civilians and created new enemies.

Iraqis dug through the rubble of the flattened house, looking for survivors of Saturday's strike.

At Falluja Martyr's Cemetery, town residents set up a row of 22 graves covered by cement slabs in keeping with the Muslim tradition of quick burial.

"They brought us 22 corpses, children, women and youth," said cemetery worker Ahmed Hassan.

U.S. Marine commanders have said pacifying Falluja, one of Iraq's most rebellious cities, is crucial for stabilising Iraq as the U.S. occupation formally ends on June 30 and sovereignty is handed over to a new Iraqi interim government.

In April, hundreds of Iraqis were killed in fierce fighting between U.S. Marines and guerrillas in Falluja, 50 km (32 miles) west of Baghdad.

A truce was later agreed, under which an Iraqi force was put in charge of security in the city.

After Saturday's attack, a man sat on the floor weeping as someone asked him how many members of his family were killed.



**Iraqis gathered around a hole in the ground caused by a rocket which landed overnight in Iraq's western city of Falluja June 19. At least twenty Iraqi civilians were killed and four wounded when their house was destroyed in an overnight blast in the turbulent Sunni Muslim city of Falluja, witnesses and hospital officials said. REUTERS**

## Saudi TV shows bodies of Qaeda leader, 3 militants



**Saudi state television broadcast pictures on June 19 it said were of slain al Qaeda leader Abdulaziz al-Muqrin and three other militants. An Interior Ministry statement read out on television named the other three militants killed as Faisal al-Dakheel, Turki al-Muteiri and Ibrahim al-Dreihim. Dakheel was wanted for killings including that of an American in Riyadh, it said. REUTERS**

RIYADH, June 19 (Reuters) - Saudi state television broadcast pictures on Saturday it said were of slain al Qaeda leader Abdulaziz al-Muqrin and three other militants.

All four had been involved in recent attacks on foreigners in the kingdom, it said. The television also said 12 people suspected of involvement in the violence had been arrested and were being investigated.

An Islamist Web site published a statement purported to be from al Qaeda on Saturday denying reports from Saudi officials that Muqrin had been killed in a shootout after his group beheaded American hostage Paul Johnson.

An Interior Ministry statement read

out on television named the other three militants killed as Faisal al-Dakheel, Turki al-Muteiri and Ibrahim al-Dreihim. Dakheel was wanted for killings including that of an American in Riyadh, it said.

Muteiri was one of the militants who escaped after an attack on foreigners in the Gulf city of al-Khobar in May, and Dreihim had been involved in preparation of the bombing of an expatriate residential compound in Riyadh last November, it said.

"Special security forces who have been following the crimes of murder and the kidnapping of residents in Riyadh uncovered the presence of four people with direct links to those events at nine

p.m. (1700 GMT) on Friday at a petrol station in Malaz (a district of Riyadh)," the ministry statement said.

"Immediately security forces surrounded them and there was a fierce exchange of fire which resulted in the deaths of all four. It also resulted in the death of one member of the security forces and the wounding of two others."

The statement said security forces had found three cars, including one used in an attack earlier this month against a British Broadcasting Corporation television crew in Riyadh.

They also found guns, three rocket propelled grenades, 16 pipe bombs, 10 hand grenades and currency worth around \$37,000, it said.

## Iran says to review uranium enrichment suspension

TEHRAN, June 19 (Reuters) - Iran's chief nuclear negotiator said on Saturday the Islamic Republic would review its suspension of uranium enrichment after a tough U.N. resolution.

"Iran will review its decision regarding suspension and we will announce our decision in the coming days," Hassan Rohani told a news conference.

He added that Iran had no secret

uranium enrichment sites and said the country would continue cooperation with the U.N. nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency.

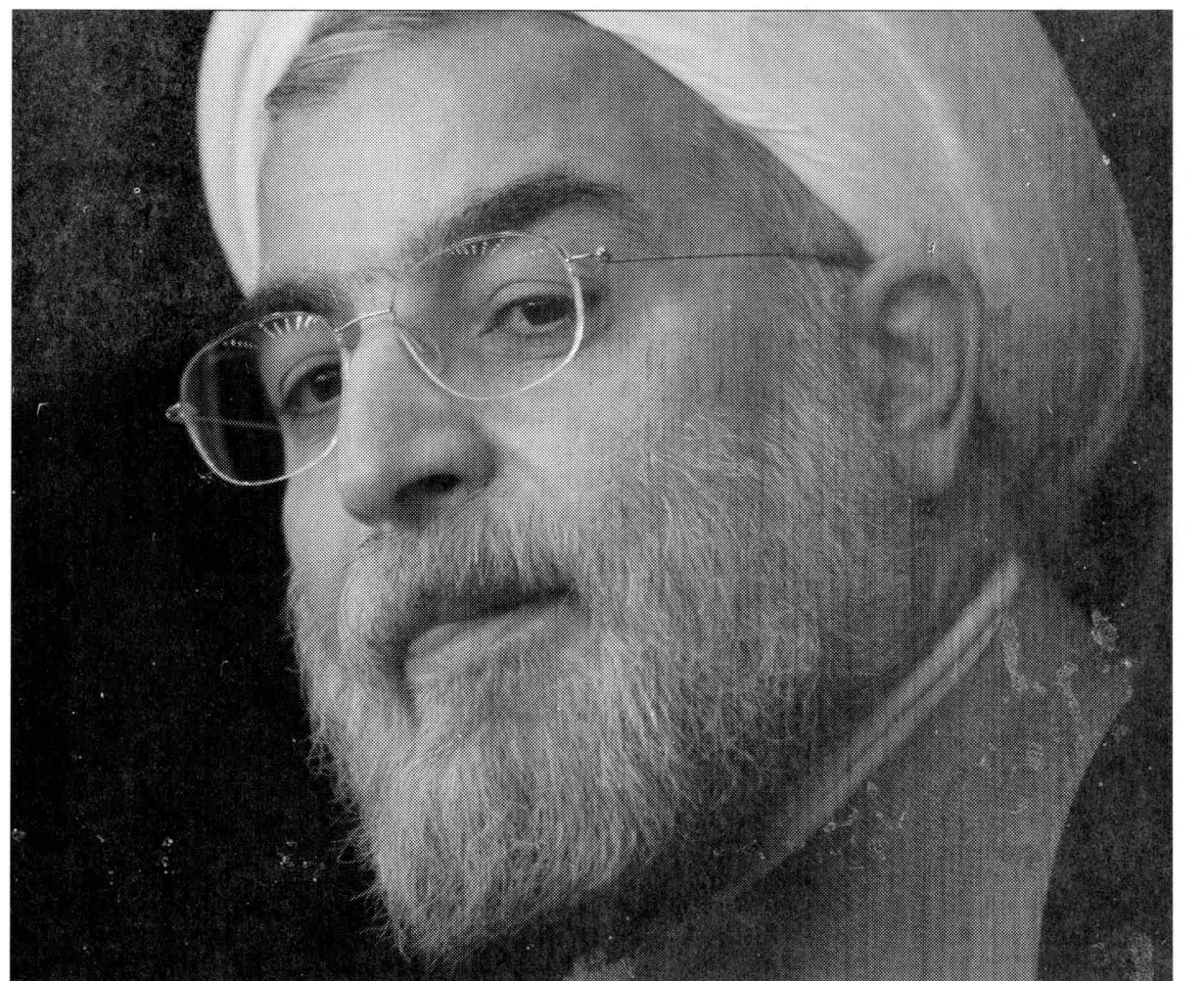
The United States says Iran's nuclear programme is a front for building an atomic weapon. Iran denies this, insisting its ambitions are limited to generating electricity.

The U.N. resolution sharply rebuked Iran on Friday for failing to cooper-

ate fully with IAEA inspectors.

Any resumption of enrichment — a process of purifying uranium for use in nuclear power plants or, if carried far enough, in bombs — would provoke a major crisis.

The IAEA has been probing Iran since August 2002 and has pushed it to be fully open with U.N. inspectors as they struggle to reduce the spread of weapons of mass destruction in an increasingly unstable Middle East.



**Iran's Supreme National Security Council chief Hassan Rohani speaks to journalists at a news conference in Tehran, June 19. Rohani, Iran's chief nuclear negotiator, said Iran had no secret uranium enrichment sites and said the country would continue cooperation with the U.N. nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency. REUTERS**



## Pakistan calls on Qaeda, tribal rebels to surrender



Pakistani tribesmen pray over the grave of Nek Mohammad, a top Pakistani tribal warrior at his hometown in Kalosha near Wana June 19. The top tribal warrior who had sheltered al Qaeda fighters was killed by Pakistani forces along with four of his comrades in an overnight raid in a remote tribal region bordering Afghanistan, officials said on Friday. REUTERS

ISLAMABAD, June 19 (Reuters) - Pakistan's military called on al Qaeda-linked militants to surrender on Saturday after security forces killed a top tribal commander who had been sheltering them in a remote region bordering Afghanistan.

Tribal leader Nek Mohammad and seven supporters were killed in a security force raid on his hideout, a mud-walled compound near the mountainous region's main town of Wana, 400 km (250 miles) southwest of Islamabad, on Thursday night.

Military spokesman Major-General Shaikat Sultan said an amnesty would be offered to foreign fighters with Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda network and the local tribespeople who had sheltered them, but only if they laid down their arms.

"In case of locals, amnesty will be given to those who lay down their weapons and denounce militancy," Sultan said. "Foreigners will have to do the same, but they will also have to get themselves registered, photographed and fingerprinted."

Failure to take up the offer, he said, would invite a further crackdown by the military, which has been battling the militants for months in a campaign to rid the country of Islamic radicals.

"If there is any backlash, we are prepared to deal with it," Sultan said, adding that more than 80 militants, mostly foreigners, and 18 soldiers had been killed in fighting so far this month.

Sultan said the local tribesmen would help the security forces to hunt foreigners. "A tribal army of 2,000 men is being raised for this task."

Nek Mohammad, 27, was a leading commander who had fought alongside the Afghan Taliban and had sheltered the al Qaeda-linked militants in the semi-autonomous tribal region of South Waziristan.

Up to 600 foreigner fighters, including Uzbeks, Arabs and Chechens who joined the U.S.-funded insurgency against Soviet forces in Afghanistan in the 1980s, are believed to be living in tribal areas.

### Disorganise and destroy

In the Afghan capital Kabul, the coalition forces' Lieutenant-Colonel Tucker Mansager said Mohammad's death would be a blow to the foreign militants.

"It's our hope that his death will help disorganise the ongoing fight by the foreign fighters in the tribal areas of Pakistan and allow the Pakistani military to better destroy the terrorists that remain in that area."

Political analyst Naseem Zehra said: "The government should now launch political efforts and give a way out to militants to end the conflict."

U.S. forces in Afghanistan have urged Pakistan to do more to root out what they call "terrorists" in tribal areas.

The 20,000-strong U.S.-led force wants to create a "hammer and anvil" effect along the rugged border between the two countries to trap al Qaeda and Taliban fighters, possibly including Osama bin Laden and his deputy, Ayman al-Zawahri.

## Hindu march ends peacefully in Indian state

AHMEDABAD, India, June 19 (Reuters) - An annual Hindu procession that had stoked fears of fresh religious violence in India's volatile Gujarat state ended peacefully on Saturday under the watchful eyes of thousands of armed policemen.

Roof-top sharpshooters and surveillance helicopters watched on as hundreds of thousands of Hindu devotees followed a series of hand-pulled, brightly-decorated chariots trundling idols of the Hindu god Krishna through the commercial capital, Ahmedabad.

Gujarat's chief minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the march in Ahmedabad, which bore the brunt of an outbreak of religious violence in

2002 in which more than 1,000 people, mostly Muslims, were killed.

"The rath yatra (chariot march) has ended peacefully in most parts of Gujarat. Even in Ahmedabad, it has passed through the sensitive areas and we don't foresee any trouble," a senior police official told Reuters.

Police snipers took positions on top of buildings and helicopters hovered along the route of the march to monitor events and avoid a repeat of the 2002 clashes, India's worst religious violence in a decade.

Day-long processions, known locally as "Jagannath Rath Yatras", are being held simultaneously in 80 towns across the western state, with the march covering 25 km (15 miles).

The processions wound their way through narrow streets in Muslim-dominated neighbourhoods in Ahmedabad, where police said Muslims had shut shops and businesses to ensure the event stayed peaceful.

"It's a big relief that it has gone without any trouble," said Rashid Memon, a Muslim shopkeeper in the old quarter of Ahmedabad.

