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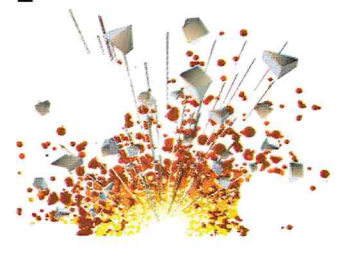
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Will Yemen host FIFA matches again? In March 2011, the Zurich-based organization Fédération Internationale de Football Association, declared that no international football games could be held in Yemen, a country which they feared was on the brink of civil war. In August, FIFA will reconsider whether to lift that ban or not. Read the full story on Page 6.

Why do military planes keep crashing in Yemen?



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Violations against journalists increase

Severity and frequency of attacks on media professionals in Yemen is on the rise, a recent report found

Sadeq Al-Wesabi

SANAA, July 4 — The Freedom Foundation for Media Freedom and Development in Yemen issued a new report this week, documenting increased violations against journalists.

The report documented the number of violations against journalists for the first half of the year, reporting 199 violations and 279 journalists and media institutions that had been targeted.

Violations against journalists were more severe than last year, the foundation reported. Such dangers included killings, attempted killings, attempted bombings of journalists' homes, kidnappings, prosecution and threats.

While the government has granted journalists the freedom of expression, said head of the foundation Khaled Al-Hammadi, it has not seriously upheld this right, choosing instead to prosecute a number of journalists.

"Just as we were waiting for the government to expand media freedoms, we find that they have abandoned those rights," he stated.

Al-Hammadi told Yemen Times, however, that some of the charges against journalists resulted from inaccurate reporting.

"Unfortunately, some journalists violated the rights of others. The performance of some of Yemen's media is degrading to the profession," Al-Hammadi said. "The Yemeni Journalists Syndicate should impose a code of ethics to curb the worst excesses of Yemen's media."

Yemen was ranked 169 in the Reporters Without Borders' 2013 World Press Freedom Index.

"Journalists [in Yemen] are still exposed to physical attacks, prosecution and even jail sentences," the organization said.

Ali Al-Faqih, the deputy editor-in-chief of the independent newspaper, Al-Masdar, said that attempted attacks on the newspaper make journalists fear for their lives.

Al-Masdar's Sana'a office discovered a bomb in its entrance several months ago. Security forces were able to quickly defuse the bomb. The newspaper has increased security as a result.

Al-Masdar has published a number of investigative reports about corruption in Yemen over the last few years, Al-Faqih said. While the attempted violence frightened the staff, it will not discourage them from continuing their work, Al-Faqih told the Yemen Times.

Proposal to establish religious police defeated

Islah's proposal shut down by Houthis, other political powers

Mohammed Al-Hassani

SANAA, July 4 — Islah's proposal to codify laws that would entitle security forces to police public virtue and vice has been defeated because of opposition from the Houthis, the general people's committees and other political powers.

The legal articles proposed by Islah would have granted authority to security forces to "maintain public morals," until a separate body was established and tasked with the assignment, said the deputy of the NDC's Military and Security Building Committee Nasser Al-Taweel.

Al-Taweel told Yemen Times that the proposal aimed to limit public freedoms and the rights of citizens by religious justifications and that the sponsors of the pro-

posal intended to set up a force similar to Saudi Arabia's religious police, the Committee for the Promotion of Virtue and the Prevention of Vice.

The proposal attempted to apply Sharia law to public behavior that "violates and disrespects Islam," such as loitering in the streets and indecent clothing.

Al-Taweel said that a religious police to monitor public behavior would be used for political aims rather than enforcing religious mores.

Facing opposition from significant blocs within the NDC, Islah attempted to revise the role of the security forces from enforcing religious morals to "maintaining social peace and public rights," said Mohammed Nasser Al-Bukhaiti, a member of the Military and Security Building Committee.

Head of Iman University and well-known religious sheikh Abdulmajeed Al-Zandani established the Virtue Committee in 2008. Facing political opposition and media criticism, the committee was soon disbanded.

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Hadi issues orders to implement 20 points

Mohammed Al-Hassani

SANA'A, July 4 — President Abdu Rabbo Mansour Hadi has given orders to implement the remaining 20 points presented by the technical committee that the Southern Issue and Sa'ada Issue Working Groups conditioned before beginning their field visits, said Yasser Al-Ro'ini, the deputy secretary general of the National Dialogue Conference (NDC).

The other seven working groups (Transitional Justice, State Building, Good Governance, Military and Security Building, Independent

Authorities, Rights and Freedoms, and Comprehensive Development) started their field visits in May. They have been tasked with working with communities and assessing their needs.

