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Letter to the Editor

Dr Pharoan's words praised

Dear Sir:

THIS correspondence refers to Dr Ghaith Pharoan's speech delivered at the *Gazette*-sponsored Saudi-America Conference, in Atlanta, Georgia, and published in the *Gazette* on May 24.

Discussing Saudi-American joint ventures, Dr Pharoan said the Saudi market is open to American businessmen for their goods and services. "American companies should study our market and identify our requirements for U.S. products," he advised.

I think that we need men such as Dr Pharoan to tell foreign companies that even though we do have a lot of money we will buy only what we need, not just any product.

The Saudi market has changed a lot in 10 years. Businessmen have different sources now to import goods and men from different countries, but we do need to establish joint ventures. As Dr Pharoan said, the U.S. should try to send well-experienced and hard-working personnel to help us.

Addressing the conference, former President Jimmy Carter said, "Good business makes good politics".

"We believe in that and I hope you will help us achieve this particular point," was Dr Pharoan's rejoinder. Well, said!

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What is eloquence?

By Issam Bashir Abouf

El Asma' was a well-known Arabic linguist. One day he heard a young woman reciting a poem. When she had finished he told her: "This is the best eloquence I have ever heard." She protested: "No, it is not. It can't be considered eloquence in comparison with the following from the Glorious Qur'an:"

*So We sent this inspiration
To the mother of Moses:
"Suckle (thy child), but when
Thou hast fears about him,
Cast him into the river,
But fear not, nor grieve;
For We shall restore him
To thee and We shall make
Him one of Our apostles*

(Qasas: 28: 7)

This verse contains two commandments, two prohibitions and two glad tidings.

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Alhajjaj keeps it cool

By Issam Bashir Alauf

Alhajjaj was one of the famous governors of Iraq. A strictman, he ruled during the end of the first Islamic century. Once while on a picnic alone, he met a nomad and asked him:

"Who are you?"

"I am from the nearby village"

"What do you think of your rulers?"

"They are bad, tyrants and stealing our money."

"And what do you think of Alhajjaj?"

The man said immediately:

"He is the worst governor we have seen in Iraq, fie on him and fie on who had sent him from the Capital city."

Alhajjaj said quietly:

"Do you know who am I?"

"No!"

"I am Alhajjaj!"

The man was frightened, but he said cleverly: "Do you know who am I?"

"No"

"I am a mad man from this village. I have epilepsy attacks twice a day."

Alhajjaj laughed and gave him a gift.

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Yasser Arafat

Ever since he stood before the U.N. General Assembly and declared the PLO's goals, the world began to see Yasser Arafat for what he really is. Not the firebrand revolutionary he has been labeled for so long, but a man ready to work for a Palestinian state by sitting at the negotiation table to discuss with anyone the issue of a homeland for his people.

This new-found image was strengthened most recently during his visit to Strassbourg where he won accolades for his statesmanship and flexibility when he told the European Parliament of his willingness to meet with any Israeli official. His intentions are genuine, but it remains to be seen what Israel and the U.S. have up their sleeves.

Whatever the outcome of his efforts, for a long time to come, Arafat will remain a symbol of the Palestinian struggle.

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Different values

Tyrants always consider human lives cheap; Saddam is no exception.

He took as hostages foreign citizens to serve as protective shields for factories producing chemical weapons and other military installations. His is a flawless plan, the way he sees it. The rest of the world cannot come up with an appropriate response for so monstrous a strategy.

What will Saddam do if the United States or other nations of the West take Iraqis as hostages and threaten them? Absolutely nothing, is the answer. He will just smile and enjoy the agony of his fellow citizens in terror. An Iraqi counts for nothing in his reckoning. He was the cause of the hundreds of thousands of lives lost in the war with Iran. And he gave up the gains of that war in return for nothing.

Because of this difference in values he has an advantage over those who stand opposed to him across the border. They hate shedding blood and are extremely reluctant to sacrifice even one life. For Saddam, million rivers of blood will mean absolutely nothing.

But what he seems to have overlooked is that the forces now standing ready to battle him are not afraid to die in the defense of a principle. They have proved it time and again. Saddam's days are numbered.

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Iraq's freedom

Saddam Hussein is condemning the people of Iraq to starvation. He has not given them an explanation for his invasion of Kuwait. His people still do not know why he is not responding positively to diplomatic initiatives to find a peaceful solution to the crisis.

Iraqis had always known that their ruler was a tyrant. Their country has become a big jail. But they cannot do anything. They are afraid.

Perhaps, in the long run, Saddam's invasion may turn out to be a blessing for his people. Saddam's end is not far off. When the issue is settled, freedom will come not only to Kuwait, but also to Iraq.

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Women victimised

Sir, — Men and women are equal. Woman plays a vital role in the society. man creates obstacles in her way. He used to accuse her honour, dignity and pride.

In the US, the law professor at the University of Oklahoma, Anita Hill maintained that she was sexually harassed by supreme court nominee Clarence Thomas. A Florida woman charged William Kennedy of molesting her. In Pakistan, Veena Hayat, a friend of opposition leader Benazir Bhutto was raped at her Karachi home by gunmen sent by President Ghulam Ishaq Khan's son in law, as she claimed.

In all these three cases the courts took into consideration the high position a man enjoys, his family and political motivations. The outcome is crystal clear. The victims were shocked.

The first got angry, the second cried and the third boycotted the inquiry. It was the only thing they could do.

More and more ladies suffer man's high handedness, but they have no courage to raise their voice to fight for their rights.

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A brave move

Sir—The PLO has finally discovered that direct negotiation with Israel is the only way to solve the Palestinian problem. Former Egyptian president Anwar Sadat had shown this path. His was a very brave adventure at that time when he had visited occupied Jerusalem. Despite obstacles, he held the first direct negotiation with Israel.

Later, the PLO set out its own new adventure. It was in a different style. Far from Washington talks, the PLO secretly contacted Israeli leaders and presented Gaza Strip and Jericho project. It included the minimum of which Israel was in no need of. Brave Intifada was pushing several years ago.

Officially, the PLO was not able to have good relations with the US and Israel. Also it could not attend the peace talks in Washington directly. After this jump, the PLO can

get both. In this respect, the PLO-Israel accord is a great victory. It is going to bear decisive results.

The PLO took in the American lesson, lines and colours. It found a seat under the cover of America's new international regime.

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