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United Arab Emirates: Talent Search

(*Dubai, Khaleej Times, in English, Aug. 3*) The Civil Service Commission has just released its annual report for 1982, and according to it, the total number of persons employed with the federal government at the end of that year stood at 40,463, of which 12,631 or 31.22 per cent were nationals. The figure for national employees has varied over the past four years, but it is significantly higher for last year than the figure for 1978, when nationals had formed only 24.90 per cent of the total government work force, and it indicates the steady progress being made towards employing more nationals in government and entrusting them with running the country's affairs. The trend set by the federal government is reflected in individual emirates as well as in the private sector.

It is now clearly understood and appreciated everywhere that the early days of almost total dependence upon expatriates are over, and a new era is beginning, with national talent coming into its own in every field. This has been achieved through a concerted effort made at the federal level to promote education and make facilities of higher education available to an increasing number of nationals. The establishment of the Emirates University at Al-'Ain has lent new impetus to this process, and over 500 students graduated from it this year.

In addition, according to official figures, 141 nationals are expected to graduate from foreign universities this year besides 54 who will qualify as engineers. A pool of educated, wide-awake and articulate young people is thus being progressively built up, full of hope for their country and with visions of steady progress in the future....

Philippines: Appeal to Conscience

(*Cebu City, Visyana Herald, in English, Jul. 23*) The Movement for National Survival (MNS) has urged the "entire Marcos-Virata government to abdicate voluntarily to give the country a chance to reorganize itself out of the present crisis, and to construct a new basis of Philippine society...."

The MNS statement...:

"The Marcos-Virata government has had more than a decade of absolutist, technocratic rule, but the country today is reeling from a crisis which has no promise of ending, and which gives every signal of aggravating.

"The government has mire'd itself in a quicksand of counter-productive programs and neo-colonial policies from which it cannot possibly extricate itself....

"It has sold out the national patrimony, reduced Filipinos into third rate citizens, and bankrupted the national treasury. Inflation is driving millions of homes to literal starvation.

"We appeal to whatever conscience is left in this government to abdicate voluntarily, terminate on its own initiative more than fifteen years of political power, and give the nation a chance to breathe, and reconstruct itself...."

Iraq: Vanquished Forces

(*Baghdad Domestic Service, in Arabic, Aug. 3*) A military spokesman has stated the following:

In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate.

We have Corps sector: The heroes of the II Army Corps and the command of the Khalid forces today scored splendid and great victories and taught the criminal and arrogant Iranian enemy the toughest lessons during today's valiant defensive battles in which all types of weapons were used.

By their heroic fighting and splendid persistence and steadfastness, our heroes managed to destroy enemy forces that were estimated at an infantry division, supported by armor and vehicles, and completely annihilated more than one brigade of charlatan Khomeini guards. The known enemy losses counted today by the competent quarters amounted to 3,890 killed; a large number wounded; many others taken prisoner; 11 tanks, 15 vehicles of various types, large quantities of various weapons and military equipment destroyed and a large quantity of serviceable weapons and equipment seized, in addition to the losses reported by the Armed Forces General Command Communiqué Number 1,174, which was issued this evening. Thus, the criminal Khomeiniite enemy has been defeated and its vanquished forces and remnants have been annihilated.

God is great and victory will be the lot of the glorious Iraqis, owners of rights and principles. Victory is only granted by Almighty God.

Paraguay: Freedom Mass

(*Asunción, ABC COLOR, in Spanish, Aug. 8*) The mass celebrated at 1100 yesterday at the metropolitan cathedral for the freedom of political prisoners had a totally unexpected outcome. Uniformed and plainclothes policemen, some of them carrying light machine guns, broke up a peaceful demonstration in the cathedral's esplanade. The demonstrators were carrying placards and demanding the release of relatives who have been detained. The demonstration ended with the detention of a reporter and a photographer of this newspaper. After being taken to the Investigation Department, the police seized the pictures taken of the demonstration.

The mass was said by the parish priest, Msgr. Agustin Blujaki, who, in his homily, referred to the need for sound administration of justice, and said that both the government and the people must always conduct their actions according to divine and Christian laws.

The mass was offered by parents and relatives of several persons who have been detained and bound over for trial for subversion, violation of law 209 "on defense of public tranquillity and freedom of persons," law 323 "on privileges of magistrates," and law 294 "on defense of democracy." Among the demonstrators were relatives of persons facing trial for their involvement in what the courts call the "Caaguazu case," the "pro-Chinese case," and a score of young people who were arrested at the Paraguayan data bank and in other places of the city and accused of carrying out subversive activities.

Most of the faithful who were present at the cathedral yesterday wore in their coat lapels a slogan referring to the objectives of the mass: elimination of the state of siege, abolition of the antisubversive laws, and the release of persons who have been detained for political reasons....

Saudi Arabia: An Offer of Tanks

(*Doha, QNA, in Arabic, Aug. 3*) Riyadh—A U.S. official source declared that the U.S. administration's decision to sell 100 modified M-60 tanks to Saudi Arabia affirms the United States' keenness to support Saudi Arabia, since it represents an important moderate force in the region.