Al-Ro'ini told Yemen Times that President Hadi had no objections to any of the points but asked for more time; some points require a longer period to be implemented, he said. Hadi will meet with the heads of the two working groups to agree on mechanisms to implement the remaining 20 points.

The reports of the nine groups

will be assessed and comments and recommendations will be given to the final reports during the general sessions of the NDC beginning next week, Al-Ro'ini said.

Several of the 20 points have already been implemented, including the release of Southern detainees and the establishment of two committees assigned to address the situation of the South. The committees were assigned to resolve the issue of civilian and military forces laid-off after the civil war and the issue of looted property following the war, respectively.

"There have been steps taken to address the issues mentioned in the 20 points, such as the decree to restructure the military, the identification of leaders of military regions and the unification of the military," Al-Ro'ini stated.

Sa'ada Issue working group member Ali Al-Bukhaiti told the Yemen Times that while some points associated with the Southern Issue had been implemented, nothing has been addressed on the Sa'ada Issue front.

The Sa'ada Issue Working Group requested to meet with all officials

Wednesday who were in power during the state's six wars with Sa'ada, including the heads of the Political and National Security Bureaus.

The 20 points include amends for the violations committed in several Yemeni regions. They include apologies to the South for the 1994 civil war, the six wars on Sa'ada that ended in 2009 and the immediate release of detainees resulting from those wars.

The technical committee of the NDC compiled the points and reported that they are necessary for the success of the conference.

IN BRIEF

The Ministry of Education declared at the start of July tenders for maintaining and repairing 140 schools in Sana'a, Aden, Abyan, Lahj, Marib and Sa'ada. Out of \$83 million in international grant for education, \$10 million has been allotted to these schools. Abdulla Al-Zyadi, the information officer at the ministry, said the ministry will carry out the maintenance and repairs this summer.

The Yemeni Petroleum Exploration and Production Authority said it will declare soon new gas and oil blocks. Adel Al-Hazmi, the authority general manager, told the Yemen Times that the authority received 43 requests from different companies, competing on 20 blocks which were the announced earlier. After considering their offers, the authority will declare the companies that will supervise the gas and oil blocks by the end of this year.

The Cabinet decided on Tuesday that the official workday for government employees during Ramadan will be six hours long, from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

By Ryam Al-Qadi

Customs Authority enforces ban on imported used cars

Story and photo
Ali Ibrahim Al-Moshki

SANA'A, July 4 — Yemen's Customs Authority is now monitoring air and land ports barring the importation of damaged used cars to Yemen. Previously, these used cars had been imported, repaired and resold.

However, the Customs Authority determined after research, these restored vehicles led to thousands of car accidents and were a hazard to the public.

Dr. Hamoud Shmsan, deputy of the technical Affairs at the Customs Authority, said that it is prohibited to import cars which have been damaged in any way.

This decree was issued in May,

but it has taken a month for the implementation to take effect.

Rajeh Badi, the prime minister's advisor, said the government ratified the decree and presented it to the Customs Authority to reduce the large number of imported and restored second-hand cars in Yemen.

Ibrahim Al-Rahbi, director of the Public Relations' Office at the Customs Authority, said that the navigation companies and customs clearance offices have been tasked with implementing the new regulation.

Al-Rahabi asserted that the number of imported used cars has increased during the few past years. About 4,000 second-hand cars arrive in Yemen each month,

he said.

He added the used cars caused over 8,000 accidents that left 2,382 people dead and 11,000 others wounded.

Hussein Al-Saiqal, a merchant who imports second-hand cars, said that the decree will prevent many Yemenis from getting cars. Yemenis, he said, simply can't afford to buy new cars. Secondhand—and specifically restored second-hand vehicles—offer an affordably, but perhaps unsafe, alternative.

The trade of importing used cars from the U.S., Europe and the Gulf countries has become very popular in this country.

Over 200,000 used cars entered Yemen legally during the last two years, according to local reports.



Refurbished used cars have caused thousands of accidents, research has found.

14 Chinese nationals released after detention

Nasser Al-Sakkaf

RAIMA, July 4 — Fourteen Chinese mineral exploration experts were released Tuesday after a one-day long detention in Rabu Bani Khawli. The experts were held captive by local residents who said that the resources the experts were analyzing were on their land and that the people of the area should benefit from them.

Area security manager Marib Al-Odari said that security forces were able to secure their release

after being informed of their detention.

"The detainees were released after a sum of YR28 million [about \$130,280] was paid to local workers of the company that the experts were contracted with," said Sheikh Abu Murshid.

