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Yemen Retains Sovereignty Over Hunaish:

We Won

We won!

We won big!

Friday October 9th was a historic day for Yemen. Yemen had endured pain and humiliation due to the Eritrean attack and occupation of Greater Hunaish Island. Yet President Ali Abdullah Saleh stayed the course of negotiations and peaceful settlement of the dispute. Now he and the whole nation share the glory of the victory because the Court of Arbitration issued its verdict in favor of Yemen.

On Friday, October 9th, 1998, the Court of Arbitration sitting in London issued its 142-page verdict which is both binding and final. The Hunaish Islands and all other islands around them - 26 islands, 13 islets and numerous unnamed rocks in the southern Red Sea "are subject to the territorial sovereignty of Yemen."

The nation glowed in its moment of glory. But especially deserving to bask in this momentous occasion was President Ali Abdullah Saleh who resisted extreme pressures to regain the islands by waging war on Eritrea. Also sharing in this glory are Dr. Abdul-Karim Al-Iryani, Prime Minister, and his team of lawyers, career diplomats, and other experts, who spent thousands of man-hours collecting documents, piecing historic facts,

and then presenting Yemen's case to the court.

They did a marvelous job.

It is just fitting that the nation recognize those men and women, and honor them for their fruitful efforts.

Meanwhile, Yemen was quick - again very wisely - to extend the hand of friendship to Eritrea, and to seek to work together to let bygones be bygones. "We hope to be able to work together and be good neighbors. We need each other for regional stability and for our own prosperity and development," said Foreign Minister Abdul-Qader Ba-Jammal.

The tribunal verdict, which was unanimous, dictates that "the Awards shall include the time period of ninety days for their execution". This means the whole Archipelago will revert to Yemen within a maximum of 90 days of the verdict.

Eritrea issued a formal communication accepting the decision. It has started steps to pull out its troops from the islands which Yemeni forces plan to immediately occupy.

With the end of "Phase I: Territorial Sovereignty and Scope of Dispute", the tribunal now moves to the next (and final) phase - delimiting the maritime boundary between the two neighbors across the Red Sea. This process will take several months.

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The Americans Are Coming, Again

Yemen Times sources indicate that two American military delegations are expected to visit Yemen shortly. In their footsteps, and before this year is out, General Anthony Zinni, Commander of Central Command Theater at the Pentagon, will arrive in Sanaa.

Ms. Barbara Bodine, US Ambassador to Yemen, is presently in Washington DC, working out the details of the visit. Yemeni officials are tight-lipped about the purpose of the repeated visits to Yemen by high-level American military personnel.

Nominations for 1998 YT Person of the Year

The Yemen Times hereby invites your nominations for Yemen Times Person of the Year for 1998. Nominations should be based on the following main qualifications:

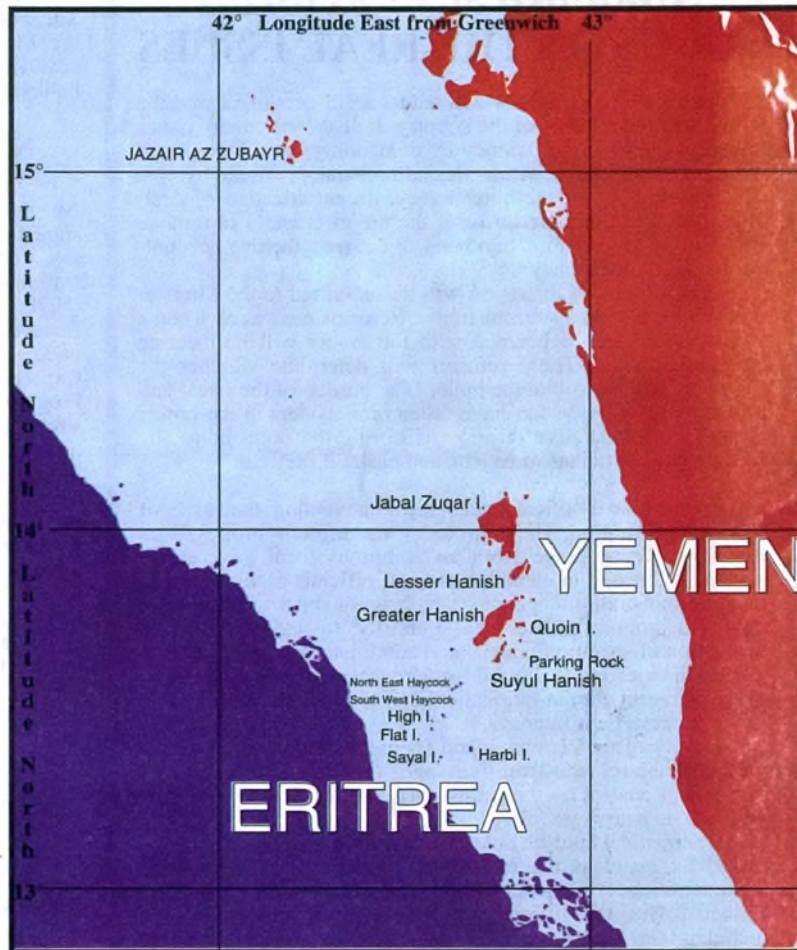
- 1) That the nominee must have a successful private life in terms of family and career;
- 2) That the nominee must

have made a visible contribution to the public.

The Yemen Times persons of the year for the past seven years are Dr. Tariq Sinan Abu Luhum (1991), Engineer Ahmed Al-Anisi (1992), Ali Mohammed Saeed (1993), Dr. Abubakar Al-Qirby (1994), Dr. Wahiba Ghaleb

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OUR VIEWPOINT

Administrative Reforms FOCUS ON THE REAL ISSUES

This week, the World Bank will tender an in-depth study on the administrative reforms of the country. It deals with many issues aimed at improving efficiency by demanding specification and division of authority within the administrative hierarchy, job descriptions, size of the bureaucracy, decentralization of decisions, etc. But the main thrust of the report is really to remove impunity of bureaucrats. In other words, strengthening accountability and transparency.

The final version of the report will be submitted to the Minister of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms next week when a World Bank team concerned with the matter will be meeting Yemeni officials. These reforms will determine whether the regime is willing to bite the bullet. The burden of the fiscal and monetary reforms, so far, have fallen on outsiders to the power centers. Administrative reforms will bring the point home, by forcing our politicians to be lean and clean, if they can.

Meanwhile, the political leadership is revisiting the issue of local administration. There are today six different proposals on the table. These range from an ambitious local government scheme - couched in elections of local officials at all levels; to local administration concept - which is a hybrid solution; to a confused proposal called local authority; to various forms of delegation of specific financial and administrative authority. The main objection to the full local government scheme is that:

- a) the villagers are not rational enough to make the choices that will best serve their interests;
- b) the unity of the country is too fragile to let the regions have too much control over their lives; and
- c) political control by the ruling party will be constrained as it will lose its patronage role.

Most Yemenis would be able to live with the hybrid formula - touted by many as the best of all worlds. It is called local administration. This would allow the villagers to elect local councils. But the officials at the level of governorates - including the governor - will be appointed by Sanaa. Some powers, such as levying local taxes, and employing new personnel, will be given to the local councils.

The main thrust of the administrative reforms, however, should be to make all officials and politicians accountable. Accountability should not be limited to low-ranking clerks. As things stand today, nobody has the right to hold anybody accountable, except the president, who is himself held accountable to nobody. Thus, the power to bestow or penalize is selectively applied to build power bases. For example, the president can bestow any amount of money to any one without any form of accountability. Similarly, he can penalize any one without accounting for it.

Let me give an example.

A few weeks back, the former Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Abdo Ali Abdul-Rahman, was sacked in a humiliating manner. He has done nothing wrong. He was a victim in the power struggle among the president's men. Now, the system does not offer this man any recourse whatsoever to be exonerated. He has to undergo more humiliation by appealing to the same people who have hurt him for redress.

That is why, the proposed reforms should really address such absolute powers. We need administrative reforms that remove the excessive powers of high politicians. We need institutions that work independently of the whims of powerful politicians. The aim must be to downsize the power of top politicians.

The Publisher


Sanaa University Gets UNESCO Computers

UNESCO has just purchased for the University of Sanaa, Faculty of Mass Communications a set of advanced computers with the necessary software and hardware. The aim is to give the university access to the Internet. The equipment will also enable the Faculty to train students in advanced desk-top and electronic publishing.

NDI - Parliament Cooperation

An agreement of support was signed on Thursday, October 8 by the Yemeni parliament and the National Democratic Institute (NDI). The year-long project is financed and supported by UNDP under Yemen's Governance Capacity and Institution Reform Program, designed to help strengthen government institutions in the country.

"The program will include training of MPs, staffers as well as enhancing documentation and parliamentary procedures of committees," said Derek Butler, NDI Field Representative. "NDI has been working in support of democracy in Yemen since 1993, in the fields of elections, civic education and political party development," he added.

Human Rights Violations in Mareb

In a letter to the President, the Human Rights Organizations Coordination Committee (HROCC) of Mareb claimed that a campaign of arbitrary arrests was carried out by security forces. "On Wednesday, October 7th alone, 25 people were illegally detained," said the letter. The HROCC asked the President to intervene to release the detainees or refer them to court.

Al-Yemania Issued

Published by the Information and Department of the Women's National Committee, the first issue of *Al-Yemania* monthly newspaper has recently hit the news-stands in Sanaa. The publication contains several articles covering various political, economic, and social issues concerning Yemeni women in particular. *Al-Yemania* also contains a special children page illustrated with cartoons.

Release Al-Mohatwari!

A petition was signed by about 80 prominent Yemeni lawyers calling for the immediate release of the scholar, Dr. Al-Murtadhah Al-Mohatwari. He was arrested on 25th September at Al-Badr Scholastic Center, which he used to run.

Local and international human rights organizations are closely following the case.

Students Go To Washington

Based on their record of school performance, Lara Al-Iryani and Anggi Siregar, of Sanaa International School, have been accepted by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council to attend the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington D.C.

Lara will attend the conference in December, and Anggi in March. The two students are now looking for sources to raise the required funds for their trip.

Italian Festival

In keeping with similar successful events held in previous years, the Italian Embassy in Sanaa will be organizing a festival of Italian food and music. In cooperation with the Taj Sheba Hotel, Sanaa, the festival will last from October 30th to November 3rd.



