

**Ariana Grande donates her concert earnings**

Ariana Grande is turning into a philanthropist! The singer is donating all the money generated from her concert in Atlanta, Georgia on June 8, to the cause of Planned Parenthood.

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**Bahrain set for plastic bag ban**

Manama

In line with the directives of the Government Executive Committee chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, the Kingdom will begin phasing out the use of plastic bags.

According to Supreme Council for Environment Chief Executive Officer Dr Mohammed Bin Daina, the technical regulations for plastic products will come into effect on July 21, 2019.

The order will regulate and phase out the use of plastic bags. The first phase will focus on single-use plastic bags as well as banning the import of non-biodegradable plastic bags.

Later phases will witness a



permanent ban on the use of plastic bags at certain malls and supermarkets, Dr Bin Daina said.

The SCE and the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism are currently working on setting the implementation phase for the remaining plastic products.

The official noted that the SCE will issue guidelines for manufacturers and suppliers on re-

ducing plastic waste to ensure a smooth transition.

He underlined the results of the SCE's intensive market research on Bahrain's plastic production, affirming that switching to the production of degradable plastic will not affect production lines.

Pointing out that the Kingdom has benefited from Saudi Arabia's expertise in this field, Dr Bin Daina said: "The SCE has implemented measures to expand the number of recycling businesses by increasing the total number of recycling bins, thereby reducing plastic waste that ends up in landfills."

He highlighted that 40 per cent of household waste is plastic, which can only be effectively reduced through prohibition and regulation.

**Growing UK ties**



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received yesterday at the General Command headquarters of Bahrain Defence Force (BDF), the UK's Senior Defence Adviser for Middle East General Sir John Lorimer. HM the King reviewed friendly ties binding both countries, lauding distinguished historical relations between Bahrain and the UK, mainly in the defence and military field. General Sir John Lorimer commended the major role of HM the King and efforts to boost outstanding historical relations between the two friendly countries.

**Labour plan for no-deal vote rejected**  
 London

MPs have rejected a Labour-led effort to take control of Parliament's timetable, blocking the latest attempt to stop a no-deal Brexit. The Commons opposed the move by 309 votes to 298.

If passed, it would have given opponents of a no-deal Brexit the chance to table legislation to thwart the UK leaving without any agreement on the 31 October deadline. The result of the vote was greeted with cheers from the Tory benches.

But Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn responded by shouting "you won't be cheering in September".

Ten Tory MPs, mostly pro-Europeans, rebelled against the government by backing Labour's motion. Conversely, eight Labour MPs - mostly Eurosceptics or MPs in constituencies which voted Leave at the referendum - defied party instructions and voted against it.



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**Saudi airport attacked**

Houthi missile hits Saudi Arabia's Abha airport injuring 26 people

● The Iran-backed Houthi militia, has fired dozens of missiles into Saudi Arabia from Yemen.

● Saudi Arabia's civil aviation authorities said that airport operations and air traffic had returned to normal.

Jeddah

At least 26 people were injured yesterday when a Houthi missile fired from Yemen hit Abha International Airport in Saudi Arabia.

The Arab Coalition fighting to support Yemen's government vowed a firm response and said the attack proved Tehran's support for cross-border terrorism.

The attack took place in the early hours when the missile hit the arrival lounge of the airport in Asir Province at 2:21 a.m.

The coalition said the injured were all civilians of different nationalities and included two Saudi children and three women - a Saudi, a Yemeni and an Indian.

Eight people were trans-



The airport was immediately secured after the attack.



The missile hit the arrivals hall of Abha airport.

ferred to hospital for treatment for moderate injuries, while 18 were treated at the site for minor injuries.

The general supervisor of Asir Central Hospital told Al Ekhabariya that all the patients had been discharged by 10 a.m.

Part of the airport lounge was damaged, but television pictures later showed passengers queuing inside the airport as normal services resumed.

Coalition spokesman Col Turki Al Maliki said the military and security forces were working to determine the type of "hostile projectile" used in the attack.

The Iran-backed Houthi militia, has fired dozens of missiles into Saudi Arabia from Yemen, either short range missiles

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PRINCE TURKI

across the border or longer-range ballistic missiles targeting the Kingdom's main cities.

Saudi Arabia and its allies have blamed Iran for supplying ballistic missiles and drones to the Houthis. If a cruise missile, which flies at lower altitudes than ballistic missiles, has been used in the attack, it would raise further concerns that Iran is

supplying increasingly sophisticated weaponry to the militants.

The attack "proves this terrorist militia's acquisition of new special weapons; the continuation of the Iranian regime's support and practice of cross-border terrorism," Al Maliki said.

He said the attack could amount to a war crime and that the coalition would take "urgent and timely" measures in response.

He later told Al Arabiya that the evidence so far suggests that Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps provided the weapons that targeted the airport.

Prince Turki bin Talal bin Abdul Aziz, the governor of the Asir region, said that attacks by the Iranian-backed Houthis would

not affect the security and stability of Saudi Arabia and that plots to destabilize the Kingdom would not succeed.

A Houthi military spokesman Tuesday threatened that the group would target every airport in Saudi Arabia and that the coming days would reveal "big surprises".

Saudi Arabia's civil aviation authorities said that airport operations and air traffic had returned to normal.

Thousands of passengers pass through Abha airport every day.

The Yemeni government, which the Houthis drove from Sanaa in 2014 to spark the war, said that only military action will end the militia's "terrorism," Al Arabiya reported.

**RIISING MERCURY**

**Kuwait, Saudi record highest temperature on earth**

Kuwait City

Kuwait has recorded the highest temperatures in the world; reaching 52.2 degrees Celsius in the shadows and 63 degrees Celsius under direct sunlight, according to various reports.

In Saudi Arabia, the mercury rose to 55 degrees Celsius in Al Majmaah at noon.

The heatwave is expected to continue well into the summer season, which officially kicks off on June 21.

Arabia Weather website stated that the heatwave has also struck Qatar, Bahrain and the UAE, with the heat being accompanied by a high humidity rate.

The National Centre of Meteorology (NCM) has predicted temperatures will

soar to 48 degrees Celsius in Al Ain and Delma.

Temperatures in Sharjah and Fujairah will touch 43 degrees Celsius, while in Dubai they are likely to soar to 42 degrees Celsius today, Gulf News reported.

Temperatures in Abu Dhabi are likely to touch 41 degrees Celsius.

According to NCM, the weather is fore-

cast to be fair in general, but the department warned it will be partly cloudy and hazy at times. There is probability of some convective clouds formation Eastwards towards afternoon.

Meteorologists in Kuwait have predicted a volatile summer this year, noting that temperatures could reach 68 degrees under the sun next month.