The company is owned by a man from Amran; it has been operating in the field of mineral exploration in Rabu Bani Khawli for approximately one year. Rabu Bani Khawli is located in Anis district, Raima governorate.

Security forces sent two military vehicles, led by Al-Odari, to the project site to secure their release.

Tribesmen also demanded financial compensation, though Al-Odari indicates that only the local workers' demands were met.

The 14 Chinese nationals have been transferred to Sana'a for their safety.

Raima governorate is rich in mineral resources and is a promising investment site, according to the head of the General Investment Authority, Adel Al-Ashtal.

Government to establish temporary committees to assist Cabinet, ensure successful transition

Mohammed Al-Hassani

SANA'A, July 4 — The Yemeni government intends to improve its weak performance by establishing temporary ministry committees to assist the cabinet, reported the state-run newspaper, Al-Thwara.

The committees will be tasked with solving urgent issues stemming from the 2011 uprising and will help ensure a successful transitional phase, said Rajeh Badi, media advisor of Prime Minister Mohammed Basindawa.

The role of the committees will be operational and technical, assisting the government with health, educational and infrastructure projects.

Political analyst Nabil Al-Sharjabi told Yemen Times that the weak performance of the government was a result of an absence of decision-making authorities. Government institutions lack authorities tasked with providing and analyzing information. This has led the government to appoint decision-makers with specific tasks.

Al-Sharjabi opposes the move,

saying it will create "a state within a state." To resolve the lack of decision-making in government institutions, Al-Sharjabi suggests that the government invest and encourage information centers and ensure access to information by decision-makers.

Similar ministry committees were formed during the rule of former President Ali Abdullah Saleh. The Joint Meetings Parties (JMP) opposed and criticized the committees at that time, saying it burdened the state budget.

NDC Update

- The presidency of the National Dialogue Conference working days in Ramadan will change to 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. and the last working day will be the August 1.
- Starting from next Thursday July 11 the National Dialogue Conference will be working on Thursdays.
- After Eid (which will be for two weeks starting from August 2 to August 13) working groups will work for two shifts in order to catch up with the delay in progress.
- There will be no voting on the recommendations or decisions from the working groups at this general session. The decisions that were already approved by the general assembly earlier in the mid-term session will be passed automatically while others will be postponed for voting to the last concluding session at the end of the conference.
- The concluding day of the mid-



term general plenary will be on Saturday, July 6 and only for one day, following which the working groups will recommence their work.

The last day to receive the plans for the second half of the working groups is Monday July 8. The Good Governance and State Building groups have already submitted their plans.

Members of the Freedoms and Rights working group have been disagreeing on including a 30 percent quota for women in the constitution. Alternatively, this group agreed to include a law to ensure political parties include a 30 percent quota for women among their candidates for any elections.

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Plane crash victims block road, call for government compensation

Nasser Al-Sakkaf

SANAA, July 4 — Government compensation is not coming soon enough for those whose homes were damaged or destroyed by a military plane which came crashing to the ground in Sana'a in February, killing 15 and injuring 16.

This past week, residents of the Al-Zira'a neighborhood—where the plane smashed into a number of buildings—staged a protest, setting up tents, blocking a main road and hanging a banner, detailing their grievances.

Days after the crash, President Abdu Rabu Mansour Hadi promised that compensation would be paid out by the state.

Yemen—and Sana'a in particular—has seen a series of plane crashes in past years. Military planes, many training over the skies of the capital, have experienced technical errors, official sources said.

The Yemeni Air Forces revealed that Yemen lost 28 military planes in the past eight years in addition



Residents hung a banner in the center of their neighborhood, asking President Hadi to make good on his promise of financial compensation.

to 18 pilots and pilot assistants. Twenty-three trainers and technicians lost their lives as well. The Aba'd Research and Studies

Center records that Yemen has 156 military planes, stationed in six military bases across the country. Mujahid Al-Khalidi, Maean

secretariat, said, and will then be handed to the republic presidency and the Defense Ministry.

district director, told the Yemen Times that the families of those killed in February's crash were given YR 500,000 (\$2,324) as a compensation; the injured were given YR200,000, or \$930. The families whose houses were damaged have been given a monthly residence allowance of YR50,000, around \$233.

Five owners of the affected houses have not been compensated, Al-Khalidi said.

The grievances of these protesters have been referred to the capital



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A L93 plane wSalah Al Deen area in Aden. The crew survived.

FEBRUARY 4, 2010

A Sukhoi military plane crashed in Al-Kaiseen, Al-Jawf governorate.

FEBRUARY 14, 2010

A helicopter crash in Kahlan area of Sa'ada governorate left the pilot, three of its crew and nine soldiers dead.

