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THE PRICE OF A WOMAN'S HAIRCUT

Paris, 119.04 \$ average. One of the three most expensive cities in the world, sharing the post with Singapore and Hong Kong. [[BBC News, 19 March](#)]

Caracas, 0.36 \$ [on the street](#). Ranked as the cheapest city in the world by the Economist Intelligence Unit, a British sister company to The Economist newspaper.

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THE LIMITS OF CENSURE

French rapper who was on trial over an online music video entitled **Hang White People** has been found guilty of incitement to violence and given a suspended €5,000 (£4,280) fine [[BBC News, 20 March](#)]. Video removed from Youtube.



“Cause I didn’t mean to hurt him
Coulda been somebody’s son
And I took his heart when
I pulled out that gun.”

[Rihanna, “Man Down”, 2010]

12.261.165 visualisations on
Youtube, 20 March 2019



“Yo voy al volante y tu en la maleta
Envuelta en la manta no tendrás frio
Tu último vuelo será el más brillante
Cuando desde el puente rompas el río.
[“Tam Tam go”, “Crimen pasional”, 1990]

53.644 visualisations on Youtube,
20 March 2019

“Siente, como conmigo tú lo disfrutas,
échate pa cá y no me discutas.
[J-King y Maximan Ft Ñenjo flow, “Siente”, 2012]

77.810 visualisations on
Youtube, 20 March 2019

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VICTIMS AND TORMENTORS

The collapse of the Islamic State group leaves many countries facing a dilemma over what to do with the fighters' wives and their children. [[BBC News](#)]

Former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadžić given longer sentence over his role in bloody conflict. [[The Guardian](#)]



“If IS is guilty then why are the women and children being punished?” [aunt of two children of emprisoned woman who joined IS]

“I was afraid of dying and leaving my child alone [...] I can't say I have any great regrets about being there” [woman who joined IS]

“I did everything humanly possible to avoid the war” [Radovan Karadzic during the trial]



OASIS IN TIMES OF WAR

While there is war in most part of **Yemen**, its city **Marib** is growing, offering food, electricity and water to the ones they are migrating from other parts of this country. In a few years the number of inhabitants has increased from 40.000 to 1.500.000.



HISTORY REPEATING

construction
Pre Islamic Ancient civilisation

war

destruction

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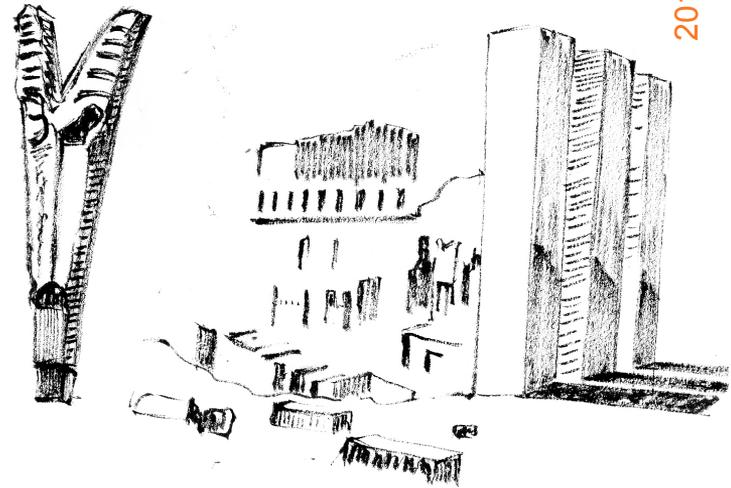
2015: Civil War

destruction

construction

2019: still Civil War

Temple of **Awwam**,
dedicated to Saba,
located some 7 km.
from the city of Marib