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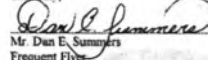
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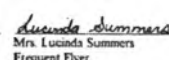
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AMIDEAST - Yemen: New Horizons in the Business

Amideast is an organization with which many Yemenis who studied in the USA are familiar with. The non-profit educational organization has been managing arrangements for Yemenis studying on scholarships.

Now Amideast has greatly expanded its scope of business.

To discuss the new role of this important organization, Mr. Aziz Al-Haddi, Country Director for Amideast in Yemen since 1993, spoke to Yemen Times. Aziz was born in the USA in 1961 to Yemeni parents, and came to Yemen in the late 1980s to work for a USAID project. In 1990, he joined Amideast.

Q: What is the role of Amideast in Yemen?

A: Our role is to partner with Yemeni institutions and sponsor training and education to provide administrative, logistical and technical support. The overall ambition of Amideast is to promote cooperation and understanding between Americans and the people of the Middle East and North Africa through education, training and information programs.

Q: Does that mean you work with the Ministry of Education?

A: We have a number of programs that we implement with the Ministry of Education. Since the early 1990s, we worked together to revise the teacher training system.

Before Unification, in the northern part of Yemen, the ministry had a nine-plus-three basic education system. Beyond that basic education, people who studied for three years become teachers. In the southern part of the country, the system was eight-plus-four years.

Now, we have revised the system to be a twelve-plus-two. So far about 20,000 to 30,000 teachers have benefited from this program. Also, we partner the Consortium for International Development, which is a group of US universities. In conjunction with the Ministry of Education, we developed the community college system. Two model community colleges were established - one in each of Sanaa and in Aden. The project is funded by the World Bank.

We are now in the second year of the program. We have people from the USA who work with Yemeni counterparts to establish this system. We are about to send a hundred Yemeni scholars to the USA to help form the future structures of these colleges. We hope this program will expand to better serve and define the needs of the market in Yemen.

Q: In what other sectors are you involved?

A: In the field of training, we have agreements with 8 or 9 different agencies in Yemen,

helping them develop more programs. We work in various sectors - justice, agriculture, public administration and civil service, health, etc. We seek to determine needs in order to better manage resources.

Q: Amideast also works with the media?

A: In the field of information, our primary program is the Arab Heritage Program. It aims to promote understanding and cooperation between the USA and the Arab World.

Through this, Amideast aims to develop and obtain materials on the history and culture of the Arab world and Islam, which we then convey that to the American people. We give primary and intermediate level schools in the US information which accurately conveys Middle Eastern history. This will help promote understanding and deal with some misconceptions that affect relations. Here in Yemen, we seek to some support for the Arab heritage.

Q: Do you do all that from your Sanaa Office? How large is your staff?

A: We have 25 staff members in Sanaa. Recently, we established a new center in Aden, which is already drawing a lot of development activities. We established it at the end of May as part of the community colleges' project. Also, we have a number of scholarship programs in the Middle East region that we administer. We also have 30 people working on different projects in 6 different provinces in Yemen.

Q: Can you tell us the history of Amideast, and in Yemen?

A: Before changing its name to Amideast, the organization was called the American Funds of the Middle East. In 1951, when it was established, we had the first Yemeni participant, Dr. Rashid Abdu, a surgeon. He went first to Beirut with sponsorship from the US. He spent sometime working in Beirut and now he is a professor at a US medical school. Many Yemenis have been helped by Amideast through the Fulbright program.



Q: What kind of difficulties do you face in your work?

A: There are a couple of problems that we face. One has to do with funding. At times, we have difficulty in ensuring continual funding for our projects. Another problem is the lack of coordination between development agencies and Yemeni government agencies. That is why the recent decision of the ministers of Planning, Education and Labor to expand cooperation is a good sign.

I think that organizations like the World Bank and other funding agencies like the Dutch government are also seeing the need for better coordination. This might develop into some type of development council.

Q: Do you assist any Yemeni NGOs?

A: Yes, we try to involve as many NGOs in our activities and projects as possible. As an NGO ourselves, we know that increasing support for NGOs leads to more balanced development in society. It is true that our funding is limited, but we expect it to grow.

Q: Can a Yemeni scholar apply directly for a scholarship, or does he have to do it through an official organization?

A: Now there is a shift in how this is done. In the past it was based on nominations by official bodies. Now that is beginning to change. The Ministry of Planning agreed that all scholarships should be granted through competition, something we have been pushing for years. So this year, scholarships sponsored by various governments and institutions were all competition-based. We established 5 satellite offices, in addition to the permanent

offices in Sanaa and Aden. We invite applications through advertisements on television, radio and newspapers to give everybody a chance to apply. That means we are now drawing on a larger pool of directly competing individuals.

We want this competition-based system to continue because we found a lot of good people this way. I'm very happy that the Yemeni government has supported this concept.

Q: The fees you charge are too high, compared to the average income in this country. Are you going to lower these fees?

A: We are now trying to put more emphasis on institutions (to cover the costs) as opposed to individuals. We do that for two reasons. One is to lower the burden fees-wise.

We are also trying to develop funding sources. One thing we are going to do is to begin offering scholarships for English language training. I think YALI in conjunction with the US Embassy are now offering scholarships to Yemeni civil servants. In Aden, we are going to have private scholarships for people who want to study English. We also plan to bring some academic programs to Yemen to allow more people to study.

Q: What new programs do you envisage?

A: One program that we are

going to do is to train teachers to teach English as a foreign language. We are going to try to do this in conjunction with the universities of Hadhramaut, Aden, Sanaa and also some private universities. We can do it at certificate, postgraduate, and master's level.

We are trying to encourage more people, the private sector, and international organizations to help us fund more education programs. This way we hope to increase the number of participants. I would like to mention here our involvement with the Canadian Occidental scholarships for Yemenis to study in Canada.

The US government was successful in obtaining funds amounting to \$1,000,000 to provide training in 4 sectors. We

are very happy to see the return of US support for Yemen. In my opinion, the most successful support of the US government to Yemen in the 1980s was by provided education and training for over 115 Yemeni scholars, who returned to serve Yemen. We see them serving their country in every sector.

Q: What future programs do you have in mind?

A: One of our programs seeks to help maximize the return on investment in education and training. It is going to link training sponsors, providers and users. We want to develop joint programs and exchange information to be able to focus on the needs of society. We are planning to introduce this program in early 1999.

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Managers of top selling travel agencies, and senior managers of the national carrier participated in the seminar.

Omar M. Omar, GM, welcomed the participants. He was followed by a short presentation by Hussein Nalkanday, highlighting the achievements of Robert Crandall, ex-CEO of American Airlines.

The main feature of the seminar was the very impressive presentation by the American Airlines manager, M. Wasi ull Azeem, who explained in detail the various salient features of American Airlines, and the benefits of flying AA, due to its very comprehensive frequent flyer program, named the ADVANTAGE program. He also stressed the huge operations



which American Airlines has across the Atlantic, and its vast network in the United States, Caribbean and Latin America.

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dramatic manner in which it was announced, was also shown through a video of the press conference, in which this was announced. The five airlines in this alliance are AA, BA, Canadian Airlines, Cathay Pacific & Qantas.

Finally, Mr. Alwan Al Shaibani, thanked all, and reconfirmed continued cooperation with Yemenia.

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Sanaa Welcomes New Cultural Diplomats

A Computer-Oriented Arabist at USIS



Dr. Chris Eccel is the new Press and Cultural Information Attaché at the US Embassy in Sanaa. He has extensive experience in Arab affairs, and speaks the language fluently.

Q: What are your first impressions of Yemen?

A: I like Yemen very much. I am an Arabist. I began studying Arabic long ago. So, as a student of Arabic, I know about Yemen and its history in the Arabic language. In a sense, therefore, everybody who studies Arabic wants to come to Yemen.

In addition, from a tourism point of view, Yemen is well-known all over the world. Travelers know it is one of the places one must visit.

So you can see that my impressions of the country are shaped both from a tourism point of view and a linguistic history point of view. I was very excited about coming to Yemen.

I had met Yemenis and worked with them before. I was very comfortable with them so I

thought it would be a good country to work in.

Q: What academic/career background do you come from?

A: Well, that is a bit of a strange and complicated personal history. I started out in languages, but at some point I got into social sciences. Then, I discovered later on that I actually like studying languages more. So, I combined social science with languages/history of the Middle East. Given that background, I've written a book about Al-Azhar Al-Sharif and its modernization during the last century.

My own personal research these days deals with the historical relationships between the different languages of the region. One reason I like Yemen is that it is linguistically rich. It has Arabic, it has inscriptions from the ancient languages (Saba'i, Ma'ini, Himyari, Qatabani, etc.). Also, it has three semantic languages live: Soqatri, Mahri, and Saheli. They are quite distinct from Arabic. I'm happy to be here to become exposed to these languages and to learn more about them.

Q: Do you plan to document your research about Yemen in a book?

A: That is very far in the future. I am currently involved in another project which I hope to finish. Certainly what I'll write in the future will be touching on the linguistic heritage of Yemen.

Q: What about your previous professional experience?

A: In the Middle East, I was in Bahrain before I came here. As a professor, I taught at the American University of Beirut. Also, I was a researcher and I taught at the American University in Cairo. So I've been in the Middle East as a student, a professor, and now as a diplomat.

Q: How do you get along with Yemenis?

A: Yemenis are very friendly. It is easy to work here. I must say that the only other country I've worked in and which was equally easy is Australia.

Q: What kind of activities are you involved in now?

A: We have our own programs - USIS programs, academic and cultural exchanges, working with the local press and the various programs of the embassy. We hope to be able to improve the relationship between Yemen and the US, maintaining the high level it has reached.

The Yemen-America Language Institute (YALI) also works under my office. It has undertaken many projects including a new computer center. When I was in Washington, I acquired those computers for YALI.

I might mention that in Washington, I established the Internet in the Arab world from my agency. My agency is a web-site for the Arab world and was the web master for an English site. So, I'm very interested in the new computer center at YALI and I think it will make a great contribution to English studies at that institution.

Promoting Yemeni-German Cultural Ties

Ms. Heike Thiele is the Second Secretary at the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany. She is also the Head of Cultural and Consular Affairs. She is also the link with local opinion-makers - journalists in particular. Heike studied languages during 1980-85. She spent the last three and a half year at the German Embassy in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Q: What are your impressions of Yemen?

A: The people are really very friendly. When I heard that I should go to Sanaa, I felt very happy because I love this city, because I have read a lot about it.

Besides there is a very special feeling for Germany in Yemen. Germans are in a good standing in Yemen and you can feel at once. That means it's easy for me to work here.

