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### **In God's Protection, Great Historian \***

On Tuesday, fifth of Ramadan, the known Yemeni historian, Sultan Nagi was escorted to his last home, This is a grieved tear shed by one of his colleague's eye.

In the Name of Allah, the All Merciful.

Once the new moon of Ramadan Month emerged on us and the believers prepared themselves for the fasting month and for blessing pardon, the death notice came from the capital of mist carrying us painful news, wail the patient fasting with distressful terror and try to belie it, but the death is truth, and every soul will die certainly. The news was true and the friend and colleague, Sultan Nagi is dead.

In the last years, as usual, he departed to London for one month or two to continue his research on the contemporary Yemeni history in the British Museum. Once he started to turn over the pages of the past and cross-examine their news until he was overtaken by acute internal bleeding that he was carried to hospital but he did not do anything, he died and resigned his soul to God.

The known Yemeni historian, Sultan Nagi died and left the world, family and friends: "Every female's child even if his safety, one day on the humpback is transported."

His homeland and lovers missed him, and like him makes the wailers weep, the thicket pigeons are lamenting, and the men's eyes are tearing, " As though nothing among the reasons leading to clearness, a close friend and nobody is chatting in Mecca."

The deceased had learnt in schools of Aden, to which he completed the secondary school, and then joined the History Department in the Faculty of Science and Arts in the American University in Beirut, from which he graduated in 1961. He worked in teaching profession in Aden, and then he traveled to Britain to continue his study, and then he obtained the diploma in educational administration from Reading University in 1964.

He held many positions in his practical career, including presidency of the Central Organization of Civil Services, lecturer in High College of Education, and member of Supreme People's Council. The last position was a consultant in Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Sana'a. He was a member of Leadership of Alumni Conference, member of Yemeni Unity Committee for Education, Culture and Information, member of the Center for Arab Unity Studies, and member of Society of Yemeni Historians and Archeologists.

He was honored in the Science festival - day, and obtained the medal of Arab Historian, and got high appreciation in the scientific circles internally and abroad.

In the last years, he dedicated for research and writing, and he issued his two known books: "Selected and Annotated Bibliography" about Yemen, and "Military History of Yemen '1839 – 1967'". He had other books and researches published in specific reviews and periodicals together with translations from English language which many of their pages handling the Yemeni history.

Mr. Sultan Nagi is considered one of the pioneered Yemeni historians who enriched the historian library with their efforts. They laid the main bricks in the field of recent Yemeni history studies, and paved the way for the serious research for the future generations.

The great historian Mr. Sultan Nagi died, but his good influences are remaining throughout the ages as good memories, useful knowledge, and righteous children, so we offer our condolence for his family, companions, lovers, wellborn sister, and mother of: Oras, Osan, Ma'aen, Yazan and Raydan. The patience and solace for them by God.

God will lodge the deceased in spacious paradise, everything is perishable but God' face. To Allah we belong and to Him is our return.

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