FEBRUARY 19, 2013

A Sukhoi plane crashed in Al-Zira'a neighborhood, leaving over 15 dead, including the pilot.

MARCH 20, 2011

A Sukhoi plane crashed in Al-Jawf governorate, killing the pilot.



MAY 13, 2013

A Sukhoi plane crashed on Al Khamseen Street, killing the pilot and damaging homes.

SEPTEMBER 28, 2011

A Sukhoi plane fell to the ground in in the Arhab area of Sana'a. The pilot survived.

OCTOBER 15, 2012

A MIG 21 plane plummeted to the ground at Al-Jand Base in Lahj, killing the pilot and injuring a trainee.

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An Antonov 24 plane crashed into a market in Al-Hasaba neighborhood, killing the entire crew.

(Source: Abdulrahman Al-Helaly, Yemeni Air Forces)

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After we get out rights, then we can dream

Atheer Zaid

People are killing each other, others want to secede, gun holders are increasing each day. We have kidnapping problems. There is no electricity, no faith, no fairness, no freedom, and finally no hope. Yes, this is what my country is facing these days, yet I still have a dream. But first we have to differentiate between our "dreams" and our "rights."

Once an American man asked a Yemeni man, "What's your dream in life?" He said "A house, a job and a wife." The American replied "I was asking about your dreams, not your rights." And that's it—to own a house, to build a family, and to have

a job, all these are your rights, not only dreams.

To have a strong government is one of our most important rights, a government that will pass the law to each and every person; the right to have a strong, united and well-built army, the right that our government will finally pay attention to doctors and provide them with all new technologies and medical cures, starting with the emergency room, ending with the surgery bed, giving every single person good medical treatment in their own country.

After getting all these rights, then I can start dreaming.

I dream that my country will be the richest county in the world because of the industry of cars and

the exportation of oil and gas. But this will not happen unless we stop criticizing and blaming others and start to build, maintain and protect this country.

From Sana'a in the north to Aden in the south, reaching Hadramout in the east ending with Hodieda in the west, I have a dream.

What's your dream in life?

I have a dream today that we all could terminate the boundaries between us, a dream that people will be

judged according to their morals, manners, behaviors and education.

I have a dream that people could learn how to love, respect and appreciate each other. Only then will peace surround us and our lives will be full of joy and happiness.

I have a dream that all our dreams will not remain dreams, but become reality. Always and forever I have a dream, always and forever I have a dream.

This piece won third place in a speech competition put on by the Yemen-America Language Institute in Sana'a, the theme of which was "I have a dream for Yemen" and is reprinted here with permission.

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OUR OPINION

The Egyptian standoff and Yemen

As the Egyptian scene unravels it becomes clearer by the minute that Egypt went into elections and a new constitution too soon. It turned out that Yemen's 10-month version of Egypt's six-weeks Arab Spring was the better way to create change. Slow and steady does win the race after all.

Now Egypt is torn. Fortunately the Egyptian army can and will play a better role in Egypt than it did in Yemen. In fact, Egypt's army can play the role that Saudi Arabia and the U.N. played for us—creating a transitional roadmap for a more stable regime change.

The Muslim Brotherhood of Egypt did not learn from the previous regime's mistakes, pushing others away. One would think that within the master plan of the strategic mission of the Brotherhood that they would calculate and act more carefully. It is not a good idea to show all your cards at once, and having the presidency as well as the Cabinet in the hands of one group that came to power by a very small margin is not an ideal democracy.

As for Yemen, there are two key points to take from what is happening in Egypt today; one is that we did a better job than we credit ourselves with and we should celebrate that, even teach it to others; and the second, our Islah Party (the Yemeni version of the Muslim Brotherhood) should be careful about domination urges and their already visible plan to control everything.

Yemen's political scene is even more diverse than that of Egypt and it would be not only risky but plain stupid for Islah to continue what it is doing now in the South and Sa'ada especially, which is excluding others.

As for Egypt, it will be fine. I predict that the army will come up with a compromise which is allowing Morsi to stay while removing the prime minister and changing the government to becoming more inclusive. I also think that a state of emergency will be announced by the army for a year or two, making sure no one is acting funny. But I also think that Egypt will have early elections by at least one year before they are due.

In all cases, we in Yemen have got more work to do, and our responsibility as being the role model for the Arab world and beyond is even more pronounced now than ever.

Nadia Al-Sakkaf

Mohammad Assaf returns to Gaza

Susan Abulhawa
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Mohammad Assaf, that brilliant, joyful, beautiful young man with a voice from heaven sang. And we all hung onto every note, every lyric, every smile and gesture he made on the stage of the Arab Idol contest over the past few months.