Fears of unrest rose this week after police shot dead four suspected Muslim militants whom they accused of plotting to assassinate Modi.

The violence two years ago came after 59 Hindu activists were killed when a suspected Muslim mob set ablaze a train.



India police ward off devotees to clear a road during an annual festival in Puri, 70km (43.5 miles) east of Bhubaneswar, the capital of the eastern state of Orissa, June 19. Tens of thousands of devotees from all over the world are taking part in the century-old Rath Yatra, or chariot festival. REUTERS

## Indonesia candidates seek TV show limelight -paper

JAKARTA, June 19 (Reuters) - Some of Indonesia's presidential hopefuls scrambled for a chance to appear on the televised finale of the country's most popular talent search on Saturday, although no broadcast debate has ever drawn more than two of the five.

Newspaper Koran Tempo said former chief security minister Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, former military chief Wiranto and supreme legislature chief Amien Rais have made time in tight campaigning schedules to join an audience of several thousand gathered at Jakarta's main convention centre for the finale show of Akademi Fantasi Indosiar (AFI).

Aired by private broadcaster Indosiar, AFI is an offshoot of Mexican reality show La Academia and will crown its second season champion live late on Saturday.

"(The candidates) are the ones who want to come to the AFI grand finale," Koran Tempo quoted Indosiar's Corporate Secretary Andreas Ambesa as saying.

Political analysts say how the candidates present themselves in public is better promotion than describing their stances on key issues in a country where campaigns are filled more with pop songs than political speeches.

Indeed, with surveys having shown that almost half of Indonesia's television viewers watch the two-hour contest, the show has the power to attract more publicity than any debate.

Another candidate, incumbent President Megawati Sukarnoputri, had wanted to attend the broadcast, but later decided not to, Ambesa said. The remaining candidate, Vice President Hamzah Haz, chose to campaign in his home province of West Kalimantan.

More than 150 million Indonesians are eligible to pick their president for the first time in history on July 5. If no candidate gets more than half the votes, the top two must go head-to-head in September.

Yudhoyono and Rais topped an opinion poll this month while Wiranto is the nominee of Golkar, the party that won the most seats in the April 5 parliamentary elections.



Indonesian presidential candidate, Chief of Supreme Legislatures Amien Rais, holds a pigeon during a campaign in Surabaya, East Java, June 19. Indonesia is due to hold its first direct presidential election on July 5. REUTERS

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## EXTERNAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT # 7/2004

The United Nations Children's fund (UNICEF) invites applications from qualified Yemeni for the position of an Asst. Project Officer (National Professional B), responsible for the implementation of UNICEF intervention in 7 rural districts in Sana'a and Amran. The post is based in UNICEF Sana'a Office. Under the overall guidance and supervision of the Project Officer Area Based Programme (L-3), the incumbent shall perform the following main responsibilities:

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"UNICEF encourages qualified women candidates to apply.  
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## Australia to sign up to U.S. missile shield in July

CANBERRA, June 19 (Reuters) - Australia will formally commit to the United States' controversial missile defence programme, known as "Son of Star Wars", at a meeting next month, Defence Minister Robert Hill said on Saturday.

Hill said a memorandum of understanding to be signed at the next Australia-U.S. ministerial consultations would commit Australia to cooperating with its close ally, the United States, on research into missile defence over the next 25 years.

He gave no details of how much Australia would spend on the programme but said one of the first projects would include investigating the potential of its 'over the horizon' radar technology in missile defence.

Other potential areas of participation were greater cooperation in ballistic early missile warning through ship-based and ground-based sensors.

"This is a long-term commitment to securing our future and strengthening the alliance," Hill told reporters.

The United States is Australia's most important military partner, with the alliance dating back 53 years.

Prime Minister John Howard has

tightened ties further since the September 11, 2001, attacks on U.S. cities and the Bali bombings in October 2002, which killed 202 people, including 88 Australians, boosting military inter-operability.

Besides signing up to the missile defence programme Australia has joined the U.S.-led joint strike fighter project to develop a new generation combat jet.

But the opposition Labor party, which is polling neck-and-neck with Howard's conservative government, signalled it would end or renegotiate the missile defence agreement if it won power in an election expected within months.

Labor foreign affairs spokesman Kevin Rudd said there was no guarantee a missile defence system would make Australia safer and it could encourage weapons proliferation.

"We still don't know whether missile defence systems actually work," Rudd told reporters.

"Secondly, in terms of its impact on proliferation we challenge the government also. Produce the evidence that it would not result in proliferation of nuclear weapons in China, India and other nuclear states."

## US senators visit Baghdad before US handover

WASHINGTON, June 19 (Reuters) - A bipartisan delegation of U.S. senators paid a surprise visit to Baghdad on Saturday to discuss the June 30 handover of power with top U.S. and Iraqi officials, a spokesman said.

Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota, Democrat Joseph Biden of Delaware and Republican Lindsey Graham of South Carolina traveled to Baghdad and Kuwait in a show of support to U.S. soldiers in the region.

"It is a rescheduled trip to show bipartisan support for the soldiers and to meet with (U.S.-led Coalition Provisional Authority) and Iraqi officials before the handover," said Todd Webster, spokesman for Daschle. The trip was originally planned for April.

The delegation plans to meet with U.S. Iraqi administrator Paul Bremer and other top officials to discuss the handover of power to an interim Iraqi government. Biden is the senior Democrat on the Foreign Relations Committee and Graham is on the Armed Services Committee.

Webster said the delegation would also visit another country in the region, but declined to give further details due to security concerns.

The delegation will return to Washington on Sunday.



United States senators Tom Daschle (L) and Joseph Biden are greeted by Iraq's interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi while visiting the capital Baghdad, June 19. REUTERS

## Blair hails EU constitution but now must sell it

BRUSSELS, June 19 (Reuters) - Prime Minister Tony Blair hailed a first constitution for the European Union as a good deal for Britain on Saturday but now must sell it to his eurosceptic public in a referendum.

If he fails, the treaty finally sealed over long hours in Brussels, will be thrown into doubt.

"Give us the chance to make our case for a different type of Europe which is taking place, one in which we can feel at home," Blair appealed after an occasionally heated summit of EU leaders agreed a long-delayed constitutional deal.

Analysts say he has a mountain to climb and opinion polls show a majority of Britons oppose closer EU integration.

Blair was beaten in European Parliament elections last week by opposition Conservatives who reject the constitution. A fringe party that demands Britain withdraw from the bloc completely picked up 16 percent of the vote.

The right-leaning Daily Telegraph described the move as "perhaps the most serious blunder of his (Blair's) premiership".

Blair insisted he had only opted for

integration where it suited Britain, retaining sovereign control of its key policy areas — defence, foreign policy, tax and social security.

Nor would European courts be able to use a Charter of Fundamental Rights, incorporated into the constitution, to challenge Britain's light-touch labour laws as British business groups had feared, ministers said.

"We made no concessions on key issues...We got the lot," Foreign Secretary Jack Straw told a news conference.

Asked if he could win the vote, Blair replied: "It depends on whether people listen to what is actually in the treaty."

Blair's decision to hold a referendum, probably late next year — an attempt to neutralise Europe as an issue at a general election expected in May 2005 — has caused gloom among fellow EU leaders who believe he will be hard-pressed to win it.

At home, the Conservatives were quick to attack.

"This constitution will be bad for Britain and bad for Europe. The majority of British people and business oppose it," Conservative foreign affairs spokesman Michael Ancram said. "Europe will now have much more control."

### "NEW ALLIANCES"

Blair also faced criticism from the British press.

Britain's biggest selling tabloid, The Sun, labelled Blair the "Betrayal" while the Daily Mail newspaper called on the British public to make their voice heard through the referendum.

"Mr Blair and other European leaders, revealing the yawning chasm between our ruling elites and the voters they consistently treat with contempt, are now pushing the EU dramatically further along the path to a single superstate."

To help make their case, British officials highlighted what they said was Britain's confrontation with Germany and France, who wanted more harmonisation of power at an EU level.

Blair and others also blocked the choice of President Jacques Chirac and Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder for the next head of the European Commission — Belgian Prime Minister Guy Verhofstadt — who Blair's aides described as too federalist.

Relations between London and Paris have been strained since Blair sent forces to war in Iraq alongside the United States.

The British leader said the newly enlarged bloc, with 10 new members mainly from eastern Europe, offered many new allies. In a broadside at

Chirac and Schroeder, Blair's spokesman said on Friday they did not run Europe alone.

"Europe will no longer have one exclusive, dominant view. The Europe of 25 is just different," Blair said. "It is a new Europe. You can feel the difference with these new

countries.

"Surely this is the last time to marginalise ourselves in Europe," added Blair, who says he is a committed pro-European but has so far failed to take Britain into Europe's single currency — its central economic project.



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- Sound physical and mental health.

#### \* The Hubert Humphrey Fellowship Program:

This fellowship program is for professionals in applied fields that combines academic training in an American university (non degree program) and field experience, up to nine months. Requirements are:

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- A bachelor's degree from an accredited university with an excellent academic record.

For more information and application forms, please contact PAS at the American Embassy, telephone: 303-180/81. For more information about these and other scholarships to study in the U.S., please visit our website: [usembassy.state.gov/yemen](http://usembassy.state.gov/yemen) **Deadline: August 15, 2004.**

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## Words of Wisdom



I am dead worried about how well we qualify our children to interact positively with the rest of the world. It is crucial that we raise children who will feel comfortable in interacting with the world, and who will have a good chance in doing well in the future. That is not happening, given the kind of culture and education we give our kids.

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

OUR  
OPINIONFighting corruption  
needs courage

I was talking the other day with one of the Western ambassadors in Sanaa when he asked, "I truly wonder how the President of Yemen views the best way to tackle corruption." It was a question that was raised not only by him, but by many Yemenis and foreigners alike. We have all asked about the proper means and ways to tackle corruption, but no clear cut answer was given.

But if we analyze the situation as a whole, we would come to the conclusion that corruption needs a lot of courage, determination, and follow up.

Let us take the example of corrupt employees in any government establishment. There are numerous claims that regular citizens cannot get their paper work done without bribing this or that employee. This is not an individual case, but rather a general phenomenon.

When asking employees why they do this, they simply give two straight excuses, the first is that their salaries are too low and are not sufficient for survival, and the second is that they look at their bosses and higher management and take them as their models.

Hence, the issue starts not with employees, but with upper management. For each and every individual government institution, the minister or general manager should be the first to abide by the law and be clean and honest. Then he should set the example to others. The other step is to ensure that sufficient funds are allocated as salaries to employees in different ranks. This will probably remove 90% of the causes of corruption in the institution in question.

But then there is another issue.

What about supreme officials that are not in government, but rather in posts linked to the President. Don't those need to be accountable and honest?

The question here could only be answered by the President. He is the one to hold them accountable, make sure they don't interfere in issues they should not be involved in, and guarantee that they are punished if they exceed their limits or rights.

But in the extreme cases when those individuals point to the President and say that it was him who let them do what they did for so long, this also has a cure.

I believe the President would tolerate my words when I say that some do blame him for a large portion of corruption in the country for what they say is his flexibility in dealing with corrupt figures and not applying swift and strong actions against them when caught red-handed.

There could have been cases in which corruption was evident even at the presidential level. This is possible and it happens everywhere in the world. But that doesn't mean that our President cannot start all over again. Let it be a new beginning.

If he starts today then it is better than tomorrow, and if he starts tomorrow it would be better than the day after.

We have faith in that reforms in the hierarchy from top to bottom should be a healthy step forward, and it is not a shame to admit to wrong doings committed in the past. We all commit mistakes as we are all human beings, and the President is not an exception. But what we should now focus on is to build a future free of corruption and that requires a strong and courageous decision coming from above.

I believe our President would be highly honored and respected for a decision to use harsh punishments against those who are found to have been corrupt. He can begin by announcing a date after which tough measures will be taken against corrupt officials, and these measures will be strong up to possible levels of imprisonment and high fines.

I am sure that such a courageous decision will be taken, and I am sure our President has the courage to take it. It will only be a matter of time.

The Editor

Reforms, modernization and  
attention to internal affairs

By Prof. Dr. Abdul Aziz Altarb  
For the Yemen Times

The celebrations of the 14th anniversary of the National Day of the Republic of Yemen have ended. The President's address on this occasion was received by the general public with great comfort. However, the public awaits more practical steps in the implementation of the President's decisions toward the improvement of local affairs that will bring back smile to everyone. We have seen the beginning of practical steps. Will that continue until July 7th, during the celebrations on anniversaries of the September 26 and 14 October revolutions or until the anniversary of Independence Day on November 30? We do not expect limited reforms or humble or moderate accomplishments, but comprehensive works on all fronts.

