To the heart of the matter

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A LABORIOUS ISSUE

EVERYBODY agrees on the difficulty of cutting child labour in Egypt, where at least two million children below the legal employment age work to provide up to 30% of their family income. The government of child labour in Egypt is directly linked to poverty and the lack of education for young families, where women head households alone.

It is estimated that children between the ages of 10 to 14 make up 11% percent of Egypt's total labour force in the countryside and the cities. Official figures show that almost 82 percent of child workers are either engaged in agriculture work, or in the urban areas, where they sell paper tissues, serve tea to coffee shops and operate heavy machinery workshops.

The problem of child labour in Egypt should not remain unattended however; The Government, private sector and private associations should work together combating child labour. But if child is unpolled to work, then they can help their work in a less harmful working environment.

The government should withdraw children under 12 from workshops and from the most demanding jobs such as working in front of furnaces or in mines where they operate heavy machinery or breathe particles, like asbestos or smoke.

And if the Government fails to take these children out of work, it has to craft a realistic plan to improve their lives, and protect their labour and occupational health rights including the rights to work reasonable hours and not to be exposed to dangerous chemicals, weights and noise.

In this plan, the Government should include income-generating micro-credit funds in laws and micro-credit funds for the destitute families.

In the midst of this capital owners and non-governmental organizations (NGO) founded a comprehensive programme in which they release their child workers for health therapy of areas and provide their parents with jobs instead.

Resolution of Coptic Council

The Coptic Council (Coptic Community) is an extraordinary meeting held bi-annually, where an elected council is chosen on the basis of the principles of the Coptic Orthodox Church, and its main purpose is to look into the current social situation, and the issues that will pass as a bit of nothing, and try to build the Coptic Church in the world.

In this meeting, we state that the Egyptian Coptic people (as a result of the unique nature of the Coptic Church) is rejected by the Coptic Church for being part of the world and living in their own ways.

And the meeting will be held on October 15, 2006.

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In a memo to the Egyptian people, the Press Syndicate in Cairo declared the need to return the past glory of the newspapers and encourage the press to raise the level of the issue and the value of the newspaper. The Syndicate welcomed the decision of the government to privatize the newspapers and the media sector.

Can you continue this sentence: “We will enable these forces to achieve their aims. We will teach them a lesson that they cannot forget in generations.”

From The Observer

Keys to failure: Israel’s performance in global perspective

By Emad El-Din Aysha

The world in cartoons

I don’t want to be the passive spirit of the reader following me, but rather to be the active one following the page of the Holy Qur’an – with what is written in it – to be a learner of the sacred Hadiths and the words of the Holy Qur’an, and I want to teach you what you already know.

And do good to parents, kinsfolk, people from all over the world who have been as inspiring in the 16th and 17th centuries as it still is today.

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