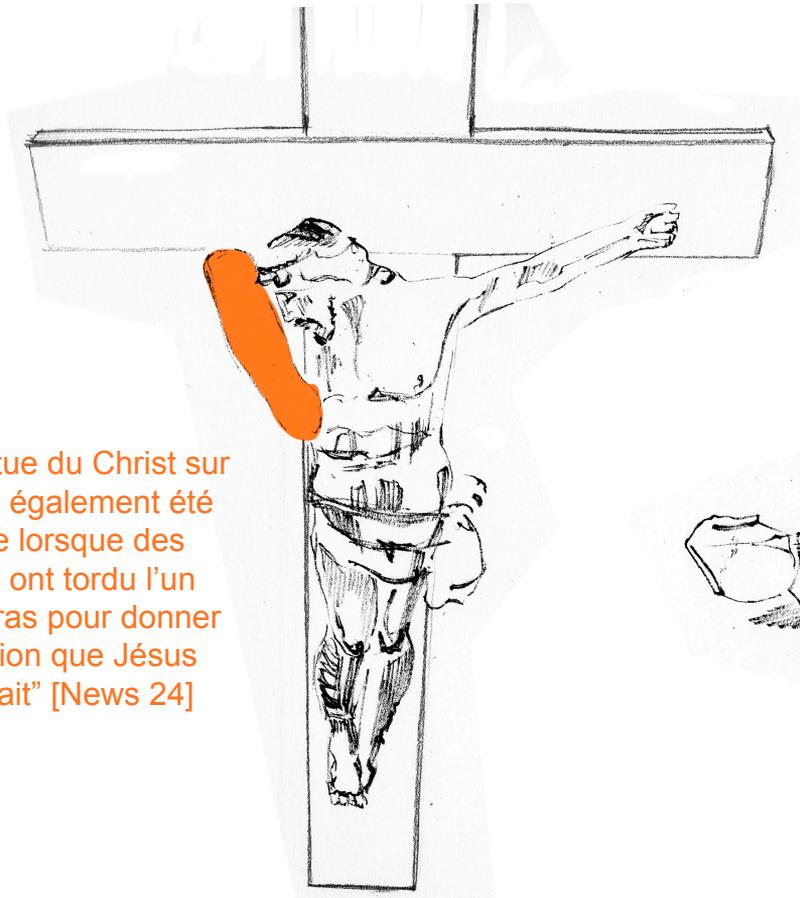


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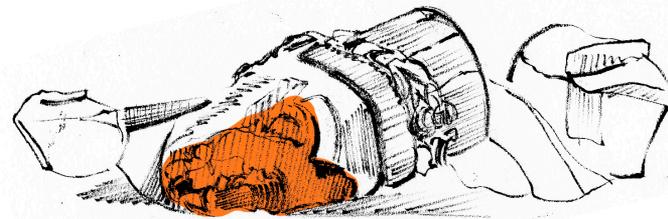
DIFFERENT SCENARIOS, DIFFERENT ACTORS, SAME DAMAGE

Catholic churches devastated In France, burned and smudged with excrements [[News 24, 22th March 2019](#)]

“Destruction of Cultural Heritage should be a war crime” [[The Wall Street Journal, March 2015](#), in relation to the destruction of the Assyrian Mossul Museum].



“Une statue du Christ sur la croix a également été perturbée lorsque des vandales ont tordu l’un de ses bras pour donner l’impression que Jésus tamponnait” [News 24]



Beheaded and mutilated sculpture at the National Museum of Damascus, back in 2015.

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CREATING FROM PUBLIC'S REACTION: A TOPIC

Wismichu makes a documentary film based on the public's reaction to a 75 minuts movie which only had an endless repeated two lines script [["Vosotros sois mi película"](#)]

John Cage composes in 1952 a piece of piano based on silence titled [4'33"](#)

"I want to ... compose a piece of uninterrupted silence [...]. It will be three or four minutes long—these being the standard lengths of canned music." [[John Cage](#)]

"El mundo se mueve más por las cifras que por el talento o el producto que puedas presentar" [[Ismael Prego](#), youtuber, más de 8 millones de seguidores, alias de Wismichu]