The recently field visit of President Saleh to the Ministry of Information represents the beginning of a new era of increasing attention on local affairs. It is the beginning of the return to focusing attention on internal matters after the deterioration of our internal situation, which has reached a level of weakness without precedent, including economic, social, cultural and athletic fields. The level of several officials in the executive authority does not rise to the name and status of Yemen, which is flourishing following the unification of the country, based on political pluralism and democracy.

It has become essential and necessary to commence and to focus on the reform of our internal affairs through clear visions within a strict timetable while activating and strengthening the definitions of accountability and transparency. In this framework, we hope that all unfinished projects will be completed, as well as the completion of the process of revising and preparing new laws with a new mentality. That will provide a solid basis for the start of a new era of reforms that will generate a state of law and order on the start of the road toward a genuine renaissance.

In my estimation, all open files must be permanently closed and the completion of required changes in the executive field is needed before the start of the new fiscal year 2005 so that the new year would be the year of management in every respect.

If that were achieved as part of a comprehensive vision to create radical changes in our internal affairs and situation with the enhancement of our foreign policies at the Arab and regional levels, then we would have set our feet on the beginning of the correct path.

As I will explain in later issues if God is willing.

Who's responsible for the  
alienation of children?

By Mohamed Zaid  
For the Yemen Times

Of course there are many legitimate reasons behind missing, alienated and mentally disturbed children in society, but the most common one is definitely the mistreatment of children by their parents. Many parents terminate their marriages in divorces, and some of their children are not easily adjusted to this fact. They begin to develop a set of confusing and mixed conceptions. They may have to go through a mentally unstable phase, and, therefore, become very susceptible to misbehavior that can be crucially influential in shaping up their future character negatively regarding their involvement in society and in their dealing with themselves. This is considered by many as raising or creating alienated and disturbed children, sometime of menace to society.

Some rich families serve as fertile breeding grounds for delinquent children. They are contributing, probably unintentionally, to the deviation of some of their children. They assume that meeting all of their children's financial demands without questioning what they are spending money on is good for them. They do not know that they actually provoke many of

their children to enroll in illegal activities or in improper and socially unacceptable behavior. Money can pave the way for children to go astray if parental guidance is neglected. Conversely, children may become persuaded to adopt wrong approaches to life such as to steal to meet their needs if they are totally deprived of the minimum financials to meet their basic needs at various stages of their lives.

The spoiling of children by some parents in giving them extra affection, love and compassion and always meeting their demands, without raising in them the sense of responsibility, value of money, and how to learn to become independent is not necessarily in the best interests of children. It will be very difficult for them to adjust to normal behavior, especially if they were raised to get everything they had wanted even it was wrong, on the assumption of some parents that their children would grow out of bad habits. It is likely that they may not be very useful to society. Children need continuous parental guidance and a reasonable amount of discipline when they misbehave when they are growing up. They have to be taught how to behave properly, they need to learn to have stronger faith in God, to do their regular prayers and to always recite verses from the Holy Book of the Qura'an. It is impractical to teach

children how to behave when they have reached adulthood.

Parents should never, by any means, differentiate or favor one child or some from the rest of their children. This could lead to having self-centered children and brothers and sisters hating each other, and they may end up fighting each other when they grow older. As a matter of fact, this is considered illegal, before it is unethical and socially unacceptable. The children may inflict the same treatment on their own children when they grow older.

Parents must not severely punish their children for committing unknowingly small mistakes. They must not be grounded nor deprived of doing their favorite activities. Instead, they should be taught the right way in behaving in order to avoid making the same mistakes in the future.

Some other parents do not even bother to understand or try to realize the ambitions and dreams of their children. I do not know whether this is a lack of awareness of some parents or it is their selfishness to assume that their children would grow to be like their parents. Parents ought to emphasize the proper treatment of their children and leave the rest for the children to determine and to choose, only under their parental guidance and not interference.

## Letters to the Editor

Intellectual terror  
is upon you

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to respond and allowing me to comment your recent article regarding to: The intellectual terror for deaf and dumb!

Although, this incident is unfortunate but understandable why these student behave the way they did. Just look the title of the heading indicate a sheer arrogance of disregard toward to the Deaf.

Your article reflects what is a widely common acceptable perception in the categorizing, identifying and labeling disabilities of sorts. Poor choice of using the words when labeling the Deaf and Dumb illustrate a much deeper roots of ignorance in Yemen's society of understanding what deafness is all about.

Deaf means that you cannot hear and dumb mean intellectually challenge. However, those two words, deaf and dumb, do not have same meaning when identifying disabilities of this sort. Deaf by large, do not have intellectual disabilities, only rather a communication barrier which prevents their abilities to communicate in a normal formal ways of conversation in the hearing world.

To lump those two inappropriate words together is callous and insensitive. And a sure sign of what is to be perceived a strong ignorance of attitude in your country.

The proper usage of word-

ing should be either, deaf nor Hearing Impaired. Shame on you for distributing this kind of ignorance behavior around. I think the intellectual terror is upon you.

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Dear David,

I agree with your points and we will ensure that we use more appropriate wordings in the future.

—Editor

Write an article  
on Yemeni Jews

I would like to suggest your news reporters and editors to spare an article about the small Jewish community residing in town of Raidah near Amran city in Yemen.

As some news reporters have last few years visited there, they report that the Jewish community is holding tight to the "Ultra Traditional" Jewish Religion.

In our view, these Jews are the "Original" Jews from the time of the Temple. We heard that they have elementary schools with young educated teachers.

It would be a great thing if your News reporters would Visit the Jewish Community and write A nice article about them, reporting the lifestyle of those Jews, would be a great idea to show the world how the real Jews keep their religion and live in peace with their Muslim neighbors. This seems to be very similar to

## Letters to the Editor

Comments on  
Africa-related article

The meticulous research you recently published in Yemen Times shows that the people of Horn of Africa, or the Red Sea region, had strong and long historical ties and flourishing civilizations. Today's war-torn and poverty-ridden nations had their glorious past, and I only wish they would work toward a harmonious and glorious future.

If there is one drawback to the paper, it is why the historian wanted to refer to Ethiopia by its ancient name - Abyssinia - while lining up nine-year-old Eritrea, a province that had been an integral part of Ethiopia since the days of Emperor Ezana of the 4th century AD, along with ancient countries Egypt, Yemen, and of course, Ethiopia.

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## Wrong comparison!

Ref your comparison of Iraqi "detainees" and how much more barbaric Americans are, consider this: Were these pictured detainees, burned like meat, beaten with pipes, dragged through the street then hung up on a bridge? No? OK, were they made to kneel while a statement they could not understand was read, and then have their heads cut off in a manner reminiscent of Jack the Ripper? No?

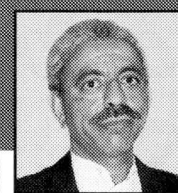
No one in the US condones the underwear on the head, the dog leash, or the piling up of naked bodies. It is stupidity beyond the pale. But I think we all know which of these things I've described here is Barbaric. If you don't then I pity you, and will pray for you.

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Wonderful interview  
with Mrs. Beeler

Yemen and Universal for Tourism and Travel have added a real gem to its tourism crown by bringing aboard Mrs. Brid Beeler. I have personally traveled with her and know firsthand what an excellent tour operator and manager she is. We wish to add our personal welcome to Mrs. Beeler as she pursues her new venture and, as a result, gives Yemen a new and fresh visibility to the tourism world.

Jan Baldwin

COMMON  
SENSE

By Hassan Al-Haifi

From walls to tunnels:

More misery for  
the Palestinians

Of course, nowadays the news from the Holy Land is not "Breaking News" anymore, with the Iraqi quagmire snatching the spotlight. Yet, not much has changed on the ground in Palestine, or what is left of it with the Israelis carrying on at full throttle to change the facts on the ground in keeping with the ideological Zionist maps pursued by the Likud Party and its leader, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. Even with hardly any meaningful resistance to speak of by the Palestinians and a full stop on suicide bombings, Israeli tanks and bulldozers carry on with their systematic drive towards elimination of any suitable grounds (physically and logically) for the establishment of a Palestinian state. Yes, the Israelis are having a field day, imposing curfews, blocking roads, demolishing homes, arresting students, killing a child or innocent civilian here and there, and wounding others, while the world is busy with the more colorful bloodshed unleashed by the irrational and unjustifiable American invasion of Iraq.

Sharon is not at all worried about charges of bribery or anything like that. He is too dear to the Zionist cause to be subjected to such annoying legal hassles. Just look at what he has done in the space of four years to the West Bank and Gaza. He has thrown out decades of diplomatic efforts to bring a peaceful settlement to the Arab-Israeli dispute and rendered all the treaties signed from Oslo, Madrid and those wonderful handshakes in the White House Lawn out the window. He has destroyed what meager infrastructure the Palestinians have attempted to build up to serve as the foundation for their long awaited mini-state and confined the whole idea to an incapacitated presidency in Ramallah, with even most of its edifices turned into rubble. The poor donors who financed most of this work saw all their investment in goodwill demolished before their very eyes, as Ariel Sharon's hate machine rumbled through the West Bank and Gaza reducing all these Palestinian assets to wreckage. As for the Palestinian right to life, well, that went out of Sharon's vocabulary a long time ago, and the death of thousands of Palestinians, a third of them children, is only a manifestation of a God ordained promise and it is more likely that it is probably going slower than what he wants.

Sharon is only doing the right thing that would be expected of him. He does not need to worry about reactions of other Arab states. The Arab world has been rendered ineffective in deciding any destiny for the region and the leaders have a hard enough time keeping their own constituents under repression to worry about the transgressions meted out on their brethren in Iraq or Palestine. There does not seem to be any hope in counting on the other fellow Arabs to come to the rescue of their Palestinian brothers. The Arab masses are heartbroken by their brethren's plight in Iraq and in Palestine. However, even demonstrations of support or protest are liable to be clamped down severely by the rulers as the gap between the perceptions of the governed and those governing them in most Arab countries grows wider in just about every affairs of state, domestic and otherwise. For those few who still can give, contributions to the Palestinians would probably be classed as aid to terrorism, and all checks must be endorsed by the United States before reaching the beneficiaries.

So, no worry for Sharon from the region.

As for Washington, there is no hiding it anymore, Washington and Tel Aviv are seeing eye to eye on everything and it is now so difficult to see who is actually initiating the move of the other. In fact, all of Washington's policies and actions are working to the benefit of Israel and the venue created by American sloppiness in the region is exactly the kind of atmosphere people like Ariel Sharon like to have to proceed speedily with the Zionist agenda and eventually Eretz Israel. For the Palestinians, no hope can come from Washington, because George W. Bush views the Zionist agenda as evangelical dogma and at times gives Israel even more than it asks for. Even the American opposition to the "security wall" and settlements has become history, while the Road Map is just that, a "map" on a piece of paper, which does not seem to lead to anywhere.

But what about the "dramatic unilateral peace initiative" of Ariel Sharon? It has been watered down considerably by typical Zionist political maneuvering. The withdrawal has been altered to mean with the right of reentry and control of the skies and shores and a bloody rampage of the Israeli "Defense" Forces in Rafah. As for the settlements, the withdrawal from such settlements has been reduced considerably and phased to fit the political maneuvering that may be required; i.e., what is in return? In fact they may not even happen at all. However, the mere idea has meant a go ahead from Washington for the Israelis to pursue their affirmation of the settlements in the West Bank with settlement construction activity now set at high speed again with the construction contracts being ratified for thousands of new homes to expand the existing settlements there. Furthermore, the obsession with "tunnels" has produced a new disguise for furthering the suffering and strangulation of the Palestinians systematically being pursued by Ariel Sharon. So, notwithstanding the fact that the Israeli bloody and destructive incursion into Rafah did not produce any concrete evidence of such underground threats as alleged by the Israelis, the idea was worthy of carry over to justify a new Israeli tactic to render life even more hopeless for the Palestinians of Gaza. The Israelis now come up with a plan to dig a trench to "block any tunnels" from being dug to Egypt. Note, that these "tunnels" have never been raised as a serious issue with Egypt, with whom Israel has normal relations, and one would expect should be cause for concern for both parties. One wonders if such tunnels, even if they may have existed, most likely for smuggling purposes, were posing such a threat to the Israelis so as to demand such a large investment and a serious threat to the environment. No matter, money is no object for furthering the demise of the Palestinians, by digging down deep to the water table of their groundwater sources and ensuring that the Palestinians of Gaza are barricaded as tightly as possible. The next move would probably be to simply put all the Palestinians in large cages or aluminum cans and hope that they would perish from lack of breathing space and access to the minimum requirements for a normal life, especially after all the olive trees have been uprooted.



