A damaged school building in the Yemeni port city of

Hodeidah after a missile attack

coalition's main airbase for

its operations in Yemen, and

Abha, another city close to

The coalition has previously accused Shiite

Iran of smuggling weapons

to its coreligionists, a charge

The coalition has enforced

an air and sea blockade of

rebel-held areas since the

start of its intervention in

Hodeida is the main port

The UN World Food

Programme said on Friday

that a third of Yemen's 22

provinces were on the brink

It said it was providing

food to around seven million

people each month but

that was less than half the

17 million who were going

of entry for UN-supervised

aid deliveries to rebel areas.

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the Yemeni border.

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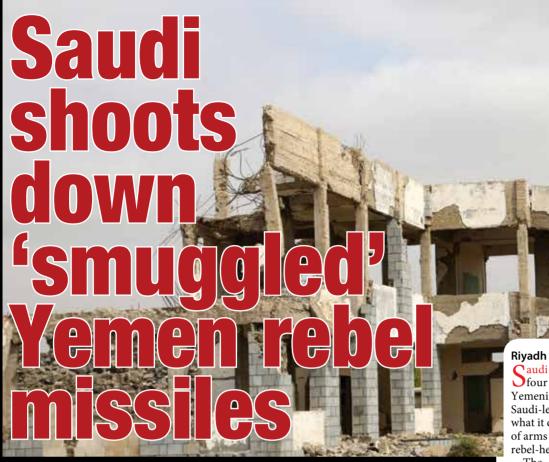
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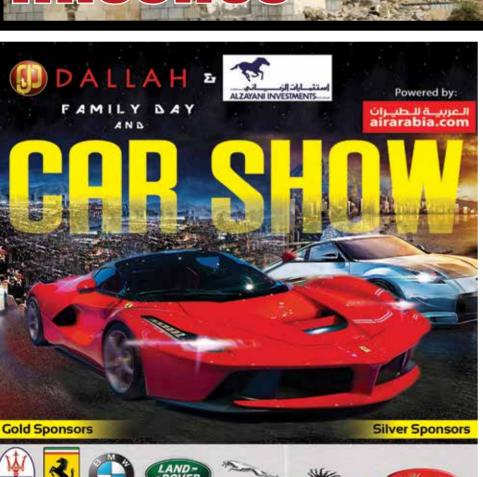
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of famine.

It said they

casualties or damage.







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Another opposing voice, Ali Al Muqla, commented,

unnecessary burdens during this economic crisis. We must keep in mind that any taxes imposed on traders and business owners will definitely reflect on citizens.'

Not in the right place

A representative of Industry, Commerce and Tourism Ministry said that Law 21 of 2001 with regards to commercial companies isn't the concerned law to introduce new taxes.

The official said the law only regulates the operation of companies.

Earlier this month, the coalition called on the United Nations to take full control of Hodeida to facilitate "ending the use of the port for weapons or the smuggling."

rejected the request, saying the responsibility to protect infrastructure and civilians could not be shifted to other parties.

Sunday marked the second anniversary of the launch of the coalition's intervention.

Hundreds of thousands poured into the streets of Sanaa in a show of support for the Shiite rebels, who still control the capital as well as most of the north and the Red Sea coast.

More than 7,700 people have been killed since the intervention began, most of them civilians, according to World Heath Organization

audi Arabia intercepted four missiles fired by Yemeni rebels yesterday, a Saudi-led coalition said, in what it described as evidence of arms smuggling through a rebel-held Red Sea port.

The coalition has said previously that it destroyed much of the Shiite rebels' missile capability early in its two-year-old bombing campaign and says persistent launches show they are receiving new deliveries from abroad.

"Early this morning, four missiles were intercepted," the coalition said.

"The ongoing missile attacks on Saudi cities provide clear evidence of the arms smuggling that continues to take place in Yemen, notably through the port of Hodeida.'

The coalition said that the missiles targeted Khamis Mushait, which houses the

Proposing taxes not our job: M

n his part, MP Isa Al Kooheji rejected the proposal, stating that "introducing taxes isn't our job".

"As citizens, it is not our duty to think on behalf of the Government on how to increase its revenues. The government has ministers, experts and consultants. They should come up with means to increase the incomes of the state, not us," Al Kooheji remarked.

"Imposing this new tax

"Such proposals should be referred to Finance Ministry and not Industry, Commerce and Tourism Ministry," he added.

Shura Council and Representatives Council Affairs Minister Ghanem Al Buainain also supported the official's statements, saying that imposing taxes couldn't be made by amending existing laws that are not concerned.

The MPs finally voted for referring the five per cent tax proposal back to the committee so it could be studied and reviewed in a more appropriate manner.