Q: Have you had much contact with Yemenis, especially in the media?

A: Well, I am new here, but I have already started making contacts. I was lucky there were some occasions like the National Day of Germany (3rd October) during which I met a lot of people.

(Heike also had close-up contact with a number of people by hosting guests to follow the German election results on 27th September).

Q: Do you have any specific plans in mind that you hope to achieve while you are here in Yemen?

A: My first and foremost priority is to promote and expand cultural ties between Yemen and Germany. Developing the teaching of the German language in Yemen is a major part of that. At the same time, we have to expand our joint activities in movies, theater, painting, and other art forms.

As far as press relations are concerned, there is a lot that we can do together. I want to have close cooperation with journalists in order to know how the press in this country works and how we can coop-



erate. I already have a few ideas. While on the subject, I must express my admiration for the level of freedom of the press in this country.

Q: You are also in charge of the consular section. Are you going to change visa procedures?

A: I do not want to talk about visas because it is not up to me to change these matters. People who have commercial or other interests in Germany, go to the embassy which deals with them according to their individual cases.

The consular affairs also handles human rights. I think that I have to go through a lot of files in the next couple of weeks, in order to get acquainted with the issues. I plan to get in contact with human rights organizations in Yemen. I also want to see what the government has done in this field.

Expanding Access to Learning French



Mr. Benoit Tadie is the new Cultural Attaché at the French Embassy in Sanaa. He is in charge of scientific and cultural cooperation with Yemen. He arrived in Yemen a few weeks ago.

Q: Can you share with us your background?

A: I was a lecturer of English at the Sorbonne University - Paris. I taught English and American literature. I've been there since January, 1995.

Before that, while doing my doctorate in English, I spent some time at Oxford and Cambridge.

Q: Did you have any interest or contact with the Arab World?

A: I had worked as a assistant professor of French at the University of Jordan.

In terms of Arabic, I studied Arabic at the Oriental Languages Institute in Paris and received a diploma from there. I translated some literature from Arabic to French. I had also taken some Arabic

courses for foreigners when I was in Jordan.

Q: What are your impressions of Yemen, so far?

A: I'm making my dream come true by coming to Yemen, because it is a country I've always wanted to visit. I've read so much and seen so many pictures about the country. My expectations about Yemen are being realised.

The architecture, the contrast between the high mountains and the green valleys are all fascinating. For me, it was a chance to come to an Arab country which I think is more Arab than any other Arab country. I'm not saying that from a critical angle but more so from a linguistic point of view.

When I was in Jordan or Syria or wherever, people tend to speak English or French. However, in Yemen you can feel the original touch. Most of the people I talked use their own native language.

Q: Do you have specific ideas you plan to pursue in the field of cultural cooperation?

A: The general policy is to strengthen already existing cultural ties, especially from a linguistic angle. My plan is more to listen to what people have to say. I didn't come with ready-made ideas which I want to impose on people. What I want to do is to learn what is already there, and build on it.

I'm interested also in the traces of civilizations I've already come across in this country.



Mr. Jean Francois Fau is the Linguistic Attaché at the French Embassy in Sanaa. He is also new in the country. His previous foreign services were in Nigeria, Egypt and Italy.

Q: How do you plan to expand and improve the teaching of French in Yemen?

A: Apart from the universities (Sanaa and Aden), French is taught in 8 or 9 high schools. There is also the French Cultural Center in Sanaa.

We want to increase access to French language through more cooperation in Sanaa and Aden. The Department of French at Sanaa University, which has its independent office and library could play a role in this. I am sure we can improve its activities.

Q: Are you getting positive interaction for these plans?

A: First, let me say, I already like the people and country. This makes it easy to interact positively. But I can only answer your question after a while.

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HUMAN RIGHTS IN YEMEN: THE CONCEPTS: On Paper & The Reality!



By Dr. Fouad Abduljaleel Al-Salahi
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The question that arises now is whether the concepts that define the views and activities of these organizations are the same or not. Watching against any infringements of human rights by state organs should be a clear objective. But it isn't that easy.

As the essence of any democratic system is maintaining human rights, popular demands for legalizing and organizing those rights were meant to minimize their violation. The concept of human rights is not limited to its political dimension alone, but it includes social, economic and cultural dimensions as well. Such a concept is endorsed in the world because it constructively determines the relationship between the citizen and the state and, consequently, between political and the civilian societies.

The fact that democracy in Yemen was coupled with unity formed a qualitative shift in the nature of our political system. Such a shift opened the door for various social and political powers which, irrespective whether they are in authority or opposition, must shoulder the responsibility in reshaping their ideologies and practices by internalizing the concepts of human rights.

We, in Yemen, are still at the early phase of our democratization process. We are what

you may call "democracy under formation". This calls for support through legal and constitutional reforms to ensure freedom of expression, political affiliation etc. To further boost our democratic transformation, concepts such as dialogue, tolerance, liberty, equality, justice and plurality must be spread.

Investment in human resources must top priorities for modern development. The concept of development is now measured according to the degree of an individual's freedom in practicing his/her political, social and economic rights. This has necessitated the state's concern with the protection of human rights.

The constitution was the first political improvement in Yemen. This now stipulates many basic liberties and rights including the right of organized political activity in addition to freedom of expression. Democracy is not complete without the right to form or join political parties, trade unions and associations to consolidate and protect an individuals' social, economic and political rights.

Consequently, it is important for a democratic country to be bound by laws and a constitution. In the absence of rule of law, tyranny prevails.

The official political jargon in Yemen has witnessed verbal com-

mitment to openness, tolerance and human rights.

Human rights and freedoms are the core of any democratic system. Thus we could measure any country's political system with the yardstick of human rights. Global concern with human rights reflects the epitome of our civilization.

In Yemen, a number of groups and civilian institutions are active in advocating, protecting and spreading human rights concepts within our society. Yet those groups and organizations are visibly weak and cannot withstand a showdown with the tools of oppression.

Let us see some examples of the weaknesses:

1. The activities of these organizations are still in their early beginnings. They have just started.
2. Yemeni culture is not rich in its understanding of modern values of human rights. The concept and appreciation are still weak and ineffective.
3. The general social inclination in the country is a traditional one where the levels of education and culture are low.
4. A military-based power structure does not appreciate these values, although it gives them lip service.
5. To further confuse foreigners, the government has established the Supreme National Human Rights Committee. Many UN and international organizations are not aware this is a government organ. Thus they deal with the perpetrator as the guardian.

The issue remains - our state and the politicians representing it ... do they really believe in human rights? What kind of human rights? Do they see what the ordinary people see as human rights? How can the two sides join hands in standing up to the many violations?

It is already encouraging that the constitutional and legal basis have been created in our country. Many of our politicians have stressed and repeated their full commitment to human rights. It is also important that our country has signed and ratified various international human rights agreements and conventions, starting with the Universal Declaration on Human Rights. We have signed and ratified the conventions on social, political and economic rights. We have signed and ratified the convention of Children's Rights. And we have signed and ratified the convention against torture.

On paper, we have come a long way. Now we have to make the distance on the ground.

The first problem is to grasp what it is we have signed and ratified. We have to even agree on the concepts and how we understand them. Human rights concepts in Yemen are still unclear and unknown to the law enforcement agencies, let alone the general public. This calls for a greater role on all of us to teach others on these values. It is crucial to publicize this concept and its basic tenets as widely as possible.

Human rights organizations in particular should promote these values among our people, using newspapers, pamphlets, seminars, conferences, etc. They can benefit in this from rising international support. The world community is willing and ready to assist. The reason is simple. Human rights are no longer the concern of individual countries, but of the whole world. They are based on the U.N. charter and on international agreements. All nations - Yemen included - are committed to human rights.

Legitimacy of systems in today's world is measured by the degree of adherence to human rights. This calls for vigilance on the part of states hitherto oblivious to this requirement.

In Yemen, given the weakness of our civil society institutions, the role of public opinion and pressure groups is limited. Thus more of the burden falls on the state and its organs. But the rising number of activists and their supporters also have to embark on this task, however Herculean it may be. They have to pinpoint the latent democratic powers and their strength. They have to build up political awareness of human rights, step up demands for respect of those rights, and contribute to the rise of a modern state and society.

At the same time, monitoring and documentation of the overall political, economic and social conditions and any infringements and violation should continue. Then and only then can we say that human rights institutions have started their work in a systematic and scientific way.

Yemeni human rights organizations should form a coordination network to serve as a pressure tool in bolstering their influence and effectiveness. This network could also serve as a channel for exchanging information and documents, which would increase their credibility. Such a network could also enhance their ability to coordinate with international organizations.

Human rights organizations should determine the forces in society that can strengthen and support their efforts. These can be in the modern sector such as academia, the legal profession, the media, etc. They can also find sympathy and support among traditional social powers, including community elders, religious leaders and tribal sheikhs, if the approach is right.

Finally, the government is not necessarily an enemy. Reaching out to policy-makers and explaining the positive and negative effects of human rights policies and practices to ensure the well-being of the nation could be a worthwhile effort.

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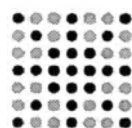
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TOURISM IN ADEN: "Where is the end of the tunnel?"

The tourism sector in Aden is now practically stagnant, despite of the city's numerous attractions. In an attempt to ascertain the causes of this economic downturn, Yemen Times met several people concerned with tourist activity in that world-famous seaside city.

Mr. Mohammed Abdulqawi Al-Moflihi, General Manager, Arab Investment and Tourism Company Ltd.

"This stagnation in tourism has created many financial difficulties for us, especially to our investments in the Aden Hotel. This may actually affect the company's investments elsewhere. Nevertheless, we are still optimistic about investing in Yemen."



"In order to encourage tourism in this country, a continuous promotional campaign must be conducted. People, both in this country and abroad, must be made aware of the unique attractions Yemen offers. There are marvelous, remote archeological sites and historical cities that can

enchant Western visitors. Such places will have to be restored and preserved first.

"The state and the private sector must actively cooperate to successfully sell Yemen abroad. Brochures, booklets, guidebooks, tourist maps and other material must be published and sold at airports, seaports, etc. "Visitors must be given a good impression the moment they set foot on this land. Public facilities and services must be updated to help tourists have an enjoyable stay in this country."

"President Ali Abdullah Saleh is personally concerned with tourism as a major source of revenue. The most important factors to help tourism are security and stability."