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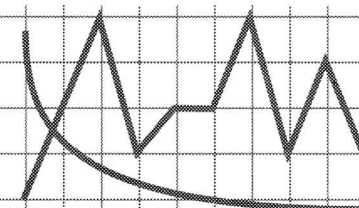
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# YT Business



*20 June date for winners in new bids*

## Drop in government share of oil production + increase in revenues

BY: MAHYOUB AL-KAMALI  
YEMEN TIMES STAFF

**T**he total share of the Yemeni government from oil exports during the first quarter of this year amounted to 19,81 million barrels with a value of \$ 632.85 million worth, compared to 20,16 million barrels of \$ 568,13 million worth for the same period in 2003. A central Bank of Yemen report has mentioned that the government share amount dropped by 1,74% but the value amount rose by 11,39% due to rise in crude oil barrel price to \$ 31,93 during the period of January – April 2004. Oil exports in the past years had seen noticeable increase. They had risen in value from \$ 777, 5 million in 1995 to \$ 8 billion. Yemen's new oil map presently comprise of 84 oil sectors where the ministry of oil is trying to expand investment in them to guarantee increasing the expected financial revenues from annual exported amounts, which constitute around 36% of the volume of Gross Domestic Product and by a percentage ranging between 60 to 70% of general revenues.

The Yemeni oil ministry has distributed tenders to world companies from 6 new sectors in both governorates of Hadramout and Shabwa, fixing the 29th June 2004 a date for

announcing the winner companies in tenders.

Oil is considered a major source of foreign currency for Yemen. The number of productive sectors rose to 9 oil sectors in which nine world and Yemeni companies are operating. There are 20 exploratory sectors with 14 operating companies, 3 sectors under approval of production participation agreement, 4 sectors still under negotiation, 4 under analysis and evaluation, and 4 under promotion, in addition to 32 open sectors promising with commercial production.

According to sources at the Oil Exploration Establishment, the 6 sectors on supply for investment are situated on land. Preliminary surveys are encouraging as affirmed their containing of commercial amounts of crude oil, after being discarded by Canadian Nexen Company Ltd operating sector 61 and Vintage company.

A new oil discovery has been found in a sector to the south of Khuar 43, operated by Norwegian DNO Company and Malik sector operated by Canadian company Kalgali, in addition to existence of encouraging oil and gas in sector 47 and 48.

The ministry of oil is trying to achieve increase in quantities of production, as studies confirm that 90% of Yemen's total area is promising for oil exploration and digging.



Oil tanks in Hadramout gov.

### Yemen-GCC,

## Rise in averages of trade exchange

BY YEMEN TIMES STAFF

**T**rade exchange between Yemen and the Gulf Cooperation Council states has seen a great recovery in reflection of development of political and economic relations between Yemen and the GCC countries in the recent years.

Yemen Times has learnt that the volume of trade exchange between Yemen and the GCC states has at the end of last year amounted to \$ 1.7 billion, \$400 million of which was the volume of Yemeni exports to the Gulf states and \$1.2 billion the amount of Gulf exports to Yemen.

A report issued by the Yemeni Central Bank made it clear that the

United Arab Emirates occupied the first position in the volume of trade exchange between Yemen and the GCC states. The value of imports and exports between the two countries reached at around YR 127 billion. Saudi Arabia occupied the second position where the volume of trade exchange amounted to YR 91.7 billion, YR 16.6 billion of which was the value of Yemeni exports to Saudi Arabia and YR 75.1 billion the value of Yemeni imports.

The volume of trade exchange between Yemen and Kuwait has also risen to YR 79.8 billion in 2003 against YR 61.7 billion last year when the value of Yemeni exports amounted to 26.8 billion and the value of imports from Kuwait amounted to YR 52.9 billion.

The report also mentions that the kingdom of Bahrain occupied the last position. Volume of trade exchange with the two countries had last year amounted to YR 648.6 million, at a retreat from the last year amounted to YR 7.7 billion. Yemen's exports value during that year amounted only to YR 44 million, while the value of its imports recorded YR 604.5 million.

Nevertheless, indicators of the total trade exchange between Yemen and the GCC

countries pointed to improvement last year in favour of Gulf exports to Yemeni market which is promising of receiving bigger amounts of Gulf products, especially from Emirates products that receive trust of consumers in Yemen.

## Yemeni-Iranian committee, Signs a number of agreements in Tehran

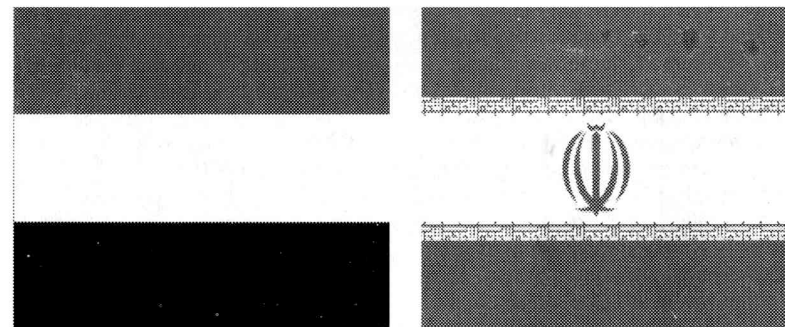
BY MAHYOUB AL-KAMALI  
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**T**he Yemeni-Iranian joint committee chaired by deputy premier, the minister of planning and international cooperation Ahmed Soufan began its meetings in Tehran on Sunday.

The committee studied minutes of the committee's previous meetings and signed a number of agreements pertaining to enhancement of trade cooperation and exchange of trade between the two countries.

Meeting of the committee comes after the balance of trade between the two countries has seen substantial growth during the past years. The balance of trade had last year reached to around \$ 28 million while Yemeni businessmen confirm there are spacious areas for increasing trade exchange between the two countries. Iran extends to Yemen technical expertise in areas of training and qualification and offering financial assistance for financing some Yemeni charitable projects.

Iranian companies and firms have contributed to implementation of investment projects in Yemen, among them the Nees Company for contracts that contributed to accom-



plishment of the oil port in Hudeidah according to the latest world technology and specifications.

The joint committee had held its first session in 1992 and signed then more than 49 agreements and memoranda of understanding and minutes. They focused on areas of cooperation in trade, economy, culture, education, communications and post. Among the important agreements concluded between the two countries were an agreement on sea maritime navigation and development of exports, a memorandum of understanding between education ministries of the two countries and a minutes on cooperation agreement in the field of fish wealth.

Meetings of the committee in Tehran resulted in positive outcomes for consolidating relations of the two countries in trade, investment and economic areas.

## Mega Products on display at Taj Sheba

**A**t the inauguration of Mega Products Ltd last Tuesday at Taj Sheba, Sana'a was unveiled a revolutionary, natural and effective Pynocare range of products for dark spots or pigments on the facial skin.

The Company's General Manager, Mr. Farahat Hameed Khan and Dr. Hisham Ssayar, the Company's Sales Manager and Mr. Shallesh Purohit,

Business Development Manager, gave a detailed explanation about the new company's products in Yemen and their intention to enter the Yemeni market. 70 guests attended the event, representing commercial stores for a number of companies. All enquiries about the new product were answered. Dr. Hisham Sayyar mentioned that celebrations will be held in three main areas in Yemen.

The product removes dark spots and freckles, but its use does not have side

effects like other medicines as it is a natural product. Pynocare comes from a company that is expert in de-pigmentation and has developed various products for skin de-pigmentation.

Mega is continuously working in the area of science and clinical trials to examine the effectiveness of its products. Currently two new studies are underway in Malaysia and France, for which initial results for skin de-pigmentation and whitening are very promising.

### Exchange Rate for the Yemeni Rial

Currency	Buying	Selling
US Dollar	184.5300	184.7300
Sterling Pound	333.1900	333.5500
Euro	220.7500	220.9900
Saudi Rial	49.2000	49.2600
Kuwaiti Dinar	625.9300	626.6100
UAE Dirhem	50.2400	50.2900
Egyptian Pound	29.7100	29.7500
Bahraini Dinar	489.4600	489.9900
Qatari Rial	50.6900	50.7400
Jordanian Dinar	260.2700	260.5500
Omani Rial	479.3200	479.8400
Swiss Franc	145.7600	145.9200
Swedish Crown	24.0600	24.0800
Japanese Yen	1.6641	1.6659

Source: Central Bank of Yemen



*The treasure that continues to resemble strong Hadramawt influence:*

# The beautiful Island of Kilwa - Tanzania

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The wealthy island city of Kilwa, an island off present day coast of Tanzania, was the most important of thirty five trade sites on the Indian Ocean during 11<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup> centuries AD. From 1110 to early 1500 it was also an important center of Islamic learning. Kilwa and all other centers were politically independent, but spiritually and commercially linked to centers in Arabia, notably Hadramawt in Yemen.

On any given day, Kilwa's fine harbor was packed with Arab dhows loading and unloading goods that circulated through the ecumenical trading sphere. Colonists, resident merchants, and visiting traders, and scholars from Arabia and India mingled on its streets with locals.

In the 9<sup>th</sup> century a Swahili owner sold the island to a Persian prince of Shiraz named Ali bin Al-Hassan who built Kilwa most likely upon the site of the ancient Greek colony of Rhapta. From the 11<sup>th</sup> century to the early 15<sup>th</sup> century Ali bin Al-Hassan managed to create a powerful city Kilwa Kisiwani, what was to become a major trading center along east African coast.

He also built a great mosque, established close trading links with the interior of southern Africa as far as Nyasaland and Zimbabwe. Kilwa Kisiwani was to become the main trading port of the Indian Ocean. Its wealth came from the exchange of gold and iron from Great Zimbabwe and other part of Southern Africa, ivory, and slaves from mainland Tanzania, textiles, jewelry, porcelain and spices from Asia. By the 13<sup>th</sup> century Kilwa had become the most powerful city along the East African Coast, exercising political and trading domination as far as Pemba Island in the north and Sofala, present day Beira in Mozambique, in the south. An Arab chronicle gives a list of over forty sovereigns who reigned at Kilwa in a period of five hundred years. Pedro Alvares Cabral, the Portuguese navigator, was the first European to visit it. His fleet, on its way to India, anchored in Kilwa in 1500. Kilwa was then a large and wealthy city, possessing, it is stated, three hundred mosques.

It is the offshore location and the tidal currents that isolate the island from the mainland and protect it from a landslide attack. Thus Kilwa Kisiwani, that is old Kilwa which means "on the island", is graced with the two most magnificent medieval architectural monuments, one of which is the Great Mosque with its arched, vaulted and domed extension which was constructed in the early fourteenth century, and following collapse was rebuilt a hundred years later. The other is the palace complex known as Husuni Kubwa, which with its courtyard annex and the adjacent Husuni Ndogo was built in the same period.

Husuni Kubwa, as spacious as any roofed stone building south of the Sahara until modern times, appears to have been intended as a palace, combined an emporium and warehouses under the sultan's control, of al Hasan bin Sulaiman of the Mahdali dynasty. It was probably this very sultan who com-

missioned the building of the Husuni complex. Here a stone inscription commemorated his power and virtues together with the title Abu al-Mawahib, the "Father of Gifts". It was him whom the celebrated traveler Ibn Battuta visited, having heard like other scholars and students of the splendor and hospitality of the court of Kilwa, known well beyond the Equator, to this southerly limit of the Muslim faith. This Sultan's wealth, generosity and praises are further sung in the Kilwa Chronicle, written down two centuries later during revival which is remembered as the "New Rain".

Ibn Battuta left Mogadishu by sailing south towards the land of the "Sawahil" (coasts) and the city of Kilwa, which is one of the cities of the land of Zunj, he observed. After an overnight stay in Mombasa, Battuta continued on to Kilwa by ship. Most of the inhabitants of Kilwa were black, and many had decorative scars on their faces, he noted.