He stated that this deal, which will cost the U.S. \$176 million, will include complimentary spare parts and communications equipment suited to the tanks, in addition to infrared reconnaissance equipment for night sight. It noted that the Saudi ground forces are able to operate these tanks without the assistance of experts.

It is worth mentioning that the U.S. Defense Department informed the U.S. Congress of this deal yesterday.

Mauritius: General Elections

(*Port Louis Domestic Service, in English, Aug. 23*) The MSM [Militant Socialist Movement]-Labor party-PMSD [Mauritian Social Democrat party] alliance won a landslide victory in the general elections, which were held in the country Sunday last. The alliance won 41 of the 60 [as heard] seats, against 19 to the MMM [Mauritian Militant Movement].

The leader of the MMM, Mr. Paul Berenger, was himself defeated in his constituency at Belle Rose-Quatre Bornes. For the MMM the disaster is great, as the president and the secretary general of the party were also severely defeated in the elections. The result of the elections constitutes a personal victory for the prime minister, Mr. Anerood Jugnauth, who called the country to the polls after being deserted by 12 of his ministers led by the ex-minister of finance and leader of the MMM, Mr. Paul Berenger. That was exactly 5 months ago....

A total of 85.1 per cent of the electorate voted in the general elections on Sunday. The MSM-Labor party-PMSD alliance won 51.42 per cent of the votes, and the MMM obtained 46 per cent of the votes....

In a message to the nation yesterday night by the prime minister, Mr. Anerood Jugnauth, together with Sir See-woosagur Ramgoolam [former prime minister], Mr. Kader Bhayat [deputy prime minister in the future government], Mr. Gactan Duval [leader of PMSD], and Mr. Harish Boodhoo [present deputy prime minister], first of all thanked the voters for their faith in the victorious alliance. They also invited the opposition to play the role it has to play in democracy. He said that he hoped the opposition would be responsible and constructive....

PRC: Modern War

(*Beijing, Wen Zhai Bao, in Chinese, Aug. 5*) An article by Zong He [in *Shijie Zhishi*, No. 15], a researcher of the Beijing International Strategic Problems Institute, says that modern warfare mainly refers to waging war by the use of modern weapons, technology, and science. Its characteristics are as follows:

1. Apart from launching large-scale ground attacks, the two antagonists must also launch large-scale air attacks in conjunction with the ground attack in order to destroy strategic targets deep in the enemy rear, and primarily the enemy's long-range attack weapons.

2. The opening phase of the war is briefer and its scale larger than before, with a greater likelihood of surprise. The effects of this phase are far-reaching, and so its im-

portance is far greater than previously.

3. The scope of the war is expanded; it includes not only the entire territory of the two antagonists but also possibly the whole world. It is very difficult to distinguish between the front and the rear areas in the war.

4. The mobility of the armed forces is greater than before. The armed forces of the developed countries are now basically all mechanized and mobile. In general, the war is not fought on static fronts. There is extremely great strategic mobility.

5. There is greater reliance than before on rear services and supply. In modern war, the destruction rate of weapons and equipment is high, damage to transportation and communications is unprecedentedly severe, and casualties are unprecedentedly great. Greater replenishment supplies of war materials and equipment are needed.

6. Organization and command are complex and difficult. Due to the extensive use of computers in the command organs, an automatic control and command system is formed; the increase in methods of reconnaissance speeds up the dissemination of intelligence; and the development of sophisticated electronic equipment intensifies electronic confrontation. Hence, modern warfare could in some senses be described as electronic warfare.

Although the use of modern weapons has an ever-greater influence on the course of the war, man remains the main factor in deciding victory or defeat.

Guatemala: Change of Government

(*Guatemala City Domestic Service, in Spanish, Aug. 8—editorial report on a 9-minute press conference by the new Guatemalan head of state*) On whether the deposed General Rios Montt was ousted, General Mejia said: "He was not ousted directly; it was recommended to him that he withdraw from command." He also said that the state of alarm will be lifted tomorrow. The general said that he does not believe there are political groups among the military commanders and indicated that people would not be sent into exile under his government, because "all Guatemalans have the right to live in their country."

On other subjects, General Mejia said that the country will enjoy freedom of expression and that there will be changes to the tax package, within the short term, "after a study of the situation."

On elections, Mejia Victores said: "The calendar for elections has already been scheduled." He said that this was announced some eight days ago, and "we will respect that calendar."

Asked if he will hand over the government to civilians, General Mejia said: "No, to an elected president." He added that usually, when there is a change of government, there is some resistance, but this time it was understood that the time was right to define the situation.

On the fate of General Rios Montt's military advisors, General Mejia Victores said: "A decree will be issued soon stating that their services will be dispensed with. They will not be my advisors."

Asked about his present position, the general defined it as "head of state and minister of defense. I cannot be president, because I believe that a president must be elected by the people." On whether the special courts will be eliminated, he said: "I have said so emphatically."

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