"Tourist facilities in this country are not enough. We and many others working in the tourism sector face many difficulties. The numbers of tourists visiting Aden have dropped markedly, leading to big losses in revenue. The state does not provide adequate facilities."

"Electricity costs are astronomical. We receive a bill of approximately YR 5 million for electricity consumption for just a month and a half; although, only about 22% of the hotel is in use. The Aden Hotel employs 200 people and pays an annual rent of \$1 million! So it can be seen why we are making such losses."

"Also very important is to hold some of the conferences, seminars, and other gatherings in Aden and other cities, not just in Sanaa. With the way things are going now, Aden will soon not need a five-star hotel. International delegations which normally use such a hotel are just not coming to Aden any more. Tour operators working in Sanaa should really include visits to Aden and other cities in their tourist programs."

Mr. Abdulwahab Al-Sharjabi, Board Chairman, Al-Hilal Hotel and Al-Hilal Company for Tourist Investment Ltd.

"Yemen boasts many attractive tourist features. If exploited correctly, these attractions can largely consolidate the tourism industry; thereby, creating a huge national revenue and new job opportunities. Tourism is closely connected with many other productive and service sectors such as trade, agriculture, transportation, etc."

"A national tourism policy must be formulated where the role of

the tourist industry in the national economy is made fully clear. A marketing policy must also be established, where active participation in international tourist exhibitions and gatherings is emphasized. Yemeni participants in such events must be chosen from among people with wide experience and expertise in tourist matters. They must be able to deal efficiently with the international markets. Yemeni exhibitions and cultural weeks must also be organized in places as Japan, South Africa, Canada, etc, which represent a possible source of visitors."

"Extra care should be given to keeping our towns and cities clean. The cost of the entry visa - \$90 - will have to be reviewed."

"Investment in tourism is now almost limited to medium and small-scale projects. This is probably due to many problems related to land ownership, lack of funds, stifling bureaucracy, several types of big taxes, etc. Tourist projects must be given priority and provided with low-interest loans."

"A zoning policy must be adopted. Lands must be allocated for industrial, commercial and tourist projects. Now lands are sold without any planning or specifying the type of construction or activity to be held on it. This is bound to be very harmful to the environment."

"Crescent Hotel is the oldest hotel in the Arabian Peninsula - more than 70 years old. It hosted many world leaders, including Queen Elizabeth II. It has been recently fully renovated and refurbished at a cost of \$1.5 million. The eastern and western wings have been opened for the September/October celebrations."



Mr. B Gopinath, General Manager, Elephant Bay resort

"Aden has a very long stretch of beautiful beaches that are not yet fully exploited for tourism. There could be water ski-ing, scuba diving, etc. which would encourage tourists coming to Yemen to want to visit Aden as part of their trip."

"The small number of tourists visiting Yemen can be attributed to lack of proper promotional activities. All those who visited Aden and other places around Aden have left with great impressions. But not many people know about what the city has to go to

offer. It is almost forgotten despite its exotic beaches."

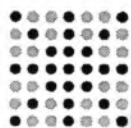
"The main problem facing would-be visitors to Aden is that there are no direct flights to Aden from abroad. Travelers have to go to Sanaa first. Tourism is no less important than the free-trade zone project. Business and tourism should go hand-in-hand."

"Moreover, some social and cultural restrictions must be eased in order for tourists to relax and enjoy themselves. Tourists should be allowed to travel freely within the country. Sanitation and hygiene must also be carefully observed."

Relevant Data

During the first quarter (January-March), 1998:

- 1151 non-resident foreign visitors spent 3586 tourist-nights.
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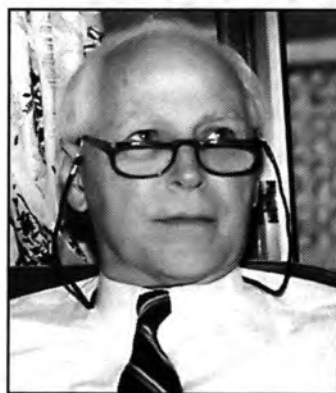
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Oil & Gas in Yemen: Expert Opinion



Professor Thomas Stauffer taught Middle East economics, Geo-politics and LNG economics at Harvard University. He is presently an international consultant with wide-ranging experience, especially in the Middle East. Professor Stauffer participated in the First Oil and Gas Conference of Yemen organized by the Ministry of Oil and Mineral Resources during September 28-30, 1998.

Dr. Salah Haddash, Yemen Times Managing Editor, talked to him on the occasion.

Q: What is the purpose of your visit to Yemen?

A: The purpose is to give presentations at the Oil & Gas Conference. Honestly speaking, as important as that was, I wanted to come back to Yemen and update my information on recent developments. I also have a few friends with whom I wanted to touch base.

Q: What was your presentation about?

A: I made two presentations. The first was about the relationship between oil and gas prices and what that implies for marketing gas. The second was more specific as it dealt with the problems of developing LNG (liquefied natural gas) projects and the way to export natural gas. It is a particularly difficult kind of project and today it is even more difficult, notwithstanding, of course, the availability of the proposal of the consortium to build the project.

Q: Have you had a chance to look at the energy policies of Yemen?

A: Well, I do not want to comment the official policies of the government of Yemen. What is clear, however, is that the terms of interaction with oil companies require continuous adjustment to reflect changing opportunities and challenges.

In terms of use of oil proceeds, the oil revenue that comes to Yemen is really small in relation to the population. So the effect is not the same as it is in countries like Qatar or the United Arab Emirates. Oil money can be used productively but it has to be done carefully.

Q: Do you foresee oil and gas can play a role in developing this country?

A: Of course. Revenue from oil and gas can be used to finance infrastructure, say. If the government has more money from oil and gas, it can build more and

better schools, roads, hospitals, and install better communication systems, etc. In most of the oil countries, that is done. There is also the employment benefits as well as a lot of positive externalities.

Q: Do you think that it is an advantage to Yemen to be a member of the international petroleum club?

A: I would think, politically, there will be a great advantage for Yemen to be seen to be cooperating widely. I think that the net advantage symbolically could be large.

If more oil exporting countries cooperate, then all are better off because the price could go up more quickly. So there is actually an economic advantage to producing less oil to get a higher price.

In the end, however, it is up to the Yemenis to decide on that matter.

Q: How far has Yemen's LNG project come

A: There is evidently the consortium of companies charged with the project. Without appearing as a pessimist, let me just say that there is a long way to go before you can tap the resource.

Q: How do you assess the oil conference?

A: It is too early to say. The conference is a first step in a process. Now, the various parties have to pursue the opportunities they see in the country.

I believe something will come out of it, but can't say how much!

1,000,000th Tooth Treated



Dr. Yahya Saleh Ghannam is a well-known Yemeni dentist. He owns and directs the Shehab Orthodontics Center in Sanaa. After his bachelor's degree in dental surgery from the College of Dentistry, Baghdad University, he has been working as a general dental practitioner since 1988. Yahya, 36, attended several post-graduate courses in dentistry in Yemen, Iraq, Jordan, Syria and Dubai. He has also attended several scientific conferences in the USA, Germany, and various Arab countries. Walid Abdullah Al-Saqqaf of Yemen Times talked to Dr. Ghannam at his private clinic and filed the following report.

Q: Could you give us a brief overview of the Shehab Orthodontics Center? What sort of

facilities and equipment does it have?

A: The Shehab Orthodontics Center is a modern clinic specialized in orthodontic treatment such as malocclusion, open bite, crowding of the teeth, protrusion of the teeth, and other dental irregularities. Our job is to correct occlusion and position of the teeth. The treatment takes a long time - nearly one year or more - to return the teeth to their normal position and function.

Q: You have recently treated your millionth tooth. What have you been able to achieve in the field of dentistry in Yemen?

A: When I first graduated from Baghdad University in 1988,

each of these 30 doctors has treated a quarter of a million teeth.

Q: Among which group of the population is tooth decay more prevalent?

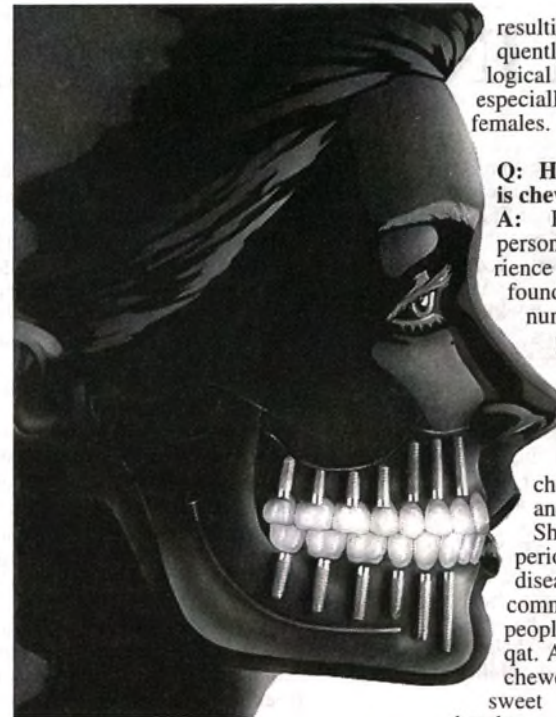
A: Chewing qat and Shamma are widely spread. They contribute directly to bad oral hygiene and an increasing incidence of certain oral diseases such as periodontal diseases and oral cancer. For these reasons, paying real attention to oral hygiene is considered one of the primary needs to increase health care. This is particularly important as there is no research center to study the side effects of chewing qat and using Shamma.

Q: How important is oral hygiene for pregnant women?

A: I always advise mothers on the importance of primary health care for them and their children. As a dental specialist, I find great negligence in taking good care of oral health among pregnant women. This goes far beyond the extraction of one tooth or more after each delivery. Some physiological changes may occur during pregnancy due to poor oral hygiene. There are no national plans for combating the spread of dental diseases, especially during pregnancy.

Q: What about dental diseases among children?

A: There are dental problems among the majority of Yemeni children, especially from the age



resulting very frequently in psychological problems especially among females.

Q: How harmful is chewing qat?