Battuta was amazed by the beauty of Kilwa, and writes further:

"The city large and elegant, its buildings as typical along the coast, constructed of stones and coral rag. Tapestries and ornamental niches covered the walls and the floors were carpeted. Their robes are a simple loin-cloth, their dinner millet porridge"

There was plentiful rain in the region, noted Ibn Battuta. Kilwa's glittering wealth thoroughly impressed also an European scribe who arrived in Kilwa



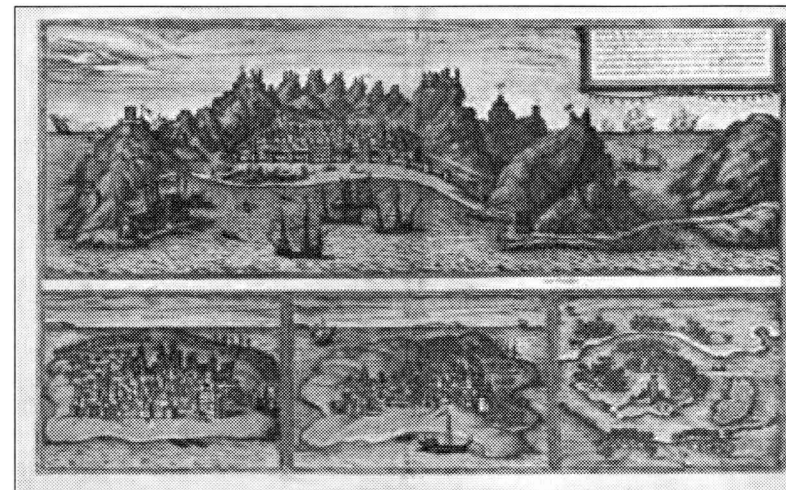
Kilwa ruins depicted in the remains of the Kilwa Sultans Palace

customs across the map of the Old World. Islam permeated daily life in Kilwa. Many of the cities African-born businessmen claimed descent from aristocratic Arab and Persian families. The city's multi-storied houses were architecturally of Middle Eastern design. Portuguese visitors in the 1500s compared Kilwa's mosque built between the 1110s and 1400s to Spain's famous Cordoba Mosque.

There are three Kilwas: The oldest is Kilwa Kisiwani, which lies on a small island. This is where the ruins of the medieval city of Kilwa are located, and from where the legend of King Solomon's mines originated. Kilwa Kisiwani is famous for its ruins, and the

destroyed and sacked the proud city of Kilwa in 1505. At this vitally important harbor site, they constructed a fort with an observation tower and abandoned it in 1513. By the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, Omani rulers established a trading post on the island of Kilwa. From 1843 Kilwa Kivinje, 20 km further north on the mainland, proved to have a more adequate harbor location.

Since that time this "gereza", the prison, has been reduced by wind and weather into mysterious, romantic ruins. In the inner courtyard, next to the Portuguese tower, a young baobab on the towers platform lifts its leafless branches above the crenellations. A few steps further is the Great Mosque. Its



Kilwa as depicted on a Portuguese manuscript at height of its power

were replaced by pillars built of coral limestone blocks.

Two buildings are especially striking here. They are considered to be the sultans' palaces. The southern palaces may have been the one that fell victim to the Portuguese assault in 1505. The east and west wings of the Palace had long, narrow rooms. Their width was limited by the measure of the standard mangrove poles by which the ceilings were covered. Also on the upper floor were living quarters. Several of the other buildings, which gave new life to Kilwa from 1780 onwards, seem to have been defensive in character. Thick baobabs, with their mighty silver-gray trunks that take a lot of room between remains of the palace, underline the heaviness of the dark gray ruins. A few smaller mosques are scattered around the city area.

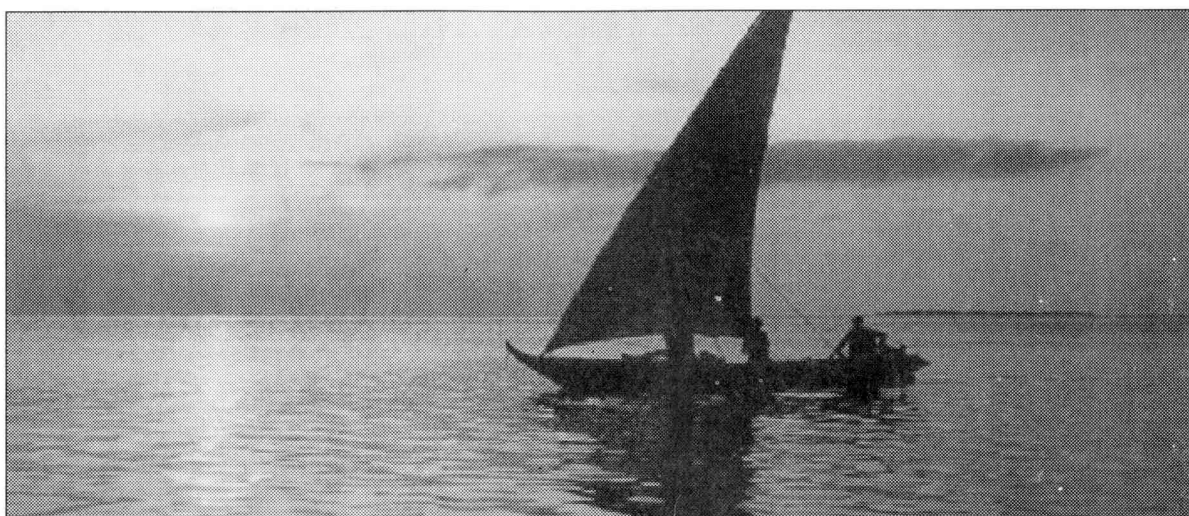
Many of the town houses are now gone because they were constructed of less durable materials. Husuni Kubwa is the great palace that stands here, since about 1300, on a protruding, hardly conquerable rock ridge. It overlooks the straits between the island and the mainland: hallways, galleries, bathing places, staircases and rooms. Reefs that are traveling with clear power in the sun. Rivers envying the sea, tired of being crossed. From the commanding position on this side, every intruder sailing in from or out into the ocean could be sighted. There was fear and pride of age before beauty. Just to the east across a deep gully, lies Husuni Ndogo, the small palace. Both palaces were abandoned already in the 14<sup>th</sup> century. Its 13<sup>th</sup> century stairs lead to the sandy sea shore. The area is now covered with mangroves, yet it is very well imaginable, how, in former times, that dhows were steered onto the shore, and their goods were unloaded. The seven seas sang for them, sunlight entered their hands for the purple - blue water. For those to whom history is the presence of ruins, there is green nothing. Then breeze rustles the palms of the cool road.

In the meantime, low tide has come. A walk along the wide, sandy beach strip on the way back to the harbor.

Uncounted crabs flee toward the water into the shelter of the mangrove thicket, as soon as they sense steps. The sun has sunk rather low. A marvelous day, a day that has taken into present times and into the many ups and downs of centuries past. Ibn Battuta reported about the friendliness of Kilwa's inhabitants. In this respect nothing much has changed here during the past seven centuries. The fisherman, hearing the cries from the ochre shores, yearn for a sound that is missing. Life seems too fragile, all its shadows are seasonal, including pain. This does not pretend to be the whole story in respect to either the origin of Kilwa about twelve hundred years ago or the reign of its ruler al-Hasan bin Sulaiman (1315-35). The Ocean has changed around every name, tree and man, since the ocean had to live because it was life.

## Did you know?

- \* Archeological investigations at the Kilwa site began in earnest in 1955
- \* The site of Kilwa was named a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1981.
- \* Kilwa (Quioa), used to be a seaport of German East Africa. It is situated about 200 m south of the island of Zanzibar, on the coast of present day Tanzania.
- \* The republic of Tanzania was created by the union of the former Tanganyika and islands of Zanzibar. Situated in East Africa it is bordered by Rwanda, Uganda, Kenya, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Zambia, Malawi and Mozambique. Dar es Salaam is the country's capital and most important port. Arusha, Dodoma, and Mwanza are other important cities.
- \* The main economic sectors are: agriculture, tourism, telecommunications, mining, forestry, and energy industries. The main export items are coffee, sisal and tea, cotton, cashews nuts, minerals, tobacco products. Main imports are consumer goods, machinery and transport equipment, crude oil, and industrial raw materials.



Boat on sail near the island

harbor with Portuguese explorer Pedro Alvares Cabral in 1500. The man reported seeing fine houses made of coral stone, the most imposing of which was the Sultan's 100-room palace. In this land, the scribe wrote, there are rich merchants and there is much gold and silver and amber and musk and pearls. Those of the land wear clothes of fine cotton and of silk and many fine things.

Kilwa derived its prosperity from its monopoly of the flow of goods in and out of the Zambezi River region in the southern African interior. It was the major exchange point for gold, ivory, iron and coconuts from the Kingdom of the Mwene Mutabe, jewelry and textile from India, and porcelain from China. Kilwa's ruler maintained a mint that produced coins in several foreign denominations, and exacted stiff tariffs from visiting Arab and Indian traders.

Kilwa's local culture illustrates the close association between commerce and the spread of social and religious

finest and best preserved Islamic architecture. A small fishing villages along the coast lie unchanged. Kilwa Masoko is now a regional headquarters. A market is held daily on the square at Kilwa Masoko. Men in white robes and women and black veils gather together to barter fresh produce and a variety of other products. Kilwa Kivinje was one the southern caravan routes from Lake Nyasa.

## The clear but shallow waters at the harbor of Kilwa Masoko.

Ibn Battuta had arrived by dhow at this very channel. This side is part of the East African mainland and the mangrove-fringed island over there is Kilwa. It has an additional name of "Kisiwani", on-the-island, in order to distinguish it from its successors Kilwa Kivinje. Ibn Battuta visited Kilwa in 1331 and Portuguese sailors, about 170 years later, described Kilwa as a flourishing and powerful city. The wind was blowing now constantly and moderately from south-south, and the beach burns its memory. The winds bring news, although smoke forgets the earth, it named impossible mountains. The fresh green island mangrove shores are gleaming in a distance. The sun is radiating from a friendly blue sky. A wonderful silent and fresh sea breeze carries across the Ocean and back in time. There were pillars that fell, leaving a blue space. Clouds were rising like leaves. Then, far out, at sea, in a sparkling shower arrows of rain arch from the emerald breakwater. The fortification reflects Kilwa's more recent history, when the Portuguese had

building reflects Kilwa's economic success and decline over the centuries. The northern part, roofless today, stood there in the 12<sup>th</sup> century when the gold trade with Zimbabwe started. It used to have a flat roof, supported by wooden pillars. In the 14<sup>th</sup> century the demand for gold in India and Europe rose, and, in accordance, Kilwa's wealth. The mosque was enlarged considerably, and the city could afford a domed and vaulted roof, which rested in thin, eight-sided stone pillars. Though elegant, they were not very stable and caused parts of the roof to collapse. In the Middle Ages they

## A Glimpse at Northern Cyprus

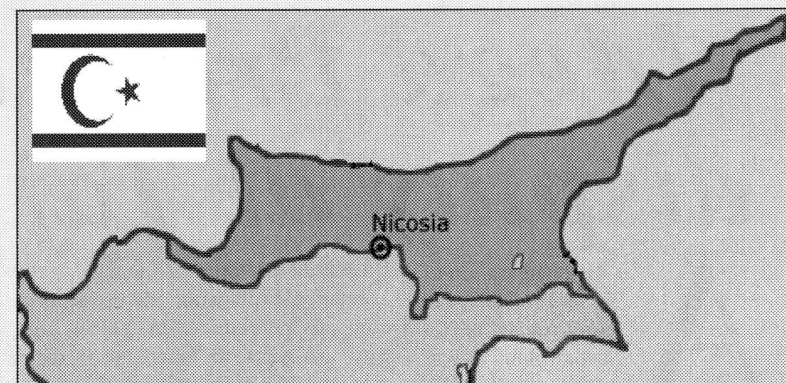
By Karman Al-Khalidi

Those who have visited Northern Cyprus will remember an island of golden beaches, brilliant weather, mountain forests, ancient castles and sun-bleached villages. The most memorable of all is the warm smile of the Turkish Cypriot people. Northern Cyprus is a small country, about 120 miles (East-West) and about 15 miles (North-South).

The seaside town of Kyrenia with its surrounding mountain villages offers all the modern facilities of a European town, whereas, the villages of the Karpaz region seem to have been left behind in another age.

History is a major theme in this legacy of the past to this day.

Despite the past, Northern Cyprus is a peaceful place, which has seemingly sidestepped the pressures of modernity.