Born in a refugee camp, to those sturdy and steadfast salt-of-the-earth Palestinians, Assaf's life, like most Palestinians in Gaza, was pockmarked by craters of Israeli bombs and littered with the rubble and bodies that Israel's barbarity leaves in its perpetual warring wake. His life was hemmed in by an awful siege blocking one from entering or leaving Gaza.

Just reaching the Arab Idol auditions in Egypt was an ordeal. First the Egyptians wouldn't let him out of Gaza. So he sang for the border officers, and his voice melted their resolve until they were men again, instead of soldiers, and let him pass at the last hour.

When he reached the audition site, he was blocked by a wall and a gate through which only individuals who had registered earlier could pass. So he climbed the wall and jumped over that barrier. Then he couldn't get into the building with-

out an audition number. So he sang again and a fellow Palestinian contestant, moved by that voice, gave up his number for Assaf. He was the last contestant to audition and the judges had to wait a bit for him. They almost didn't, and Assaf almost didn't get his chance. History almost didn't happen. Israel and the hypocrites who support Israel almost stole his brilliant destiny.

Only they couldn't. His song was bigger and his resolve stronger. His person was more elegant and dignified. His lyrics were native and organic, written by the earth of Palestine, steadied by the roots and bones of our ancestors and watered with the spilled blood of our martyrs.

And when he stood on stage, his voice carried us all on his wings. All of us Palestinians - from Haifa and Nazareth, to Jerusalem and Ramallah and Hebron, to the refugee camps of Lebanon and Syria, to the diaspora in all parts of the world - found each other in his song. The geographic, political, social and psychological divides that Israel feeds dissolved, and for those moments of music, Palestine was free and we were one.

His voice carried us all on his wings

With poise and the smile we've all come to adore, Assaf paid tribute to his parents, siblings, and his country. His final song in the Arab Idol

contest was a folk song made from the steadfastness of his long-suffering people, and it moved the whole of the Arab world. It was a thing of beauty and Israel just couldn't stand it.

Friends in Gaza said that they would continue dancing and singing through the bombs. Because this win is not just a contest accolade or a moment to feel good. Assaf himself is a metaphor and a living truth of who we are and what we can become. When interviewed after the announcement at Arab Idol, Assaf spoke of his resistance to Israeli aggression and colonization of Palestine. He said, "a song or a paintbrush or a pen or an instrument are tools of resistance as powerful, if not more, than a rocket."

Israel has labelled Assaf's birthplace as a "den of terror," where Palestinian mothers, they claim, do not love their children and send them to die by Israeli bullets for media attention. Through this hateful language and Israel's imperialist aggression, this exquisite young man walked onto the world stage with such brilliance and with his loving parents cheering him on. What we can see clearly in his shadow is that Israel sits small and unrooted, with guns and steel but no authenticity and no native song.

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Cheating rampant in Yemen exam centers

Ministries of Education, Interior takes measures to curb bribery and forgery

Story and photos by **Rammah Al-Jubari**

Asem Al-Rbadi, one of 224,000 high-school students currently taking the end-of-year exams in Yemen, seems exhausted. He spends all of his time studying, he says. He needs to score high and he doesn't know what he'll do if he doesn't.

The education system in Yemen is divided into two phases: nine-year primary school and three-year sec-

ondary school. The latter is divided into art and science sections. All students attend exams prepared by the Education Ministry.

Based on the accumulative grades they get in these secondary school exams, students are admitted to colleges or scientific institutes—or not.

Cheating is rampant. (In the past weeks, a group of students arrived at a testing hall armed, demanding from their teacher that they be able to copy answers.) The Education Ministry has taken new procedures

to combat cheating.

This year the ministry provided four different versions of the exam and printed questions inside the notebooks, unlike the previous years where question sheets were used (and taken outside and shared after the end of the test). This, they hope, will prevent students—particularly those in rural areas—from leaking these sheets to friends and family.

Abdulla Al-Ziadi, media officer at the Education Ministry, said the ministry has also provided electronic ID cards this year. In past years, Al-Ziadi said, students forged their identity cards and had other people attend exams in their place.

"The cards have special codes," he said. "Students can't forge these ones." Despite all of these measures, there are still ways for students to bend and break the rules.

Akrm Al-Matari, another student, said his brother paid just YR3,000 to the head of the examination center in return for being able to cheat on an exam—and that happened this year.

Dr. Abdulla Al-Hamedi, deputy minister of the Education Ministry, said once anyone in his ministry hears about an official accepting

bribes, they immediately remove them from their position and may try them in court.