A: From my personal experience (12 years), I found a great number of patients losing their teeth at an early age as a result of chewing qat and using Shamma. Also, periodontal diseases are quite common among people who chew qat. Almost all qat chewers drink sweet drinks thereby compounding

the problem. Because of the problems I mentioned previously, I started writing in newspapers and taking

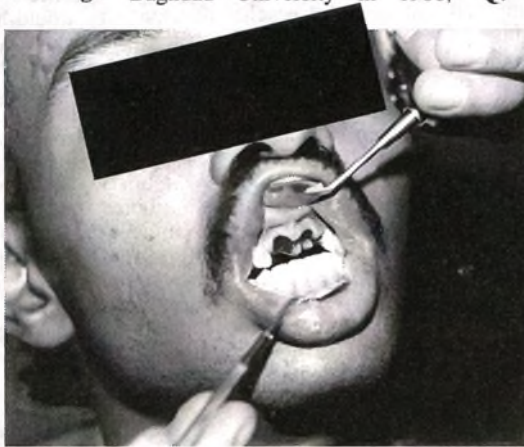
A: Before the revolution of September, 1962, there were no dentists in Yemen. After the revolution, a number of students were sent to study dentistry in other Arab countries. In the 1970s there were only three or four dentists in this country. The number rose to 12 in the 1980s. There are now about 250 Yemeni dentists. There is a lot of cooperation between with Arab and other countries in this field. There are now five dentistry schools in Yemen.

Q: What are the other causes of dental cavities?

A: Some bacteria, found naturally in the mouth, secrete an acid that dissolves the teeth enamel. Some people have high acidity in their mouths (pH higher than 7.5), causing caries despite them cleaning their teeth regularly. Oral hygiene comes with increasing public awareness. Water fluoridation is also very important, especially at schools and urban centers in general.

Q: How do you advise readers to take better care of their teeth?

A: Brushing and cleaning the

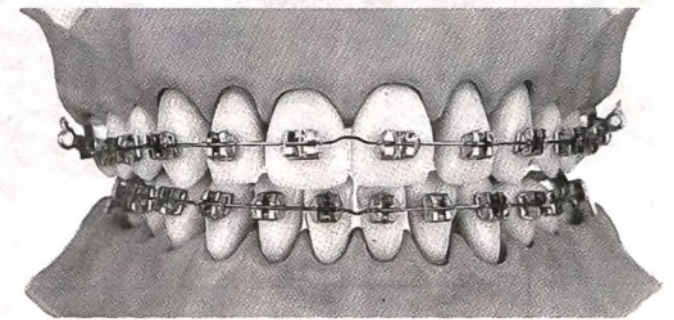


Yemen had no more than 30 dentists working in the public sector in the morning and their private clinics in the afternoon. The country's population was around 8 million at that time. I don't exaggerate when I say that

of three up to their teens. Due to lack of fluoride in drinking water, many oral health problems occur. Schools do not give children instructions on how to clean their teeth or the use of preventive methods.

The loss of deciduous teeth before the eruption of the permanent ones leading to malocclusion and malnutrition is one major problem which affects Yemeni youths. Because there is no planning for oral hygiene, I have made much effort to advise and treat my patients whenever possible.

As you may know, the percentage of fluoride in water in Sanaa is less than what is required, leading to reduced resistance against dental caries. While in other governorates, fluoride is extremely high causing fluorosis - the teeth becoming yellowish and ugly,



part in TV programs in order to give proper advice to everyone in society. It is an extended service.

Q: How developed is dentistry in Yemen?

teeth daily is a must. I also call on the authorities to combat qat planting and consumption. More research should be done to evaluate the risks of this bad habit - qat chewing.

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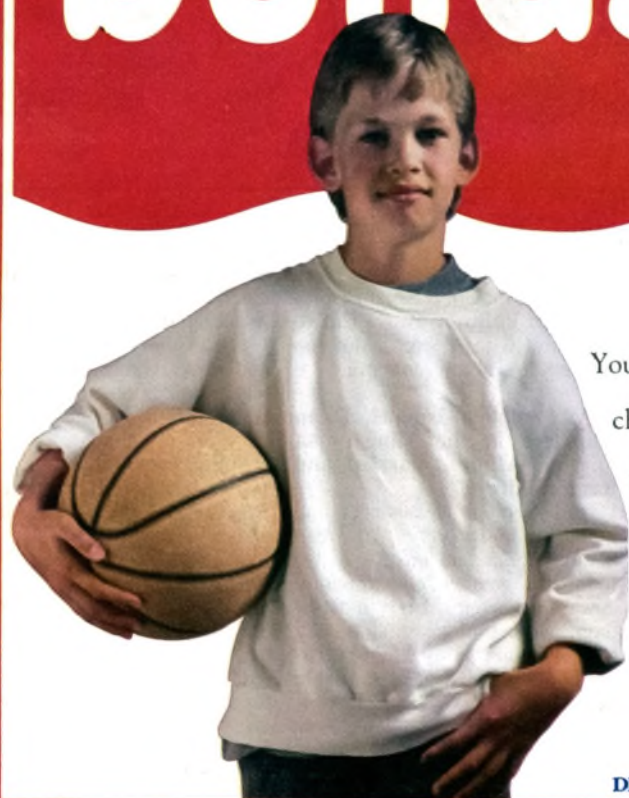
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Yemenis' Reading Habits

"Reading is a way by which you feed your mind," the saying goes and nobody argues that. Reading makes you know more and converse more confidently.

What you read is determined by your interests. But in poor societies like ours, what you read also depends on whether you can afford the prices of what you would want to read.

In Yemen, many people read, especially those who have good income. University students also read a lot, especially those who aspire for high studies.

One young person told she reads in order to forget about getting married. Another told me he reads to forget the overall frustration around him. A third reads because she wants to 'grow'.

So there are different reasons why Yemenis read, and different reasons why they read what they do.

I discussed this matter of reading habits with people of different backgrounds and educational levels. Since they knew I was doing a story for the Yemen Times, their praise of the paper and how avidly they read it have all been omitted.

Here is what a few people said.

1. A 24-year-old single woman with a diploma in administration:

When I was a kid, I used to read children's stories. Then I began to read journals and newspapers. I

was interested in reading about actors and singers and about astrology.

Being an adult, I like to read religious books. Of course I don't buy all the books I read. Sometimes, I borrow them from my friends. In addition, I read some newspapers like Al-Ahdath and Al-Ra'i. Recently I have been reading Al-Thawra newspaper as it is available free in my work place. I exchange some Arabic magazines with my friends like "Zahrat Al-Khalij", "Sayidati", and "Al-Arabi".

2. Ms. Azizah Shakir, 40, married and has 4 children, and is employed in a ministry:

When I was single, I used to read two hours a day. I used to read literary journals like "Al-Hikma" and "Al-Kalima". Later, I began to read daily newspapers (Al-Thawra, 14 October, etc). But I got bored of the repeated issues they discuss so I began to read Arabic newspapers and magazines like "Al-Ahdath" and "Al-Haiah" newspapers.

If I buy Yemeni newspapers, and I rarely do, I go through them quickly. Generally, I like to read social issues and I don't care about the name of the writer as long as the topic is good. I believe that reading is the best way to fill your free time. My husband always pushes me to read. Sometimes we also discuss the things we read.

3. Mr. Yahya M. Abdullah, an employee with a secondary-school education, married and has 4 children:

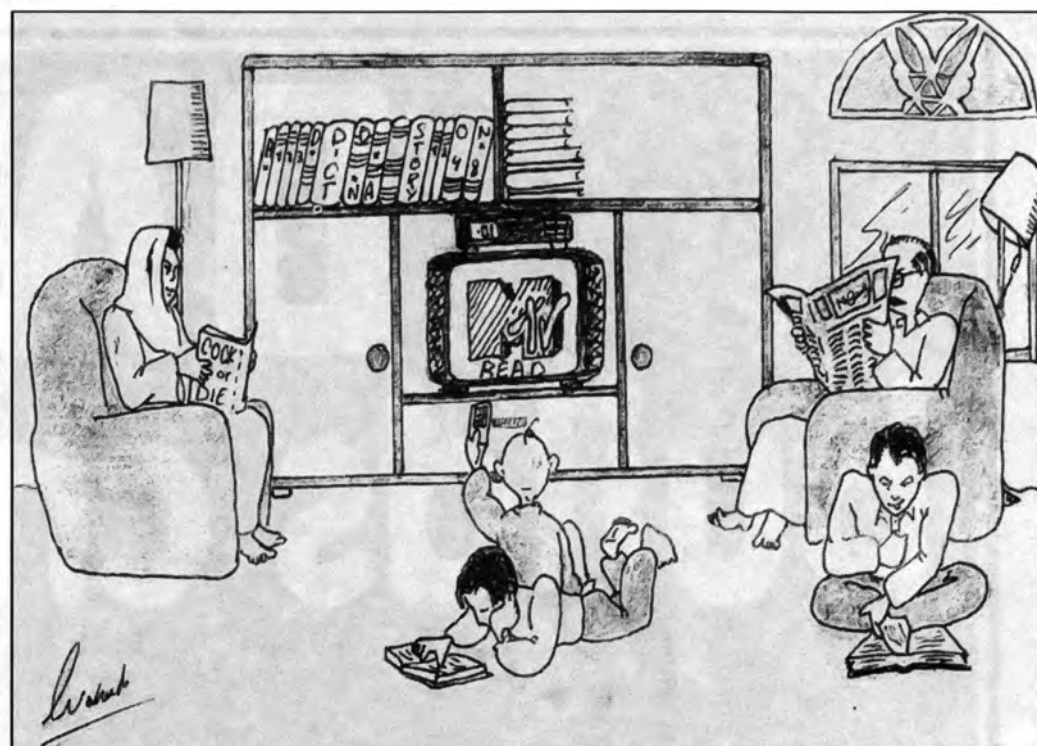
Before I got married, I used to read some Arabic journals like "Al-Nahdha". I liked reading political varieties. I used also to read Yemeni newspapers. Now, I almost don't read anything. I'm very busy and I don't have enough money to buy reading material. In fact, I can hardly pay for our living needs. My wife and I, though, realize how reading is important and always encourage our children to read.

4. Derhim S. Mohammed, 30, bachelor, has MA degree in economics:

I buy Yemeni and Arabic newspapers everyday. I spend nearly YR 320 a week on them. I like to read cultural, social, political and economic issues. After reading the newspapers, I keep those which include important issues and get rid of the others. I read 4 to 8 hours a day and nobody bothers me while reading.

5. Ms. Nora, 19, married, no children, a social worker:

I don't read any newspapers. I like to read Egyptian and Arabic magazines. I like to read about fashion and agony columns. I don't throw the journals after reading them. I keep them in boxes so that I can read them again after a while. I read 1 to 2



hour in a day. During holidays, I read in the morning and in the evening. And because I don't have children, nobody bothers me while reading. Concerning books, I like to read about science, culture and psychology. Sometimes, I buy books and magazines, but I usually borrow books from the university library.