The pace of life is slow, as if the 200,000 inhabitants have more time than they know what to do with.

There are many activities to enjoy in North Cyprus; horse riding, go-carting, hunting, sea turtle watching, walking/hiking/trekking, water sports and yachting. You may also enjoy the

amazing nightlife in Kyrenia and the rich Cypriot cuisine, which is as unique as the Turkish Cypriot people.

If you decide to visit the Turkish Republic of North Cyprus and enjoy its relaxing atmosphere, be sure that you will enjoy this heavenly escape from the grind of modern life.



Scenes from Kilwa Island



## Foundation of National Association for Midwives

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A national seminar, participated in by international experts and supported by the United States Development Agency (USAID), UNFPA, and PHR Plus Organization, was concluded last Monday with the official foundation of the first National Association for Midwives in Yemen.

The seminar, held under the auspices of the Ministry of Public Health, discussed the experiments of midwives associations in Indonesia and Morocco concerning with the role and development of midwives.

The Chairwoman of the International Federation for Midwives, Ms. Kathy Heyschderfer, detailed the capabilities



Expert women taking part in the symposium

that the Federation will provide.

The participant midwives, representing all governorates of the Republic, prepared a draft project for internal regulation, the scope of work and the goals of the association in Yemen. They utilized the consultations and practical experiments discussed by international experts who attended the session that assisted in the foundation

of the association on a scientific basis.

The Association aims to create an organization in the name of Yemeni midwives considering them an important segment of society who serve family health and family planning, especially considering the increased number of problems that face the world of midwives in society from various governmental and private authorities.

## Sheraton Sana'a Hotel and Qatar Airways Agreement



Mr. Tony Goubbran (left), Sheraton Sana'a Hotel GM and Mr. Mario Hashim, Qatar Airways Area Manager, have signed a contract for two years to accommodate the aircrew at Sheraton Sana'a hotel. As per Ehab El Gammal - Sheraton Sana'a Hotel Director of Sales and Marketing Qatar Airways officials choose the hotel after inspection trip, due to the high level and quality of services and standards. Especially after the completion of the renovation project the hotel become the preferable hotel to major airlines activities and stays.

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The following documents are to be enclosed with applications: CVs, copies of certificates, copy of Personal ID card and 4x6 size photographs.

Applications should be sent within two weeks to P.O. Box 3803, Sana'a - Rep. Of Yemen, or Fax No. 400447.

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### Advocates quit again

Advocates of the 15 al-Qaeda suspects announced their withdrawal from the case due to the absence of a fair trial in the tribunal processing the case. They said in a press conference outside the court that they decided to quit together because they were denied access to copies of the investigations reports despite the orders given by the court judge in this respect. They said the tribunal is military and their presence is meant to be just a puppet decoration, which they refuse. "As long as the Judge is still under the control of the prosecutor, there is no possibility for justice," the advocates said. The Court Judge said after hearing the complaints of the lawyers ordered that they should be given a copy of the charges report and to be allowed to look into the investigations report, which the advocates refused.

The fifth session did not see any progress in the tribunal. The 15 advocates were still asking for a copy of the investigation reports. They also demanded that their clients should be taken from the prison of the Political Security Organization to the Central Prison. They were also complaining that the suspects were put in underground cells.

On their part, the suspects, who were headless and smiling behind the bar, denounced the tribunal and said it was run by the military, where "the American domination and pressure is very clear." The suspects started denouncing the US; they even exchanged bad words with the representatives of the US gov-

ernment. The leading member of the group Fawaz al-Rabee said that the head of the PSO told them they would not get any treatment, except that one which their friends get in the Guantanamo Bay from the Americans. The defendants were repeating after him words from Islamic hymns showing their pride in their alleged actions. They were also repeating "Allah Akbar".

The Prosecutor, Saeed al-Akil, said in the first hearing that the suspected terrorists rented a house in Hadramaut to store explosives and another to get the boat prepared. He said the boat cost was \$20,000. They also bought two tons of explosives and loaded the boat with approximately 1150-1250 kilos of TNT and 20 kilos of C4, plus a number of flash tubes. The operation against the tanker left one dead and caused, according to the prosecutor, an environment catastrophe. He also accused some of them, mainly Fawaz al-Rabee, of firing against the helicopter owned by the US oil company Hunt, wherein one of the crew was wounded. He said seven rockets were launched against the plane in addition to over 150 bullets fired by Hizam Mujali. The prosecution also accused them of carrying out several terrorist explosions in different parts of the capital Sana'a, including at the office of the intelligence services and house of one of its directors. The charges also included a plot to blow up the US, UK, French, German and Cuban embassies in Sana'a as well as killing the US

Ambassador to Yemen, Edmund Hull. Some of the suspects denied the charges but some admitted them, mainly the plot to kill the US Ambassador. Saleem al-Dailami said that they wanted to restore the dignity of the government by killing Edmund Hull and take revenge for Abu Ali al-Harithi who was killed by an American drone in the desert of Marib in November 2002.

#### The 15 suspected terrorists names on trial

- 1-Omar Saeed Hasan Jarallah, alias Ibn Hafidh, 26
- 2- Fawzi Yahia al-Hababi, alias Abu al-Shaheed, 26, jobless
- 3-Mohammed Saeed Ali al-Amari, alias Abu Gharib al-Taezi, 25, jobless
- 4-Fawzi Gharib alias Abu Musab al-Taezi, 24, student
- 5-Yasser Ali Salem
- 6- Fawaz Yahia Hasan al-Rabee
- 7-Abu Bakr Yahia Hasan al-Rabee, 26
- 8-Hizam Saleh Ali, alias Mujali
- 9- Ibraheem Mohammed Abduljabar, alias Abu Zaid, 25
- 10-Mohammed Abdullah Ahmad al-Dailami, 26
- 11-Saleem Mohammed Ali al-Dailami, 25, teacher
- 12- Abdulghani Ali Hussein, alias Jaber al-Sanani, jobless
- 13-Kasem Yahia Mahdi, alias Abu Hurairah al-Sanani
- 14- Khaled Ahmad al-Jalob, alias Abu Muslim
- 15- Aref Saleh Ali Mujali

### UN sketches apocalyptic scenario of Yemen's future

#### Other Fronts

On the security front, excessive zeal in the war on terrorism creates more terrorists and violates human rights. On the social front, despite the efforts made by the government in this aspect, the challenges remain and the pessimistic view about Yemen is that the population growth never declines and "if that is indeed the case, the fact is that almost all economic growth that the country is achieving simply goes into coping up with the additional population. So, indeed, there is not net growth available for improving the living standards," he said. This scenario also includes that the very high rates of child malnutrition, maternal mortality and illiteracy, particularly for girls, do not come down. Also, HIV/AIDS, an area where the government has shown leadership, goes on to become an important problem in terms of the number of people infected by the epidemic. Gender disparities continue to widen. With regards to the environment, "if progress is not made in this area, if the water continues to drop, we would be facing a frankly disaster whereby large segments of the Yemeni population simply have to migrate from the areas they have been inhabiting for centuries, if not longer, to the areas, particularly on the coast, that are relatively rich in water," he said. In the arena of pollution, Rawley said, if steps are not taken on this front, increasing areas of the country could be seriously damaged. Qat is also believed to have great negative impacts on the individual health as well as the welfare of the families, if it continues to be cultivated and its consumption expanded. In the field of cultural heritage, to Rawley, the "nightmarish scenario is that one whereby Yemen loses an accelerating rate much of its tangible and intangible cultural heritage. The loss of this rich cultural heritage would be a tragedy not only for Yemen but also for the world."

#### Optimism is another possibility

However, Rawley stressed that there is no need for this pessimistic scenario to come through but it is important to see the possible scenarios of the future of the country. He confirmed that he does not personally share this dark attitude. He believes in the optimistic scenario, which is "entirely possible although would

require expanded commitment not only by the Yemeni people but also by the international community," he said. On the economic front, the situation will be one that would witness continued impressive progress in the implementation of binding related economic reforms, measures to strengthen transparency and the judicial sector. These measures are prerequisites for increased investment from within Yemen and abroad. This scenario also includes a streamlined civil service; "a smaller and more productive better paid civil service," according to Rawley. He also hopes on the political front for "continued progress in terms of the elections in the country." "We saw great progress in the parliamentary elections in terms of the technical administrative efficiency," he said. "We would like to see progress in this area and even freer, fairer and less violent elections. We would like also to see more respect for human rights and a stronger justice system; more transparent and efficient and more accessible to all Yemenis," he added. "When Yemenis have legal problems, they do not think first and foremost of resorting to tribes to settle differences; they think positively about the justice system; they know if they go there in a relatively short period of time, that case will be heard based on the merits of the evidence presented, that they will get a fair hearing by the justice system," he emphasized.

He stressed that they would like to see the media playing an even stronger monitoring role in terms of keeping track of promises made by all parties; the government, the private sector and the international community, holding them accountable for these promises as well as acting in a constructive manner by transmitting important information to the people. In this area, others efforts need to be made to promote decentralization, the role of the local councils, progress in the area of population growth and a rapid expansion in literacy and enrollment in schools. Other efforts are hoped to be made in the area of de-mining and managing the refugees from the Horn of Africa as well as in the areas of the water shortage problem and environmental pollution.

**Yemen in the Millennium Project**  
The UN has recently accepted Yemen

as a Millennium Project (MP) pilot country, along with other seven countries. This project aims to help these countries achieve the Millennium Development Goals. Rawley said that one of the reasons for including Yemen in the project is that there is "an increasing recognition among the donors and the international community that important development progress, although not on equally all fronts, is being made in Yemen and increasing attention needs to be paid to it." He pointed out that the decision to include Yemen in the project came as a result of a number of high level visits made by senior UN and World Bank officials to Yemen. He added these visits did not take place by chance, but because the messages that the international community is getting from Yemen is that despite the difficulties the country is facing the government and people of Yemen are making efforts. Rawley said that it is unfortunate that the image of Yemen abroad is not that good, but there is "a sense in the international community here in Sana'a that the time has come for the image of Yemen to catch up with the more positive reality, for the international community to further its engagement in the country." However, "it is recognized that Yemen is having difficulties that need more attention and engagement from the international community," he said.

The government of Yemen set up its plan to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by 2015 and roughly estimated the amount of money needed for that at over \$80 billion and that around \$50 billion out of that will be paid by Yemen. Rawley thought the figure is very high, and that it is premature to specify a figure. "I think it is too premature to identify a figure; there are so many variables. I would say, first let us come up with a process that is highly participatory in terms of Yemen and the international community and then look at the figure, and come to a conclusion whether it is viable or not," he said.

#### Yemen in Mind

Rawley said he would leave Yemen with a number of unforgettable memories but he emphasized that the unified picture that would last in mind is Yemen as a whole, with all its culture, nature and people.

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## Responding to Mr. Jon Lee's letter on 'About the abuses in Iraq'

# The wrong way to win hearts & minds

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Regarding the letter to the Yemen Times by Mr. Jon Lee entitled 'About the abuses in Iraq' (20th May 2004, issue 739), I firstly express my gratitude to Mr. Lee for his honest words, his empathy with those who have suffered, the tone of his letter and the kind words with which he praised the historic contribution that Muslims have made to humanity. However, I feel I must take issue with Mr. Lee on some points and present him with an alternative perspective. The fact that most Americans trust American soldiers, feel that they do a good job and presume that most of them are good, does not provide a great reassurance to the rest of the world. Despite his affirmations, an abundance of television footage of US soldiers in Iraq, plus multiple eyewitness accounts of the crimes committed (including rape) by US troops in the many American military bases dotted around the world, tell a thoroughly different story. American soldiers are the front end of a foreign policy which is xenophobic and aggressive, and seem to me to conduct themselves in such a fashion.

By assuming that 'most are good'

Mr. Lee implicitly depict the atrocities conducted in the Abu Garaib prison camp as isolated incidents: this assumption is at best a dubious one. I, for one, find it very illuminating that the guilty parties in Abu Garaib clearly did not perceive themselves to be out of step with the rest of the military. On the contrary they flaunted and photographed their behavior. As army personnel on the ground, they genuinely felt that either they were following instructions or that this was standard procedure and nothing to be ashamed of – or at the very least, that their over zealotness would be unnoticed or receive official acquiescence.

