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## 11th Hour

### HM condoles loss of lives in Kabul

Manama

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa sent a cable to President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani of Afghanistan extending condolences in Kabul suicide bombing.

### Jazeera scribe expelled from media forum

Manama

Advisor to His Majesty the King for Media Affairs Nabil Al-Hamar expelled Al-Jazeera correspondent from a seminar he participated in at the Arab Media Forum in Kuwait.

Al Hamar refused to Al-Jazeera channel's microphone to be placed at the seminar and asked the reporter to leave the hall where the event was held and said it is unhourable to deal with Al Jazeera.



### Terrorist wedding undermined PR efforts

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### NKorea bus crash kills 32 tourists

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# Missiles fired at Aramco facility destroyed

Riyadh

Yemen's armed Houthi militia fired two ballistic missiles at a Saudi Aramco facility in the southern city of Jizan yesterday, but both projectiles were destroyed, Saudi Press Agency (SPA) said.

The Houthis' Al-Masirah TV said they had targeted a port belonging to the Saudi state oil giant.

The two missiles were intercepted over Jizan and their debris fell on residential neighbourhoods, SPA said quoting the spokesman for the Saudi-led coalition.

"There were no casualties or damages recorded as of the time of (our) statement," Colonel Turki Al Maliki said.

Aramco did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The company is building a 400,000-barrel-per-day

## Top Houthi leader killed in raid



Saleh Ali Al-Sammad

Riyadh

The political leader of Yemen's Houthi militia, Saleh Ali Al-Sammad, has been killed in an air strike by the Saudi-led coalition, the Houthi militia announced yesterday.

Al Arabiya sources said Sammad was killed in an air raid near the suburb of al-Buraihi, south of al-Hudaydah province.

Sammad headed the Houthi-led Supreme Political

refinery in Jizan, part of a new economic city on the Red Sea, and it is expected to become fully operational in 2019.

### Militia under pressure

The new missile attack comes a day after Saudi air defences intercepted

another ballistic missile fired by Yemeni rebels at the Kingdom's southern border city of Najran, as pro-government forces inflicted heavy losses on the rebels in south-west Yemen.

That missile was launched from Saada, the Houthi

Council and was the second on the Arab Coalition's list of wanted people in Yemen, after Abdel Malek Al-Houthi.

Sources who spoke to Al Arabiya said Sammad was under house arrest in the western coast of al-Hudaydah in recent weeks because of differences within the militias. - Al Arabia The coalition had previously offered \$20 million reward for any information that led to his arrest. - Al Arabiya

stronghold in northern Yemen, the coalition was cited as saying on Sunday.

The coalition said another missile crashed in a Saudi desert on Sunday, without specifying a location, adding that it caused no damage.

The Houthi militia has

stepped up attacks on Saudi Arabia as their forces come under increasing pressure in Yemen, with Sunday's missile attacks the latest in a series of rebel bombardments of Saudi territory.

Saudi forces said they intercepted a rebel ballistic missile targeting kingdom's southern coastal city of Jazan last Friday.

Earlier this month, Saudi forces said they intercepted rebel ballistic missiles fired at Riyadh and the south of the Kingdom, where two drones were also shot down.

Saudi Arabia-led coalition has been fighting the Houthis since March 2015 to restore Yemen's internationally recognised government to power. The Houthis are armed and supported by Iran. Nearly 10,000 people have since been killed in the conflict. - Reuters/Agencies