6. A 35-year-old man, accounting manager in the Ministry of Trade and Supply, married and has no children:

I've never liked reading any kind of newspapers, magazines or books. When I was at school, I would read only to pass the exams. But as I entered university, it became important to read. We had to do researches all the time. The research project required referring to many books in the library so I had no alter-

native. When I graduated, I stopped reading. At work the daily newspapers are given us to free. I just look at the main topics and then throw it away. Unlike me, my wife reads a lot on cookery and home economics.

7. Mr. Salah A. Isma'el, 37, an employee in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, married and has 5 children:

I read Yemeni newspapers and magazines. I prefer to read history books and novels. I also read the weekly and monthly Arabic magazines. I buy most of them. Sometimes I send money to publishing houses abroad to get books which are not available here. When I like the style of a writer, I try to buy all his new writings. I get rid of the magazines and newspapers I read, but I usually collect the important

articles in a file.

8. Mr. Monir M. Al-Janahi, 42, electricity worker, married and has 3 children:

I buy all the Yemeni newspapers and some Arabic ones as well. I buy some books and borrow some from my friends. I'm lucky to have a good income that enables me to buy reading material. When I finish reading papers I give them to my friends and relatives. I only keep those issues I feel I'll need in the future.

Usually, I read before I go to bed. Sometimes I read while chewing qat. My wife and children also read. Reading is very important for all members of the family.

By: Khairiya Al-Shibibi,
Yemen Times.

Al-Antari: Pious Singer

Saleh Abdullah Al-Antari was one of the most distinguished singers in Yemen during the '40s and '50s of this century. He distinguished himself by being very knowledgeable about the Yemeni singing heritage. He was born in Amtahita in Zabid area, Hodeida in 1310 A.H (After Hijrah). His first musical instrument was a copper plate.

Leaving to Ethiopia:

Before the revolution of September, '62, singing was condemned by the Imam. Because of that Al-Antari decided to flee to Ethiopia where he would be freer to continue his artistic journey. There he met with Mohammed Sha'aban who went to Ethiopia for the same reason. Sha'aban made Yemeni songs famous all over Ethiopia.

Al-Antari traveled between Ethiopia and Djibouti until he, lastly, settled in Al-Sheikh Othman in Aden. There it was different - singing was not regarded as a crime as in North Yemen. "Al-Makhader" or singing sessions were very common at wedding ceremonies. Through Al-Makhader, Al-Antari proved himself as a singer to the people of Aden. His good voice immediately made him well-known locally and soon his records were available in record shops.

Al-Antari was "one of the common people" as they used to call him. This term meant that he was much respected by the general public. What was really different about him was that he was both a singer and a religious man. His voice was tender while reading the holy verses of the Qura'an. When people heard him call for prayers they used to hurry to the mosque.

Sheikh Al-Rodaini related this story about him: "Once, on a Ramadan dawn, I heard a nice voice calling for the dawn prayers in a small mosque in Aden. As I went there I found that many people from the same neighbor-

hood and nearby neighborhoods were coming to the mosque and all were wondering about the new Muadhin. The man was Al-Antari.

The regular Muadhin was upset, asking who dared take his position. He pulled Al-Antari off the pulpit and kicked him outside the mosque. People became very angry. They brought Al-Antari back to the pulpit."

This anecdote shows how he was loved by all people. "After the night

prayers, Al-Antari used to wear different clothes so that nobody could recognize him. He used to go to deserted places taking with him the violin to play all night," says Abdulkader Bamakhramah, a contemporary singer.

It was a habit in Aden those days that in the "Makhader" a singer had to sing all day and night long. Sometimes, more than one or two singers were invited to sing in the ceremony. Al-Antari used to prepare himself well for such occasions. His wide knowledge of poetry and the artistic heritage of Yemen and the Arab Peninsula made him more confident to enter competitions than any other singer. Being a perfect lute player, he also used to play some Egyptian and Indian musical compositions.

Al-Antari was influenced by the school of Ibrahim Saeed. Later on, he represented a unique school of singing. Othman Ali Othman, Ethiopia's first singer, learned the principles of singing from Al-Antari.



Al-Antari was one of the pioneers of the Yemeni song. "He was a man who valued the real art. He did not hesitate to criticize singing if it had no value and would praise originality whenever he found it," said Haj Hassan Awni Al-Ajmi. Approximately 25 records of Yemeni and African songs performed by him were recorded by Al-Taj Al-Adani Gramophone Company.

His last days:

Al-Antari lived his last days in Sanaa. There, he would join Mohammed Mousa and his companions in singing sessions and with them he left many of his works. He died in 1965. It is worth mentioning that Al-Antari was made a hero in a story published by Al-Nahda Library in Al-Faggalah, Egypt. A children's story, "The Yemeni Musician" was written by the Egyptian writer Metwalli Attyah.

By Saleh Abdulbaqi,
Arts Editor Yemen Times

INVITATION FOR BIDS

1. The Government of the Republic of Yemen (ROY) has received a loan from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) towards the cost of the Fourth Fisheries Development Project and it is intended that a part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payment under the contract for procurement of materials, equipments and spare parts for the Quality Control Lab and Marine Science and Resources Research Center.
2. The Ministry of Fish Wealth, ROY now invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for the supply of materials, equipments and spare parts.
3. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the bidding documents at the office of:

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Aden - Republic of Yemen
Fax: 00 967 2 203011
Tel: 00 967 2 203874**

4. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by any interested eligible Bidder on the submission of a written application to the above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of one hundred US\$ for the Bidders within Yemen. For the Bidders of foreign countries an additional amount of one hundred US Dollars to be included to cover mailing charges.
5. All bids must be accompanied by a security of not less than two and half percent of the Bid Amount and with copy of valid income tax plus trade certificate for the local bidders, and must be delivered to the above office on or before 10⁰⁰ hours on 17 November 1998.
6. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders representatives who will attend at 12⁰⁰ hours on 17 November 1998 at the above address.



Bin Laden Has N-arms

Osama Bin Laden, accused by Washington of the bombings of two US embassies in East Africa, has acquired nuclear weapons from Central Asia. The Arab millionaire, who is based in Afghanistan, has a network of sources and contacts in Central Asia and the Ukraine, said diplomatic sources from the region.

Through this network he has obtained nuclear weapons from former Soviet republics, although the countries were not named, and the number of weapons or any payments involved were not detailed.

The London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies expressed skepticism, saying Bin Laden would also need missiles, launchers, sites, activation codes and training to use the weapons. The devices could, however, be used in suicide car or lorry attacks, the institute said.

Ethiopia & Eritrea Risking Food Crisis

Ethiopia and Eritrea are among a group of countries that risk a food crisis, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) said last week. Those countries, 13 in Africa, are suffering food shortfalls and need help fast.

Fighting, floods, drought, hailstorms, earthquakes and seed shortages were the chief factors that had created the need for special or emergency assistance, FAO said.

It listed the African nations as Ethiopia, Eritrea, Angola, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Uganda and Zambia.

Aral Sea may Disappear

Central Asia's dying Aral Sea may disappear by 2015, causing harmful and irreversible consequences for the population and

the environment. If no measures to save the Aral are taken, its area will decrease to 9,000 sq. km from today's 41,000 sq. km, and the sea will turn into a number of small salt lakes.

The shrinking of the sea might lead to large-scale migration. Uzbekistan shares the dying sea with Kazakhstan, leading to at least 10 million people becoming involved in chaotic migration early in the next century.

The roots of the region's worst ecological disaster lie in the 1960s when the Soviet leadership decided to boost cotton output in its central Asian republics and ordered vast amounts of water to be drawn from the mighty Syr Darya and Amu Darya rivers to irrigate the crops. The rivers feed the Aral.

Four decades ago, about 60 cubic km of water flowed into the sea every year. Now only one to five cubic km trickle through annually, depending on rainfall.

Iraq Must Comply

Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein must comply with UN disarmament resolutions and the United States is prepared to use military force if he refuses, US Defense Secretary William Cohen said.

The Iraqi president "has a choice to make" on whether he is in compliance with UN resolutions on disarmament, the Pentagon chief told the crew of the US aircraft carrier in the Gulf.

"The next few weeks and certainly months" will tell whether Baghdad falls in line with the UN resolutions calling for the elimination of its weapons of mass destruction and long-range missiles, he said.

Cohen said the US had "maintained stability because we have been able to keep Saddam Hussein basically boxed in."

Iraq suspended cooperation with the UN Special Commission on

disarmament on August 5. Cohen indicated that any fresh crisis with Iraq was weeks or months away, as NATO prepares for possible action in another trouble spot, Kosovo.

But Cohen said that if Saddam failed to obey UN demands, Washington would eventually consider military action and could quickly boost its reduced forces in the region.

Turkey's Las Warning to Syria

Turkey issued a 'last warning' to Syria over what it called Damascus's backing of Kurdish separatist rebels and canceled all leave for troops guarding the two countries' frontier.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak shuttled between Turkey and Syria in a mediation effort as Ankara issued its last warning in a dispute that could have serious implications for the whole Middle East.

Turkish Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz told a meeting of his party deputies earlier yesterday: "We are warning Syria for the last time. We want them to stop their support for separatist terrorism and stop their policies of hostility. We are waiting for a reply from Syria," he said. Yilmaz did not say what action Ankara might take if it did not receive a satisfactory reply from Damascus.

Turkey accuses Syria of giving logistical support to the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK), which has been fighting a campaign for Kurdish self-rule in southeast Turkey for the last 14 years. Some 29,000 people have been killed in the conflict.

Rightists Threaten to Oust Netanyahu

Rightist members of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's coalition vowed to bring down the government if a deal on the

handover of more West Bank land to the Palestinians was sealed.

Cabinet ministers and lawmakers from the right beefed up pressure on Netanyahu ahead of U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's scheduled visit to the region next week to try to break 19 months of deadlock in peace talks.

Her trip was to pave the way for a three-way summit between U.S. President Bill Clinton, Netanyahu and Palestinian President Yasser Arafat due to be held in mid-October in Washington.

Jewish settler leaders said they would dispatch their representatives to the U.S. capital before the summit to lobby legislators against a territorial pullback.

Settlers launched a campaign to thwart any redeployment. Posters went up in Jerusalem on Friday telling Albright to "go home."