Mahiob Al-Omri, a senior teacher, said the educational process in Yemen is "very weak," adding that the procedures taken this year to reduce incidents of cheating are good but they are "like painkillers"—they don't address the root causes of the problem.

"To reform and improve education in Yemen, we need to instill in students a love for education," he said.

Brigadier General Fadhl Al-Anshli, head of the 2013 security committee from the Ministry of Interior—which was assigned to observe the exams—said that more than 4,000 soldiers are present at exam centers throughout the country,

with three soldiers at each center.

Cheating can also be a family affair, Al-Anshli explained. Relatives of students taking exams might gather in front of schools, particularly in rural areas, to help students in their exams. This, he said, is what he and his soldiers are working to prevent.

"Students think they have the right to cheat," Al-Ziadi said.

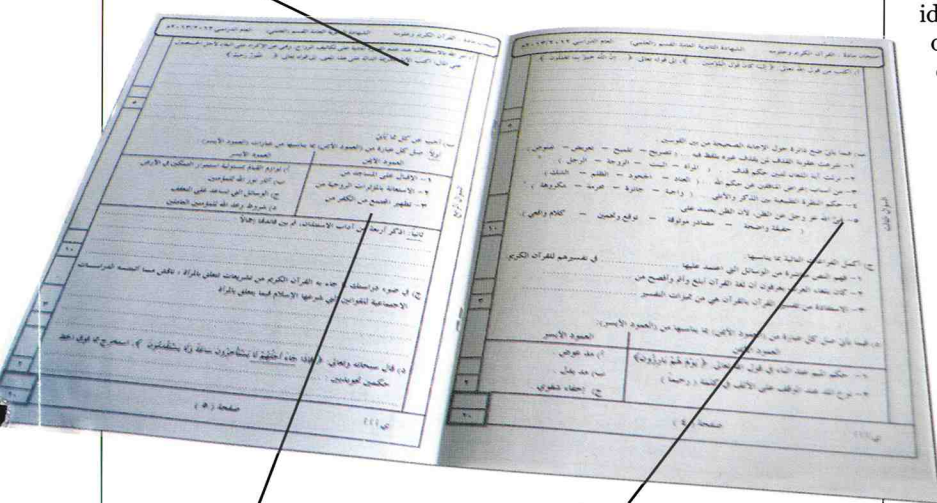


Students are tested in English, History, Math, Science and Quran, among other subjects. Their exams last for over two weeks.

What the test looks like

Allah has ordered people who can't afford a marriage dowry to abstain from physical relationships. Write the Quran verse that states this.

A sample of what students have to know about Quran



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This year's violations

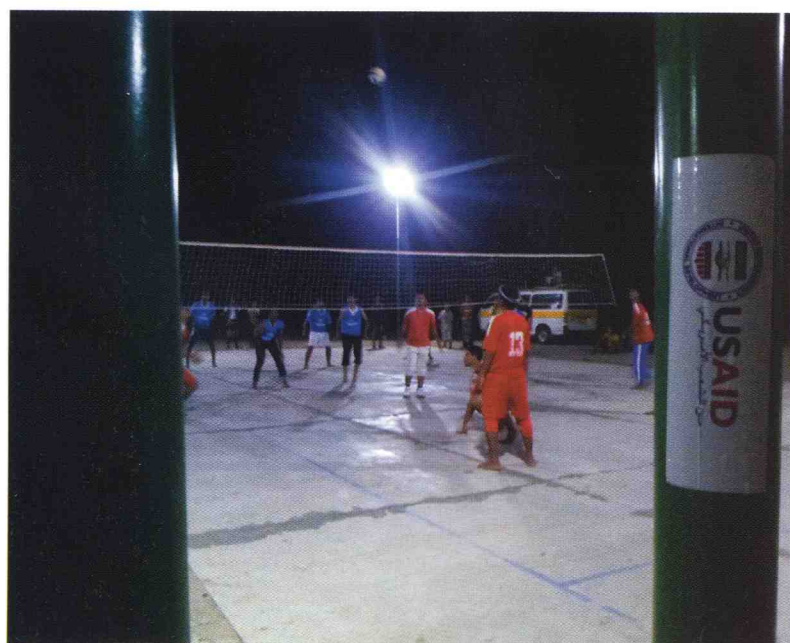
The Supreme Examinations Committee at the Ministry of Education has recorded over a thousand violations in exam centers since primary and secondary school exams started on June 22. Ali Al-Haimi, the deputy minister of Education Ministry, said the ministry has taken some procedures to tackle the imbalances taking place during the exams. He said the ministry changed the location of 128 examination centers as well as replacing 27 heads of the examination centers for being lenient.