I contend that Mr. Lee's trust in his Government and her apparatus is misplaced, and that there is a huge gulf between what America says and what America does. Why is it that when America, in violation of all international law and precedent, invades, kills and brutalizes in the name of freedom and democracy, people focus on the freedom and democracy part and pay scant attention to the invasion, the killing and the brutalizing, and Americans are able to delude themselves that they hold the moral authority? Do the ends really justify the means? Even if they did, please appreciate that the ends of freedom and democracy are often perceived as unwelcome ends as they contradict

Islamic scripture and American insistence on them constitutes a bigoted cultural invasion that is more intrusive and imposing than their military one.

Aside from this, it seems that the values America is so keen to champion are easily set aside when it chooses. After September 11th we have witnessed all manner of erosions and violations of domestic civil liberties in the name of the 'War against Terror'. Perhaps it's worth reflecting on the words of Benjamin Franklin who said "Those who would give up essential Liberty, to purchase a little temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety". I'd invite Mr. Lee to take a good hard look at what America is, instead of being hoodwinked by what it claims to be.

As for Mr. Lee's appeal to Muslims to not judge Americans by the actions of those few, this deserves consideration. Whilst I'm sure many Americans are as outraged about recent happenings as he is, one simply cannot dismiss the conduct of his country's military at the behest of his government as a few unrepresentative bad apples. Since September 11th Bush has been able to reconfigure international politics completely, openly bypassing the UN, proudly removing the governments of Afghanistan, Iraq and Liberia. Bush has accomplished this in the face of deep skepticism, criticism and sometimes

outright condemnation from many other governments and international organizations - precisely because of his strong domestic support. So before we let the average American off the hook, let us remember that it is the average American who voted him in, who supports his war on terror, who trusts his motives, whose political unawareness and vulnerability to cheap scare-mongering tactics, leaves US foreign policy with an absolutely free hand, and who then writes in to the Yemen Times (no doubt attempting to win Arab hearts and minds) to testify to the innocence of the average American.

Perhaps my words seem harsh. I'm sure they're not as harsh as much of what has been said behind closed doors inside every American administered prison camp in illegally occupied Iraq.



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## Reflections

### Education in Yemen, the Greatest sin, everything leading to nothing, and bringing different types of education under state control

Education in Yemen must be compulsory if one of the objectives of the 26th September revolution is to be met. Unfortunately, due to the daily increase in the costs of living, many children are obliged to leave basic education and join the majority of Yemeni illiterates. Efforts to teach grown-ups ceased due to the lack of official will.

Now, let's turn to public schools and how education is carried out. Most students in Yemen study in public schools, which were largely built by the Yemeni Government and the State of Kuwait. Many are still bearing names chosen by Kuwaitis. Kuwaitis were clever in that they monitored the construction of those schools, which they financed, fearing that money might be channeled to other destinations, as is the case with donations made by other gulf states.

So now wherever you go in Yemen you shall find a school bearing a Kuwaiti name. The names persist and were not affected by the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait in 1990. Teaching in Yemen prior to the year 1990 was rather stronger than it is nowadays because highly qualified Arab teachers were hired to do the job by Kuwait and KSA. Nowadays, the government has started to replace other Arabs with Yemenis. This is good, but the problem lies always in the selection because again favoritism and bribery plays the most leading role in choosing who is to be hired and who is not. I know a thief and a counterfeiter who are still working as teachers although they have been jailed several times. What should we expect of such guys? To teach our kids good manners? Many education faculty graduates have to pay big bribes in order to become modest poor teachers.

Teaching itself suffers from the archaic belief in that the student has to cram his head with all the subjects. Pupils at the first grade have to achieve success marks in all subjects in order for them to be promoted to a higher grade. Believe it or not, a kid failing in one subject out of six has to repeat the year twice or thrice. This is why at the end of each scholastic year the students forget everything they learnt. Why don't we employ systems of education as practiced in many developed countries, where students do not have to achieve success marks in all subjects? They can achieve success in three or even one and still be able to complete secondary education. If the student likes one subject he would be able to follow it up until he graduates from university and thus

we can have scientists in all fields.

So let us stop the habit of cramming the heads of children by learning all types of subjects and the memorization of countless Koranic verses and poems. Each and every student has got his own inclination. Let us not complicate education and cause unnecessary complications for the young generation. Repeating years is harmful and unnecessary, and it is the greatest sin practiced by our Ministry of Education. I know an intelligent student in physics, chemistry and mathematics who had to repeat the third year of secondary education three times because he was less enthusiastic about Arabic and Islamic education. By the way, he is now a maniac, roaming the surroundings of his village, because of our failing education system.

Public schools suffer from crowding, sale of text books on the black market, inefficient inspection, sale of promotion certificates, sale of head-masterships, having to succeed in all subjects, cheating and leakage of exam questions to certain students who manage to pay the necessary bribes. The students pay for the books at the beginning of the year, return them at the end of the year and pay for any book torn or missing. In addition to books sold in the market some are smuggled abroad.

While private schools claim that they provide privileged education. In fact, all they care for is money collection so the students graduating from these schools come out with a complete sense of adoration of the money deity. Because the owners of such schools are obsessed with money they some times mistakenly ask money from those who have paid various times. Here students do not have to worry about their promotion as long as they are paying fees on time.

State administrative pilferers who claim that their riches are inherited own most of these schools. Students are also often from a rich minority, themselves funded by administrative pilferers.

While the government should permit private schooling, much attention should be paid to public schools. Please let us succeed in this at least.

The government was right in the unification of education but has not completed this process. Still there are private schools teaching children how to become religious extremists and time bombs. So more efforts should be exerted in order to bring all types of education under state control and we must do away with futile extremist education.

# Learning from German democracy

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I am very much amazed at the great level of democracy that is taking place in Germany, which has proven over and over again that it is indeed a true and real democracy. Some may have heard about the incident when the German Chancellor Schroeder was slapped by a 55-year-old man whose only problem was being jobless.

He was arrested for three hours then released after his problem was resolved. The great leader of the great country was slapped, but again he proved his leadership in accepting the

reasons and respecting his citizen's right of expression, even though it was in a violent way.

Can our Arab and Muslim leaders accept or even believe this? Arabs and Muslims, especially the leaders, will probably see it as a joke or see that Schroeder was wrong for not retaliating and killing the old man. Personally, I think Arabs and Muslims need centuries to reach this level of democracy.

If such an incident took place in any Arab country, the man would have been cut into small pieces, and his family, tribe, village would be leveled to the ground. Even the party he belongs to would be shut down. I am not exaggerating to say anyone whose name is similar to the man's

name may also be punished for sharing his name.

Frankly speaking, when I came to know about that incident, I immediately remembered the companions of the Prophet Mohammad -peace be upon him- especially the first Caliph who addressed his people by saying "I was appointed as your leader, if you find me just and fair, you have to support me, but if you find the contrary, you have the right to strip me from power." Then one of his people said "if we find you unjust, we will remove you using our weapons." The Caliph agreed and did not object. That kind of democracy is what Arabs and Muslims are lacking.

Some may think that I want Arabs and Muslims to slap their leaders. No,

that is not my point and that is not what Arabs and Muslims want. In fact, Arabs and Muslims want to be free and have fair democracy. We want peaceful transfer of power, freedom of the press and expression. Besides, we want to see all the people including their leaders equal in front of the law, to see the practice of the law in all walks of life, to see the right person, whoever he or she is, given the position he deserves. We want to see and feel security, stability, and live a decent life with dignity and respect. Will the leaders of today bring this to us and be humble enough to apply the laws to themselves, like they do to regular citizens? I doubt it. We'll have to wait for some time.

## No good in incomplete democracy

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That the Kurds of Iraq are unhappy with the UN resolution and the interim Constitution is not surprising.

Governments are like people in that they have two ways to get people to work for them. They can either use force or they can pay them. Since no government is going to be allowed by the world community to enslave its citizens, the government of Iraq, interim or permanent, has to pay the people who do its work.

That means the government has to have some money—actually quite a lot. So, where's the government of Iraq, which is already 200 billion dollars in debt, going to get it?

Well, according to the documents they've agreed to, the provincial governments are going to do what governments normally do; collect

taxes and levy fees for services delivered. In addition, they've been promised some money from the central government. Which gets it from where?

Strangely enough, the central government of Iraq has no power to tax, not even all those barrels of oil that are going to be exported. Why? I suppose it's because the government of Iraq has been given ALL of the country's natural resources to manage—i.e. sell. That includes both oil and natural gas, along with the mineral and water sources in the mountains that one would think would belong to the Kurds.

See, that's what happens when you have no clearly defined right of private property. The fellows in charge of the guns—i.e. the central government—claim all they want for themselves and then do with it what they want.

There's some of the same thing happening in this country, too. Just think of the grazing lands out west

and the mineral leases the federal government has granted to favored corporations over time. Think of the environmental mess the federal government leaves behind whenever it abandons yet another army or navy base. But, at least here the federal

government doesn't own the natural resources in the whole country.

So, is that really what we should be recommending for the people of Iraq? What good is democracy if the people have no say over what happens to their land?

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# Pynocare – Complete solutions for spotless and white skin naturally

**BY HASSAN AL-ZAIDI  
YEMEN TIMES STAFF**

**M**ega Products Ltd unveiled during an event held at the Taj Sheba Hotel, Sana'a, a revolutionary and natural, safe and effective range of products for dark spots or pigments on the facial skin.

Business Development Manager, Mr. Shailesh Purohit, presented the benefits of the new product - Pynocare. He explained in details its effectiveness to cure and prevent pigmentation, freckles or dark spots on facial skin. "Pynocare is a natural treatment without any side effects like other medicines. It is manufactured by a company that is an expert in skin de-pigmentation", Mr. Purohit explained.

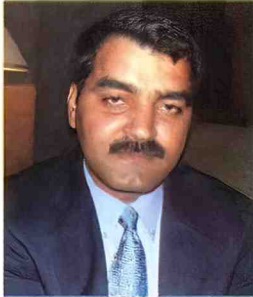
"Mega Company" is continuously working in the area of science and clinical trials to ensure the effectiveness of its products. Currently, two new studies are underway in Malaysia and



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France, for which initial results for skin de-pigmentation and whitening are very promising", Mr. Shailesh elaborated.

Mr. Farhat Hameed Khan, Mega Yemen General Manager, pointed out that this product was the first of its kind products in Yemen for dark spots. He also mentioned that Pynocare would be launched in two other areas of Yemen in the coming week, Taiz and Aden.

Mr. Farhat Hameed Khan, Mega  
Yemen General Manager, Dr. Hisham

gists, beauticians and shop owners from Sana'a attended the launch ceremony.

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- Friendship like ours grows with each passing moment. Friend, you are always at the forefront of my mind. Your constant support and love, gives me so much strength and joy that no hurdle of life seems unconquerable. I forever want to share my dreams with you and be your friend.
- Dear friend! I'm so glad we took a chance on love. May happiness always be with you; may all your plans workout for you and may your dreams come true. Best wishes.
- Dear friend! On a clear blue sky, may all your ethereal dreams acquire wings and fly to a land of reality, which is abundant with pure happiness, infinite love and freedom to choose, what your dear heart wants.
- Friend, I'm glad that your sweet and simple ways reach out to me and stays there with full-fledged support in my hours of distress. Let me wish for you on this day a wonderful life.
- Dear friend! May you appreciate every beauty of life and live up each moment to the fullest. May it also breeze into your life happiness and joys, and all that you are hoping for.

## II. How to Say it Correctly

Correct errors, if any, in the following sentences

1. There were reports that the university will close on 1 September, but in actual fact the holidays will begin on 15 September.
2. We usually go on a picnic on the last day of December, but we are definitely going on the New Year's day this year.
3. I was not actually aware that tomorrow is a holiday, so it was a real surprise to find the college closed.
4. Basham is very well organized and keeps his books altogether.
5. He didn't seem all together pleased when he heard the news.

### Suggested answers to last week's questions

1. The government won, but it had **fewer** votes than last time.
2. Our fuel stocks have been run down and we have in reserve **less of either coal or wood** than is necessary.
3. The maize crop kept the poor people alive, so its failure was a disaster.
4. When we elected the club secretary, the **majority** of the votes went to Amjad.
5. **Most of the students** in the modern age are learning a foreign language.

## III. Increase Your Word Power

(A) How to express it in one word

1. Army officer who does office work for a superior officer.
2. Officer in command of a country's warships.
3. Period of life between childhood and maturity.
4. Make impure or poorer in quality by adding something of less value.
5. An exciting or dangerous journey or activity.