Epidemic Kills 200

More than 200 people in West Bengal have died in the past three weeks following a deadly outbreak of gastroenteritis. Around 13,300 people were affected by the outbreak, which was sparked by intense flooding in the district of Malda.

Hospitals have been forced to open new wards to cope with the influx of patients, most of whom were women and children who contracted gastroenteritis when forced to drink polluted flood water.

Much of Malda was submerged throughout the month of July after heavy rains caused local rivers to burst their banks.

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Agreement on Irish Airport as Connection for RJ flights to USA



Jordan and Ireland have agreed to grant Royal Jordanian the right to carry passengers between Ireland's Shannon airport and USA, according to an announcement in Dublin by Irish Minister of Public Enterprises, Mary O'Rourke. The Irish minister made the announcement at a ceremony attended by RJ Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Nader Dahabi, and the Vice President for Passenger Services.

Under the agreement, which was negotiated over several months, RJ planes will have permission to stop over at Shannon airport, in addition to Amsterdam, on flights to USA once the national air carrier starts using Airbus planes.

Royal Jordanian Commercial and Planning Departments are currently studying possible dates of flight via Shannon to the USA. US immigration officials at Shannon airport can finalize procedures for passengers entering the US, thus facilitating travel procedures for the passengers who have boarded the flight from Amman and Shannon. The new station will also offer transport services to Irish passengers traveling to the Middle East or the Arab Gulf States via Amman.

Orbit Weekly Programs

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1900 Highlander The Series: Moesha		2000 NBC Dateline		1400 American Chart Show		1500 The Fugitive - 2VL		1300 Flinstones Comedy Show	
Tue, 13 October 1998		Tue, 13 October		Tue, 13 October		1715 A Little Princess - 1		1325 Richie Rich	
1530 Kung Fu		2000 NBC Dateline		1330 Musabaga		1900 The Fencing Master - 2V		Tue, 13 October	
1620 Hangin' with Mr Cooper		2100 CBS 48 Hours		1500 Cosmix		1700 Switching Channels - 2L		1325 Richie Rich	
2000 Chicago Sons		2200 ABC Nightline		2300 Music Now Jukebox		1900 The War of The Buttons-2L		1415 Inspector Gadget's Field Trip	
Wed, 14 October		Wed, 14 October		Wed, 14 October		2030 E! Uncut		1440 Beetlejuice	
1350 Beverly Hills 90210		2000 NBC Dateline		1100 "360" Degrees Dire Straits		Wed, 14 October		1530 Cattanooga Cats	
1505 Friends		2100 ABC 20/20		1700 Dandana		1900 Mannequin on The Move- 2		Wed, 14 October	
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1620 Hangin' with Mr Cooper		1800 ABC Good Morning America		1700 New Adventures of Winnie the Pooh		Fri, 16 October		Mon, 12 October	
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October 14



Yemeni Press in a Week

by: Adel J. Moqbil

AL-UMMA: Sanaa weekly, 8-10-98.

(Al-Haqq Party)

Main Headlines:

1- Investigations are underway into several bomb blasts that took place at an ammunition dump last Monday in Aden.

2- Badr Scholastic Center is re-opened for students under new principal. "Former" director, Dr. Al-Mohatwari, is to be brought to trial for allegedly "calling for a return of the monarchy." Sixty lawyers have declared their willingness to defend him.

3- Following a heated tribal congress, Daham tribe declares its readiness to "defend its territory and natural resources." The government was blamed by the tribesmen for its "inability to do its duty in solving social problems."

4- The funeral procession of a murder victim was broken up by police in Abs, Haradh, for no having a permission to hold a public assembly.

5- The murderer of the widely revered, 80-year-old religious scholar Al-Hibshi will be brought before court in Seion.

Article Summary:

US Insults

The well-known Yemeni businessman, Hajj Mohammed Ahmed Jumaan has complained to the Foreign Ministry of the insulting behavior of the consul at the US Embassy. He demands an apology.

Jumaan had previously applied to

enter the US for medical treatment. The visa officer treated him badly, and threw his application papers and medical reports into the waste basket. If this how the US Embassy treats our businessmen, how does it treat ordinary Yemeni citizens?

AL-WAHDAWI: Sanaa weekly, 6-10-98.

(People's Nasserite Unionist Organization)

Main Headlines:

1- The Zionist enemy stands behind Turkey's threats of military action against Syria, announced military and political analysts.

2- Opposition Coordination Council in Yemen strongly condemns Turkish threats and calls for solidarity with Syria.

3- A Sanaa court orders the handover of investigation reports into the irregularities that plagued student admission into the College of Engineering, Sanaa University.

4- Two bombs went off at Martyrs Square, Dhali', just before the arrival of the Prime Minister. An army unit stationed just outside the city opened a heavy barrage of fire on the spot where the blasts took place.

5- Implementing an Arab security agreement, the Interior Ministry bans Egyptians, Libyans, Sudanese, Tunisians and Algerians from entering Yemen with visas obtained from the Yemeni Embassy in Sudan.

Article Summary:

Palestinians Intimidated

A Palestinian source in Sanaa indicated that a Military Police force went into the quarter allocated for Palestinian families at the Hadda residential town, firing in the air. The caretaker was arrested. Two officials of the Palestinian Embassy were beaten when they tried to intervene to calm the situation.

It was pointed out that the Military Police has been regularly doing this sort of action in attempt to evict the Palestinians and give the houses to Yemenis. The housing units were given to the Palestinians by the President when they were kicked out of Lebanon in 1982. Fifty families were not allowed to go enter the West Bank following the peace accord.

AL-MAR'A: Sanaa monthly, August, 1998.

(Independent)

Article Summary:

1- 30 Candles for Al-Mar'a

By Sayyida Al-Haylama

We are happy to present to our readers the 30th issue of Al-Mar'a, which we have been keen to enrich with useful articles. Our aim is to issue a publication wholly devoted to women's issues.

We are happy for the attention and support by the Minister of Information and his deputy. We believe that Yemeni women deserve all the help and support

they can get. If given enough opportunity, Yemeni women can surpass their men counterparts in many fields of human endeavor.

We ask our reader's forgiveness for any shortcomings and errors in publishing. We are still in the learning process. We would like to thank all our friends, both Yemeni and expatriate, for their continuous support and encouragement.

2- Message to a Man

By Shajat-u-Al-Dorr A. Al-Hobaishi

When I was first appointed a government employee, I expected to face many difficulties. Thank God I have been able to surmount most of these obstacles, except one! My main problem is men.

O men, why do you treat me without respect? Why do you not treat me as a colleague and a work partner? Why these negative ideas about women, which have become part of your psyche? Are we not all human beings?

You always misinterpret every move or gesture I make according to your fancy. Thus you harm our work relations and create mistrust between the sexes.

AL-THAWRI: Sanaa weekly, 8-10-98.

(Yemeni Socialist Party - YSP)

Main Headlines:

1- A large-scale campaign is underway to know the fate of YSP Politburo member Hassan Ba-Awm, who disappeared last April during a demonstration in Hadhramaut.

2- Turkey's threat to Syria is part of the aggression against the Arab nation.

3- Eritrean authorities seized 14 Yemeni fishing boats and detained 26 fishermen within

Yemen's territorial waters. The men were later released and their boats confiscated.

4- Amnesty International researcher Lamri Chirouf: "The future of human rights in Yemen is not quite clear."

5- Jarrallah Omar, YSP Politburo member and Central Committee Secretary held several meeting with French figures during his recent trip to Paris.

Article Summary:

What Happened in Dhali'?

People in Dhali' and neighboring villages lived in fear for their lives last Monday. Artillery fire was exchanged between the 35th Armored Brigade, stationed in town, and some of its military outposts on the surrounding mountains. Shelling by the outer army positions started immediately after two massive bomb blasts that rocked Dhali'.

Just before a visit by Prime Minister Al-Iryani, the shelling damaged several houses in Dhali' and its vicinity.

AL-RAY AL-AAM: Sanaa weekly, 6-10-98.

(Independent)

Main Headlines:

1- Security forces de-fused a 2-kg explosive device in between two houses near an army barracks in Mukallah, Hadhramaut.

2- In Reima, Greater Sanaa, 14 died and 260 are in critical condition because of various epidemics: Malaria, whooping cough, measles, fever, diarrhea.

3- Banknotes worth 200 million riyals were destroyed by water seeping through Central Bank vault.

4- Parliament decided to buy luxury cars for its members, while the government declares austerity measures.

5- Yemen and Iraq sign a cooperation agreement in the fields of economy, education and culture.

6- People living in Constituency 20, Aden, demand a visit by their PGC MP, Dr. Oras Sultan Naji to look into their grievances.

Article Summary:

Appeal Judge, a Forger

For the last 8 years, Mrs. Khadija Abdulwarith Qassem has been following her case around a hierarchy of courts. She accuses a man and a Court of Appeal judge of forgery and falsifying documents. The defendant had previously forged a title deed stripping Mrs. Qassem of the Aden house which she lived for several years. He claims to have inherited the house from his father.

The original case file went missing at the Court of Appeal, following a decision in her favor by the Primary Court. The woman was later detained, along with her daughter by the police.

AL-SHOURAH: Sanaa weekly, 4-10-98.

(Federation of Popular Forces)

Main Headlines:

1- A number of MPs call for a vote of no-confidence in the government. Several ministers have refused to be questioned by parliament to answer accusations of corruption alleged in a report issued by the Central Organization of Control and Audit.

2- Corruption and subversive bomb explosions are slowing down work in the Aden Free Zone, said a number of Arab and foreign would-be investors.

3- Oil and Gas Conference has not achieved its expected goals.

4- Canadian Oxy is currently negotiating concessions in four new blocks in Hadhramaut and Al-Mahara.

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Asian League Champions Qualifier Matches: Yemeni "Eagles" 2, "Asian Giants" 2

Despite its reputation in Asian football and its long experience in international arenas, the Saudi Hilal club could not beat Yemen's eagles - the Wahda of Sanaa.

In spite of the great disparity between the modest potentials of the Yemeni team and those of the Saudi team, called the leader of Asian clubs, the latter failed to overcome the Yemeni champion's determination to achieve a good result.

The match, played at the Thawra stadium in Sanaa last Thursday, ended 2-2. A draw by traditional standards, but for the Wahda of Sanaa it was more like a glaring victory.

The Yemeni club has thus added a new accomplishment to the Yemeni football record in a bid to rid itself from persistent losses. It is now targeting victory as the main goal.

Yemeni fans, who came from various areas, portrayed a great



love for their country. They kept on chanting and cheering, urging their country's team to keep on the good performance.

