

**Nadal retains Montreal title**

Rafael Nadal completed a 6-3, 6-0 demolition of Russian Daniil Medvedev to win in Montreal on Sunday and extend his record haul of Masters 1000 titles. **P12**

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**Norway honour for HRH Premier**



HRH the Premier  
Oslo

His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa has been granted the 'Norwegian Guest of Honour' award 2019 by the 14th August Committee of Norway, in recognition of his efforts to promote regional and global peace, security, tolerance and harmony.

The prestigious award was granted during a ceremony held in the Norwegian Capital, under the patronage of Norway's Prime Minister, Erna Solberg, and in the presence of Cabinet Affairs Minister, Mohammed Al Mutawa, the Chairman of the 'HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa Award for Sustainable Development', Shaikh Hussam bin Isa Al Khalifa, in addition to an elite of Norwegian personalities and officials. *See Page 2*

**Typhoon disaster**



Rescuers and paramilitary police officers search in the rubble of damaged buildings after torrential rain caused by Typhoon Lekima, at Yongjia, in Wenzhou, in China's eastern Zhejiang province. The death toll rose to 43 as Typhoon Lekima slammed the eastern China coast, state media said yesterday, after the storm triggered a landslide, destroyed homes and forced the evacuation of more than a million residents.

**Iraq rejects Israeli role in Gulf flotilla**

Baghdad



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MR AL HAKIM

Iraq rejects any Israeli participation in a naval force to protect shipping in the Strait of Hormuz, at the heart of tensions with Iran, Foreign Minister Mohammed Ali Al Hakim said yesterday.

Tensions have escalated in past months, with drones downed and tankers mysteriously attacked in Gulf and nearby waters.

Washington and its Arab allies in the Gulf region have accused Iran of carrying out the tanker attacks. The US has since sought to assemble an international coalition it says is to guarantee freedom of navigation in the Gulf.

Israel has made no official announcement on the operation, although Israeli media have reported a possible role for the Jewish state. Iraq "rejects any participation of forces of

the Zionist entity in any military force to secure passage of ships in the Arabian Gulf," Hakim said on Twitter. "Together, the Gulf states can secure the passage of ships," he said.

He added that "Iraq will work to lower tensions in our region through calm negotiations," while "the presence of Western forces in the region would raise tensions."

Tehran and Washington have been at loggerheads since President Donald Trump unilaterally withdrew the US from a nuclear accord between Iran and world powers in May 2018, reimposing biting sanctions.

**Naval escort mission**

Britain sends navy warship to join US-led maritime coalition in the Gulf



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● The UK is the only country to have joined the US coalition so far.

● US National Security Adviser John Bolton met British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and senior officials.

Portsmouth

A British Navy warship has set sail to join the US-led taskforce to protect merchant ships in the Gulf in response to the threats posed by Iran.

The Type-23 frigate HMS Kent left Portsmouth Naval Base on Monday to take over duties in



HMS Kent is on route to the Gulf.

the Strait of Hormuz from Type 45 defender HMS Duncan.

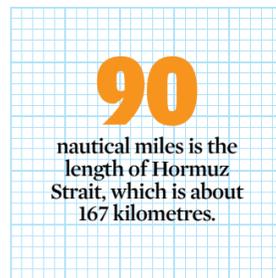
The Kent will work alongside HMS Montrose to escort British-flagged vessels through the Strait of Hormuz.

Britain announced it would join the US-led coalition after Iran's Revolutionary Guard

Corps seized the British-flagged vessel Stena Impero.

"Our focus in the Gulf remains firmly one of de-escalating the current tensions," the Kent's Commanding Officer Andy Brown said.

"But we are committed to upholding freedom of navigation



and reassuring international shipping."

US National Security Adviser John Bolton met British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and senior officials in London on Monday, where they discussed Iran, their trade relationship and the prospect of a post-Brexit agreement.

Mr Bolton, who has a history of hard-line policy towards Iran, was expected to put pressure on

British officials to take a tougher stance on Tehran during this week's trip.

Mr Bolton and Mr Johnson discussed the protests in Hong Kong and the UK's 5G plans, which previously involved Huawei, a company the Trump administration considers a security threat and an arm of the Chinese government.

During his visit, Mr Bolton highlighted the strong relationship between US President Donald Trump and Mr Johnson.

"Boris Johnson has been the Prime Minister for what, 18 days? They've already had five or six phone calls," he said.

Mr Bolton said that former prime minister Theresa May had refused to join the US-led navy coalition in the Gulf, but Mr Johnson reversed the decision this month.

YEMEN TALKS

**Bahrain welcomes Saudi invitation**

Manama

The Kingdom has welcomed the invitation extended by Riyadh to the Yemeni Government and all parties involved in the clashes that broke out in Aden to hold an urgent meeting in Saudi Arabia.

The invitation is an important step towards reaching a peaceful solution as it adopts the approach of dialogue and de-escalation.

In another development, Saudi Arabia's King Salman met with Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Shaikh Mohammed bin Zayed on Monday to discuss regional issues, particularly the situation in Yemen, state-run Saudi TV said.

**Dialogue is the only way to resolve differences between Yemenis.**

SHAIKH MOHAMMED

the alliance that had been battling the Iran-backed Houthi militia.

Speaking after the meeting Shaikh Mohammed bin Zayed said dialogue was "the only way to resolve differences between Yemenis."

In a statement carried by the Emirates' official WAM news agency, the crown prince during his brief visit backed a Saudi call for an urgent meeting between the warring parties, saying it "embodies the common concern for Yemen's stability."

Sheikh Mohammed also urged Yemeni factions to "seize this opportunity, and carry out talks to reach a consensus that is in the best interest of Yemen and its people."

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