- 382 instances of rowdy crowds in front of the exam centers
- 208 instances of student impersonation
- 171 instances of breaking into the examination centers
- 129 instances of collective cheating
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Will Yemen host FIFA games again?

Facing national instability, sports fans, teams lose out



Sana'a's Al-Moraisi Stadium received FIFA accreditation in 1980, but since 2011 has not hosted any international games.

Story and photo by Ali Abulohoom

In early March 2011, when Yemen's popular uprising picked up speed, the Federation Internationale de Futbol, or FIFA, announced that FIFA football matches would not be held in Yemen until further notice.

In a statement to the Yemen Times, Hamid Shaibani the secretary general of Yemen's Football Association, or YFA, explained the rationale behind the decision.

FIFA officials, he says, feared that Yemen might "plunge into civil war."

Football fans here were crestfallen. The decision means this: World Cup or other FIFA-associated tournaments cannot be held in Yemen. If Yemen's national team plays against another international team, they must do so abroad, they cannot host the match.

And there's also something symbolic about FIFA banning matches here. In a country where many follow football loyally, it was a blow to the national spirit.

A FIFA delegation visited



Sana'a in mid-June to inspect Al-Moraisi Stadium—which gained FIFA accreditation in 1980—some Yemenis hoped that the ban would be lifted.

On June 14, a match was held at the stadium and the delegation was in the audience. Two local teams, Wahdat Sana'a and Ahli Sana'a were facing off in a local YFA tournament.

Following the match (for those who follow local sports, Wahdat Sana'a won, 2-1), the delegation began drawing up notes, assessing the state of the stadium.

Then their delegation headed to the Movenpick Hotel—which was also previously accredited with FIFA, as each official stadium must also be coupled with a hotel—to assess the safety of the massive hotel, which has also been hosting the ongoing National Dialogue Conference.

Ali Al-Ghurbani, a sport commentator and journalist was in attendance at a meeting held by FIFA and was not optimistic that the ban would be lifted anytime soon.

Al-Ghurbani holds YFA responsible for not going far enough and getting the stadium and hotel up to snuff.

However, the ban may have more

to do with national instability than whether the stadium has enough fire extinguishers or there are security guards on duty at the hotel. Without a quick fix in sight, sports teams and fans are the ones who lose out.

In 2011, Yemen's team ranked 126 in a list of all FIFA-member countries. This year, it's at 173.

Abdulmonem Sharhan, head of the legal committee at YFA said that the performance of Yemen's national team is linked with the lack of FIFA accreditation.

The national football team has played twice outside its own soil, against Iraq and Bahrain—both times playing in Dubai. (Yemen lost both times.)

Sharhan says that Yemeni teams have lost heart. If that had played "on their own soil," he says, they might have fared better.

Abdullah Bahian, the deputy minister of youth and sport says that as long as Yemen is home to "kidnapping, banditry and bombings," he understands why FIFA would implement a ban on international matches here.

There's still hope, though. FIFA has agreed to hold an international match in Al-Muraisi Stadium in late August to determine whether the ban will be lifted.

Sharhan says that they YFA will do whatever it can to meet the FIFA standards. Some things—like insuring civil conflicts don't break out—are out of the control of one man or organization.



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Steeped in ritual and significance

The qarqush, Yemen's traditional headdress

Story and photo by
Amal Al-Yarisi

“I remember when all the girls in Old Sana'a would put a *qarqush* on their heads,” Amat Al-Razaq Jahaf, the head of the Sana'ani Heritage House, recalls. That was decades ago, though. Today, she says, it's only a handful of girls in Yemen's dwindling Jew-

ish community that don the traditional Yemeni headdress. Qarqush is a kind of head covering that made out of colored fabric—usually cotton or satin—and decorated with silver, coral and shells. The garment has ancient, perhaps pre-Islamic roots. In the past, a young woman would wear the *qarqush* everywhere—both inside and outside the home—and only remove the headdress on the night of her marriage.



In rural areas the *qarqush* is still worn, in Sana'a, its an increasingly rare sight.

Um Mohammed, a housewife from Sana'a, wore the headware when she was a young woman. Her mother was adamant; Um Mohammed should always wear the *qarqush*. She didn't mind her mother's insistence, though because Um Mohammed always thought that it made her more beautiful.

It wasn't just aesthetically attractive, it also served a social purpose—it let young suitors know who was married and who was looking for a husband.

“Now, we can't distinguish the married girls from the unmarried ones,” Um Mohammed says. “Everyone puts on the same clothes outside and inside the house.”