The match:

The Saudi team took it seriously from the start. It went on the offensive and gained a corner kick, which was not fruitfully exploited. Following attacks and counter-attacks, Yemeni striker Ankad netted the first goal on the 12th minute of the first half.

The Saudi players, feeling the danger, started to pick up momentum near the end of the first half and their renowned winger Thunayan struck a goal by the 43rd minute ending the first half 1-1.

The Saudis, gaining confidence after their draw, started the second half with intensive attacks that resulted in their second goal in the 8th minute. The Yemeni team, fueled by the roaring crowds, launched several attacking waves that gained them their long-awaited draw on the 43rd minute despite the strong defense of the Saudis.

Hilal, which won the Asian league Cup Winners Cup several times, enjoys a rightly earned reputation that made even Yemeni fans predict a heavy loss for their team.

Yet that modest team was able to embarrass the guests in the first leg of their qualifying matches and present a level not expected by many of their admirers.

It appears that the new club Chairman Noman Duwaid's constant support and concern has had a positive impact on the team. The chairman paid the cost of the team's food and accommodation at Sam City Hotel during their preparation for the match, instead of the youth hostel which is not fit for accommodating the players. That concern coupled with modest training brought a terrific result. In a press conference, Hilal's German coach, Holmann, expressed his admiration for the Wahda's enthusiastic performance. He said that if his team had played with that same zeal, they would have won.

However, he said that the Wahda of Sanaa will face a difficult mission in the second match against Hilal in Riyadh on October 23 and that the draw did not favor Wahda.

Cash prizes were distributed at the end of the match with Yemeni striker Said Al-Humaikani winning US \$1,000 as best player, Fouad Ankad \$1,500 for scoring the first goal and each of Anwar Al-Serouri and Khalid Al-Timawi (Hilal) \$500 for fair play.

The international referees from Bahrain, Ali Al-Suraihi, Yousef Al-Qattan, Hamid Al-Nujaim and Hamza Merza led the match

safely to its conclusion.

The match was attended by Minister of Youth and Sports, Dr. Abdulwahab Raweh; Minister of Agriculture, Ahmad Al-Jibly; Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports, Mr. Hamoud Obad and a number of sports officials.

The Saudi Embassy in Sanaa hosted a dinner banquet last

Sulaiman Al-Marhoumi, the Saudi Charge d'Affaires, described his country's team visit here as fraternal and aimed at strengthening relations between Yemeni and Saudi youths. "We hope for a fair competition that would give further evidence on the development of relations between the two brotherly coun-



Wednesday in honor of Mr. Faisal Mohammed Al-Shoheil, Deputy Chairman of the Saudi club, and the team members. The reception was attended by Chairman of the Yemeni Football Association, Mr. Ali Al-Ashwal, Deputy Minister Obad, Wahda Chief Duwaid and Chairman of Al-Ahli club Mohammed Abdulilal Al-Qadhi in addition to a number of journalists.

'Yemen Times' was there and asked a number of the guests their impressions of the match. Faisal Al-Shoheil, Hilal's Deputy Chairman, said it was their first visit to Yemen and expressed pleasure at meeting youths of a neighboring country that shares common factors with his country, namely those of religion, language and origin.

He hoped that such visits would continue in the future in various cultural and sports fields and thanked the Yemeni Football Association and Wahda of Sanaa for their warm reception and generous hospitality.

tries," he said. Al-Marhoumi affirmed that there will be further exchange of visits between Saudi and Yemeni clubs. Chairman of the Wahda of Sanaa, Noman Duwaid, described the Saudi Hilal team as a school in itself for football and said that it enjoys a reputation and long experience in this sphere. "We hope to benefit from that team's expertise," he concluded.



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Text of the last two pages of the 142-page Verdict on the Yemeni-Eritrean Territorial Dispute:

Chapter XI - Dispositif

Accordingly, THE TRIBUNAL,

taking into account the foregoing considerations and reasons,

527. UNANIMOUSLY FINDS

IN THE PRESENT CASE THAT:

- i. the islands, islets, rocks, and low-tide elevations forming the Mohabbakah islands, including, but not limited to, Sayal Islet, Harbi Islet, Flat Islet and High Islet are subject to the territorial sovereignty of Eritrea;
- ii. the islands, islets, rocks and low-tide elevations forming the Haycock Islands, including, but not limited to, North East Haycock, Middle Haycock, and South West Haycock, are subject to the territorial sovereignty of Eritrea;
- iii. the South West Rocks are subject to the territorial sovereignty of Eritrea;
- iv. the islands, islets, rocks, and low-tide elevations of the Zuqar-Hanish group, including, but not limited to, Three Foot Rock, Parkin Rock, Rocky Islets, Pin Rock, Suyul Hanish, Mid Islet, Double Peak Island, Round Island, North Round Island, Quoin Island (13°43'N, 42°48'E), Chor Rock, Greater Hanish, Peaky Islet, Mushajirah, Addar Ail islets, Haycock Island (13°47'N, 42°47'E) - not to be confused with the Haycock Islands to the southwest of Greater Hanish, Low Island (13°52'N, 42°49'E) including the unnamed islets and rocks close north, east and south, Lesser Hanish including the unnamed islet close south, Tongue Island and the unnamed islet close south, Near

Island and the unnamed islet south east, Shark Island, Jabal Zuquar Island, High Island, and the Abu Ali Islands (including Quoin Island (14°05'N, 42°49'E) and Pile Island) are subject to the territorial sovereignty of Yemen.

- v. the island of Jabal Al-Tayr, and the islands, islets, rocks and tow-tide elevations forming the Zubayr group, including, but not limited to, Quoin Island (15°12'N, 42°03'E), Haycock Island (15°10'N, 42°07'E) - not to be confused with the Haycock Islands to the southwest of Greater Hanish, Rugged Island, Table Peak Island, Saddle Island and the unnamed islet close north west, Low Island (15°06'N, 42°06'E) and the unnamed rock close east, Middle Reef, Saba Island, Connected Island, East Rocks, Show Rock, Jabal Zubayr Island, and Center Peak Island are subject to the territorial sovereignty of Yemen; and

- vi. the sovereignty found to lie with Yemen entails the perpetuation of the traditional fishing regime in the region, including free access and enjoyment for the fishermen of both Eritrea and Yemen.

528. Further, whereas Article 12.1(b) of the Arbitration Agreement provides that the Awards shall include the time period for their execution, the Tribunal directs this Award should be executed within ninety days from the date hereunder.

Done at London this 9th day of October, 1998

The President of the Tribunal
/s/ Professor Sir Robert Y. Jennings

The Registrar
/s/ P.J.H. Jonkman

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8. Organize the training of the programme components accounting staff designated by the implementation agents to operate the automated programme reporting system.
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Are Aden Artists Neglected?

Ridhwan Al-Saqqaf,
Yemen Time, Aden



Mohsin Hassan Al-Rada'i
"I began 23 years ago. I first exhibited at an exhibition at the Culture Institute in

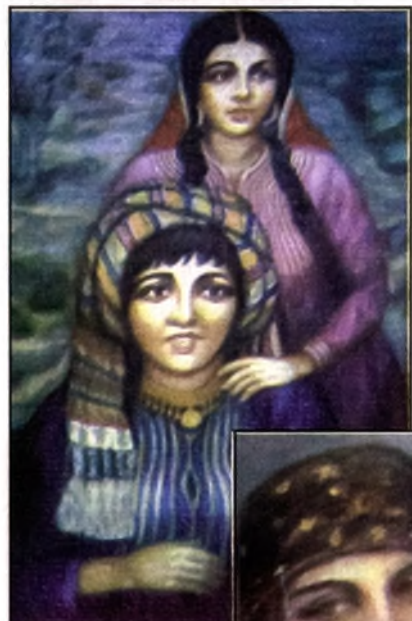
France, and a few other countries. Many of my paintings have been sold at such international exhibitions and I also won many prizes.

"We artists suffer from the neglect of the Ministry of Culture. We don't have a proper gallery to exhibit our work.

"I'm ill and have a very limited income. I've spent the last year-and-a-half of my life following up paperwork at the ministry, requesting their support.

Living costs are constantly rising. It's become quite difficult to buy basic commodities, let alone purchasing painting material.

"Our paintings are exhibited for sale. But lack of visitors to Aden has hit the market hard. Many of those who do come to the city don't know much about fine art."



Sanaa. The last Sanaa exhibition I took part in was in 1979 at Sanaa University, when I won a silver medal. Then I participated in several exhibitions in the southern governorates.

My work has been included in exhibitions in Russia, Korea, Syria,



Adel Salem Ahmed

"I started drawing when I was a little child. At primary school, I used to take part in almost all painting competitions. I enrolled in the Fine Arts Institute in 1984. I was taught by a Russian teacher, from whom I learned a lot. Currently, I'm

an employee of the Ministry of Culture and run Al-Tawahi private atelier.

"I have taken part in several arts exhibitions in Yemen and abroad, drawing on purely local Yemeni themes in my paintings. Realism is my driving force.

"The most massive obstacle facing any Yemeni artist today is lack of state support. Most of our artists are skint. I mean I sometimes have to stop painting just because I can't afford to buy paint and canvas. If the government takes upon itself to sponsor artists, then we'll have greater opportunities to be creative."



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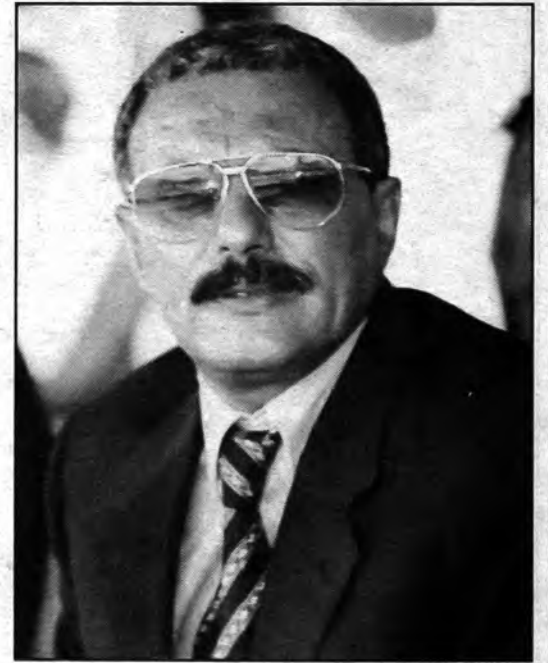
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