



مملكة البحرين  
KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN

## BE Determined

Public Awareness Campaign to Combat Coronavirus (COVID-19)

### US court orders Iran to pay \$879 million to Saudi Arabia

Al Arabiya

A United States federal court has ordered Iran to pay \$879 million to the survivors of the 1996 terrorist bombing of the Khobar Towers in Saudi Arabia, where US forces lived, according to a law firm press release.

The court found that Iranian defendants had directed and "provided material support" for the attack in which members of the Iran-backed Hezbollah al-Hejaz organisation detonated a 5,000-pound truck bomb at the complex located in the Dhahran region

### Gilead says remdesivir reduced risk of death

Reuters

Gilead Sciences Inc said yesterday additional data from a late-stage study showed its antiviral remdesivir reduced the risk of death and significantly improved the conditions of severely ill COVID-19 patients.

BAHRAIN COVID-19

- TOTAL CASES
- 32,039
- ACTIVE CASES
- 4,722
- DEATHS
- 104
- DISCHARGED
- 27,213
- NEW CASES
- 511
- CRITICAL
- 53

210 fils (includes VAT)

# Houthis exposed!

Video shows Iran-backed Houthi militia planting booby-trapped boats

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New evidence has emerged exposing Iran-backed Houthi militia's hand in attacking vessels off the coast of Yemen with unmanned boats laden with explosives.

A video surfaced shows Houthi militia carrying out experiments using a remote booby-trapped boat similar to the one the coalition destroyed recently at the Bab al-Mandab Strait in the Red Sea.

In the early hours of Thursday morning, Saudi-led military coalition destroyed two remotely controlled boats belonging to Houthi forces 6 km (3.7 miles) south of the Yemeni port of Salif.

Coalition spokesman Turki al-Malki, on the day, warned the Houthi attempts as a threat to Sea Lines of Communication, international trade and regional and international security.

"The Joint Forces Command of the Coalition will continue to implement all necessary measures and procedures to handle legitimate military targets such as these, following the customary International Humanitarian Law," al-Malki said in a statement carried by SPA.

The Saudi-led military coalition has long accused Houthi militia of attempts to threaten the safety of maritime lanes as well as regional security and stability.

Bahrain's foreign ministry, in a statement, said, there is "a



Picture courtesy of Al Ayam

## Houthis 'weaponised' fuel supplies

Sanaa

A fuel shortage is blighting life in the swathes of Yemen controlled by Houthi militia, cutting electricity supplies, halting water pumps and stranding people in need of medical care.

"What's happening is an injustice," said Sanaa resident Hames Al-Tawil as he waited in a snaking line of vehicles that

clear insistence from the Houthis to threaten the safety of maritime lanes, and seriously target the security and stability of the region."

The international community should come together to bring these terrorist militia, and all those behind them to justice, the



reached the gates of the presidential palace four kilometres (2.5 miles) away.

Cars and vans parked three abreast stretched through the summer heat as far as the eye

statement said.

The Arab Coalition intervened in Yemen in March 2015 to try to restore the UN-recognised government to power in Sanaa, after it was ousted from the capital by the Iran-backed Houthis in late 2014.

In June, the Arab Coalition in-

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BAHRAIN'S FOREIGN MINISTRY

could see.

The government and the Saudi-led military coalition accused the rebels of causing fuel shortages to boost their case for the lifting of crippling restrictions imposed by the coalition's naval and air blockade.

One liter of petrol now sells for 1,200 riyals (two dollars) on the black market -- triple the price before the current shortages.

tercepted and destroyed a ballistic missile launched by Houthi militia towards civilian targets in Saudi Najran.

Earlier in March, Saudi Forces destroyed two ballistic missiles launched by the Houthi militia toward civilian targets in the cities of Riyadh and Jazan.

### HM King condolences with Sharjah Ruler

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday sent a cable of condolences to the UAE Supreme Council member and Sharjah Ruler, His Highness Dr Shaikh Sultan bin Mohammed Al-Qasimi, following the sad demise of the Deputy Sharjah Ruler, HH Shaikh Ahmed bin Sultan Al-Qasimi.

HM King Hamad prayed to Allah the Almighty to rest the soul of late HH Shaikh Ahmed bin Sultan Al-Qasimi in eternal peace and to bless his relatives with patience and fortitude.

King Hamad also sent a similar cable of condolences to UAE President, His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al-Nahyan.

### China rejects new US invite to join nuclear talks

Beijing

China yesterday rejected a new US invitation to join arms control talks with Russia, complaining that Washington had continued to "pester" Beijing over the issue.

President Donald Trump's administration has demanded that China take part in talks on a successor to the New START treaty, which caps the nuclear warheads of the United States and Russia.

### Rewriting history

## Hagia Sophia to be reopened for worship, UNESCO warns

Istanbul

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan announced yesterday that the Hagia Sophia, one of the architectural wonders of the world, would be reopened for worship.

His declaration came after a top Turkish court revoked the sixth-century Byzantine monument's status as a museum, clearing the way for it to be turned back into a mosque.

The Council of State, Turkey's highest administrative



The sixth-century edifice has been a museum since 1935

BETTER YOU KNOW

Hagia Sophia was first constructed as a cathedral in the Christian Byzantine Empire but was converted into a mosque after the Ottoman conquest of Constantinople in 1453

court, unanimously cancelled a 1934 cabinet decision and said Hagia Sophia was registered as a mosque in its property deeds.

Meanwhile, UN's cultural agency UNESCO warned Turkey against converting Hagia Sophia into a mosque, urging dialogue before any decision.

A UNESCO spokeswoman noted that the Hagia Sophia was inscribed within the "Historic Areas of Istanbul" as a museum, a position that had repeatedly been communicated to Turkey through letters.