The wearing—and the final removal—of the *qarqush* were highly ritualized and symbolic.

When the girl was taken to her

husband's house for the first time—accompanied by trilling cries of joy—the *qarqush* is taken off and replaced with a scarf.

One won't see the *qarqush* on the street, but at the Sana'ani Heritage House, a collection of the head-dresses is on display.

There was never just one design. Each region of the country would have its own distinct take on the *qarqush*, Jahaf explains.

Some are short, and others are long. Girls in nomadic areas such as Marib and Al Jawf used to put on long, flowing *qarqush*. Girls in Sana'a and other mountainous areas preferred shorter models.

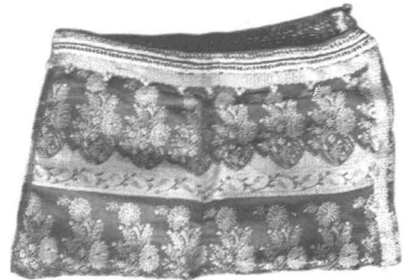
The *qarqush* worn by Yemeni Jews girl is distinguished by its coral and silver embroidery.

“Only the Jewish girls in Yemen—and the ones who left for Israel—still put the *qarqush* on. The Yemeni

Jews are proud of their tradition.” Even if more modern styles may be pushing out the old Yemeni tradition, Jahaf says that it won't disappear so easily. Traditions, she says, are persistent.

Today, Yemeni brides celebrate for days leading up to their wedding, during which they will don a

white wedding dress. One of these celebration days, Jahaf says, might be dedicated to the *qarqush*. The headdress may have lost some of its symbolic significance, but Jahaf says, women will still wear it. “It makes them more beautiful,” she says.



A young woman's *qarqush*



A child's *qarqush*



An embroidered *qarqush*



Another design of an embroidered *qarqush*

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Blind man builds life for self, spreads hope and optimism for others

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Mohammed Ahmed Ziyad was born a happy and healthy child in 1956 to loving parents in Dhamar governorate. A smallpox epidemic cost Ziyad his eye-sight—he was one of the lucky ones; many others lost their lives to the disease. Despite the challenges ahead of him, Ziyad has flourished and now focuses on creating opportunities for others.

"If we recognize that suffering often leads to creativity, and that while there is life there is hope, we can be optimistic about the future—whatever the challenges are," said Ziyad.

Though anxious for their small child, Ziyad's parents wanted him to have the same opportunities as other children. At age six, his father took him to his village's Quran school, where he memorized verses without reading them, relying instead on repeating what he heard.

In 1966, at age ten, he continued his schooling in Sana'a, along with other village youth.

"My parents were hesitant to send me to Sana'a, but became more comfortable with the idea when my cousin and peers went as well," said

Ziyad.

With no schools focused on teaching to the blind in his village, Ziyad set off for Al-Salal School, now an orphanage. He spent two years at that institution before his life would be changed with an opportunity to study abroad.

Mohammed Al-Hanbasi, also blind, spent some time in Egypt where the contrast in care for the blind between that country and Yemen inspired him to return home and make changes.

He arrived at Al-Salal School and gathered Ziyad and his classmates; they were taken to the head of the Republican Council, Judge Abdulrahman Al-Eryani. El-Eryani turned over two buildings to be used for residence and study.

Soon enough, however, Ziyad received a scholarship to study abroad in Saudi Arabia, marking a turning point in his life. In the kingdom, Ziyad's studies were based on Braille, a curricula that was not available in Sana'a.

Life in Saudi Arabia wasn't without its difficulties. He remembers two situations in particular that were some of the most difficult in his life. First, his stipend of SR120 every three months was cut in half during holidays so that Ziyad was able to cook himself only one meal a day.

Secondly, the Saudis put Ziyad in fifth grade rather than eighth. An interview with officials determined one's educational level, not his previous level of study.

"They said I had inadequate math skills. They kept me back three grades."

Despite the set-back, Ziyad thrived. After completing secondary school, he returned to Yemen and began university studies. He graduated from Sana'a University in 1986 and worked as an Arabic language instructor at Al-Nour Center until 1990, until he was appointed the manager of the center. He's been the manager of Al Nour Center for 13 years now.

Being blind has not kept Ziyad from his passions. He plays numerous instruments, including the piano and lute, and has a knack for fixing electronic devices.

Ziyad refutes the notion that a loss of one's senses is a disability. The only real disability, he says, is a loss of will. Despite his handicap, his hope and optimism have led Ziyad to success. Through his work at the center, Ziyad continues to spread hope.



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