### Suggested answers to last week's questions

1. Cause of act; make active: **activate** (vt)
2. Sharpness of mind or power to understand clearly: **acumen** (n)
3. Old and wise saying or a common proverb: **adage** (n)
4. Something omitted that is to be added: **addendum** (n)
5. Break off proceedings of a meeting for a time:

adjourn (vt)

(B) Foreign words and phrases

Give the source of origin and meaning of the following:

1. officialese
2. onomatopoeia
3. opera
4. opera citato
5. operetta

Suggested answers to last week's questions

1. **neologism** (Neo Gk 'innovation in language'): A newly coined word; sometimes a phrase. Neologisms are entering languages all the time and are a necessary enriching influence.
2. **nom de plume** (Fr. 'pen-name'): A term to indicate a fictitious name employed by a writer. For example: O. Henry was William Sydney Porter; George Eliot was Mary Ann Cross. The French use 'pseudonym'.
3. **nouvelle vague** (Fr. 'new wave'): The term describes a new trend in the arts, particularly the experimental work in the cinema and the novels.
4. **novel** (derived from Italian 'novella': 'tale, piece of news.'): A wide variety of writings subsuming extended pieces of prose fiction.
5. **ode** (Gk 'song'): A rather grand poem whose main features are an elaborate stanza-structure, a marked formality and grandeur in tone and style, and lofty sentiments and thoughts.

(C) Word commonly confused

Bring out differences in meaning of the following pairs of words

1. acquire, require
2. arrogate, derogate
3. visitors, visitants
4. strict, severe
5. timid, coward

Suggested answers to last week's questions

1. **diverse** (adj) (quite unlike in quality or character): His interests are quite diverse, ranging from arts, music, literature to sports and athletics.
2. **perverse** (adj) (behavior that is contrary to reason): He is hated for his perverse nature and behavior.
3. **orifice** (n) (outer opening): The orifice of my mitral valve has been dilated by surgical procedure.
4. **edifice** (n) (a large building): Taj Mahal is an edifice of outstanding architecture.
5. **divest** (vt) (take away from): The official has been divested of his authority consequent upon allegations of misconduct.
6. **invest** (vt) (put money in): He invested his saving in a business enterprise.
7. **collusion** (n) (secret agreement): The security guards were in collusion with the smugglers and helped drugs trafficking.
8. **collision** (n) (coming together violently): There was a head-on collision between the two speeding vehicles.

(D) Idioms and Phrases

Bring out the meanings of the following in illustrative sentences

1. give (some once) cold shoulder
2. put on your thinking cap
3. a leading light
4. bag and baggage
5. donkey work

Suggested answers to last week's questions

1. **a last-ditch effort** (a final, desperate attempt to do something): Mutahar made a last-ditch effort to save his business.
2. **at death's door** (on the point of dying): I couldn't have attended the party - I had a severe flu and was at death's door.
3. **have one's pound of flesh** (to get everything that one is entitled to, even if it causes difficulties or unhappiness for others): My present job is quite satisfying, but the boss is getting his pound of flesh out of me.
4. **fight tooth and nail** (to fight fiercely and with all

one's strength): We are determined to fight tooth and nail to safeguard our interests.

5. **at sixes and sevens** (in confusion, in a muddle): With the employees agitating, the office is at sixes and sevens.

## IV. Grammar and Composition

(A) Grammar

Choose the answer which makes a sentence with the same meaning

1. The stick was six feet from one end to the other.  
The — of the stick was six feet  
A. wideness B. width C. breadth  
D. length E. longness
2. She was in the same class as her uncle's daughter.  
She was in the same class as her —  
A. niece B. cousin C. sister  
D. nephew E. brother
3. She did not have as much money as her brother.  
She had — her brother.  
A. little money than B. fewer money than  
C. less money as D. less money than  
E. more money than
4. The policeman told the men to go away.  
The police man made the man — away  
A. went B. go away C. to went  
D. to go E. gone

Suggested answers to last week's questions

- a) James is working at home until the new office is ready: (temporary situation)
- b) 'Who's she taking to?' (an action that is happening now)
- c) 'Scotland Yard requires its male employees to be at least 1.73 m tall' (a permanent state or situation)
- d) I'm meeting Production Manager this afternoon. (a future arrangement)
- e) I get up at 7 most mornings: (a regular or habitual action)
- f) We're recruiting more and more graduates: (a changing and developing situation)
- g) The train leaves at 6.00 tomorrow (a future event based on a timetable)

(B) Composition

Expand the central idea contained in the maxim  
70: HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL IN HUMAN BREAST

Last week's topic

69: HE WHO NEVER CHANGES HIS MIND HAS NO MIND TO CHANGE

Life is in a state of flux. Attitudes, outlooks, value systems - everything is continually changing. That's why it is said, "The old order changeth yielding place to new". In this continually evolving system of things, adaptability is the key word to cope with the dynamics of change. A person who has fixed ideas and who lacks flexibility in his approach is likely to be a misfit. On the other hand, a person with an open mind has the preparedness and an elastic mindset to accept things as they come. Such a person is prudent, objective and valiant and has a breadth of vision to come to terms with the readily.

## V. Pearls from the Holy Quran

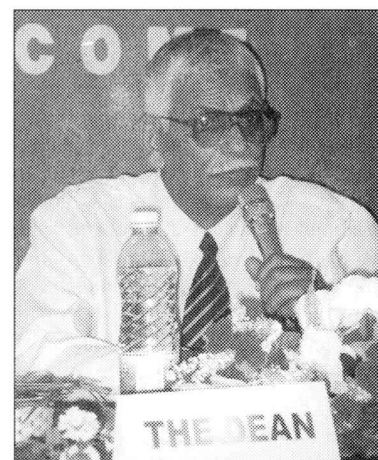
"If anyone desires  
A reward in this life,  
In Allah's (gift) is the reward  
(Both) of this life  
And of the Hereafter:  
For Allah is He that heareth  
And seeth (all things)."  
S4: A:134

## VI. Words of Wisdom

"Books are ships which pass through the vast seas of time."  
—Francis Bacon

## Department of English, Mahweet, celebrates its Annual Day English Department is truly the beacon light

**I**n tune with the illustrious tradition set up by the Department of English, Faculty of Education, Al-Mahweet, like the previous years, held its Annual Day celebrations with pomp and ceremony on 23 May 2004. Recitation of verses from the Holy Quran by Aref Al-Adeeb lent a somber glow of the dignity to the occasion. Dr. Bushra Al-Noori, Head in her introductory note warmly welcomed Dr. Mohammed Al-Kamali, Dean, Dr. Hussein Gatrib, Vice Dean, Mr. Mohammed Ibrahim, Manager as well as other distinguished guests and the students to the function. This was followed by presentation of a Report by Mohammed Al-Kamali, General Secretary, on the department's multifarious activities during the session. Then from among the students Bassim, Majdi, Afrah and Shahera recounted their unforgettable experiences in the department and expressed gratitude for the nurture of the sparks of their academic as well as cultural talents by the members of the department. Amid thundering applause Ismail Al-Khadary, received the Krishna Chandra Sahu - Taramoni Debi Memorial Running Trophy as the Captain of the College Champions in football, Aref Al-Adeeb was presented the Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Saqaf Memorial Trophy as the Captain of the winning team of Volleyball Championship. Ibrahim Al-Radhi was awarded the running trophy for win-



Dr. Mohammed Al-Kamali, Dean, addressing the ceremony

ning the Chess Championship. Mementos were presented to the Dean, Vice Dean, the Head, Dr. Sahu, Coordinator of cultural affairs, and Dr. Ahmed Azzan. The Dean in his address termed the department the beacon light of the college. Dr. Ahmed Azzan proposed a vote of thanks to all the eminent guests and the audience. The fascinating spectrum of colorful cultural skit that concluded the celebration included recitation of a patriotic poem by Mr. Abdul Samad Sharaf, composed on the occasion of the celebration of the Unification Day, and several other items reflecting the cultural talents of students of the department.



Presentation of merit certificates to outstanding students



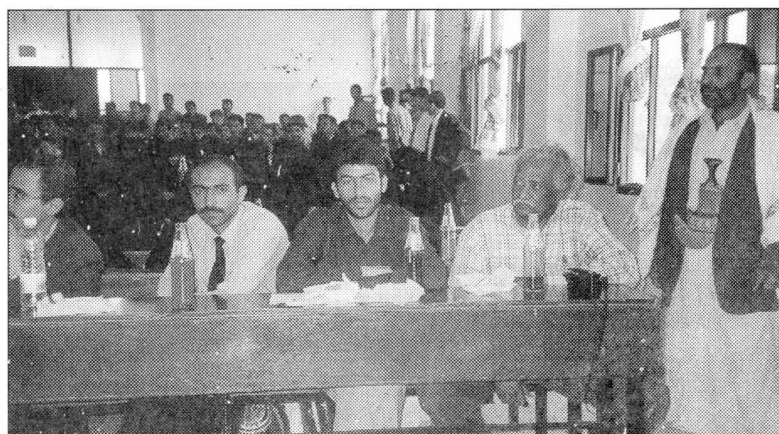
Mr. Mohammed Ibrahim, Dr. Hussein, Dr. Al-Kamali among others on the dais



Mohammad Al-Kamali, General Secretary, presenting his report



Dr. Hussein receiving a memento



The audience



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

### CLUES

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ANSWER NEXT WEEK

Last Week's Answer: Legislation

### PRINT FONTS

Solution: 5 letters

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## Czech team reaches finals, Germany frustrated by Latvia



Latvia's goalkeeper Aleksandrs Kolinko (R) reaches for the ball as Germany's Kevin Kuranyi (C) charges and Latvia's Igors Stepanovs defends during their Euro 2004 Group D soccer match at the Bessa stadium in Porto June 19. **REUTERS**

**REUTERS** - Czech Republic were the first team to reach the quarter-finals at Euro 2004 after winning one of the all-time classic European Championship matches 3-2 against the Netherlands on Saturday.

The Czechs recovered from two goals down to win a Group D game packed with exhilarating attacking play and brilliant goalkeeping as substitute Vladimir Smicer tucked home the winner in the 88th minute to break Dutch hearts.

The Netherlands finished the match with 10 men after Johnny Heitinga was sent off for a second booking in the 75th minute and the Czechs took advantage by piling on the pressure with Pavel Nedved rattling the bar before Smicer struck. The two former winners had produced a series of high speed wave of attacks as they both sought the victory that would put them on course for the quarter-finals after Germany were held to a goalless draw by Latvia earlier in the day. The Dutch went 2-0 up inside 20 minutes with goals by defender Wilfred Bouma and Ruud van Nistelrooy before giant Czech Jan Koller pulled one back to make it 2-1 at the break.

Both sides made countless further chances, the Dutch twice hitting the woodwork, before Milan Baros struck a thunderous equaliser in the 71st minute.

### Germany's frustration

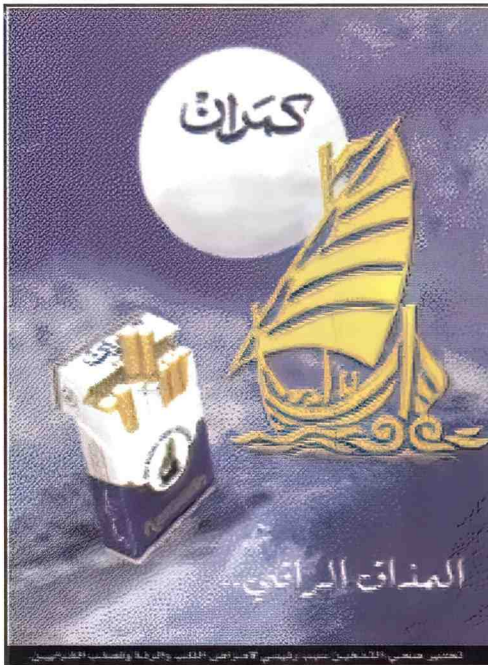
Germany's chances of a Euro 2004 quarter-final spot have been hit hard with a dismal 0-0 draw by debutants Latvia.

Latvia, who conceded two late goals to lose 2-1 to the Czech Republic in their opener, put up another competitive display to earn their first point in a major tournament, prompting rapturous celebrations by their players after the final whistle.

Germany will be eliminated if they cannot beat the Czechs in their last Group D game after failing to repeat their convincing performance in the opening 1-1 draw with the Netherlands.

"I can't blame the team," Germany coach Rudi Voller said. "They tried everything right up to the final whistle."

Results as of June 19			
GROUP A		GROUP B	
GRE	4	FRA	4
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