

Sophie Turner used to think about suicide a lot

Game of Thrones' star Sophie Turner has said she used to think about suicide a lot after being branded fat and a bad actress.

P14

**Referendum set
Cairo**

Egypt yesterday set a referendum for April 20-22 on sweeping constitutional changes including amendments that could extend President Abdel Fattah El Sisi's rule until 2030.

"The referendum process... will take place inside Egypt... from April 20-22," Lashin Ibrahim, head of the National Election Authority said at a press conference.

The announcement came after Egypt's parliament on Tuesday overwhelmingly passed the changes, despite complaints from critics that they are "unconstitutional" and designed to "consolidate authoritarianism".

The amendments extend presidential terms from four to six years, but maintain a limit of two terms.

Under the changes, El Sisi's current term will be prolonged to 2024 from 2022 and he would then be allowed to run for another six-year term.

**Houthis killed
Dubai**

The Yemeni army killed 70 Houthi militants, including senior officers, on Tuesday in Al Dhale province south of Yemen, Saudi state agency SPA reported.

The clashes in the Hamak front, which also left 20 Houthis injured, broke out when the militia tried to block a main road in Al Nadira district and a secondary road in Hamak, but Yemeni troops forced them to retreat. Meanwhile, the Yemeni parliament held talks in Seiyun to classify the Houthi militia as a terrorist group.



03 110 warnings issued to education institutes for flouting rules

04 Insights and views galore as mega entrepreneurship event concludes

06 Saudi King hosts Abu Dhabi Crown Prince



His Majesty receives prestigious Japanese honour

Manama

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received, at Al Sakhir Palace yesterday, the Japanese Ambassador to Bahrain, Hideki Ito, along with a delegation from the Stone for Peace Association of Hiroshima, led by its Board of Directors' Chairman, Michio Umemoto.

The delegation presented HM King Hamad with the "Stone for Peace" in recognition of HM's efforts in promoting the values of peace, love and co-existence.

HM the King welcomed the Japanese Ambassador and members of the Stone for Peace Association of Hiroshima, lauding their endeavours to spread the values of peace and tolerance among the peoples of the world.

HM King Hamad expressed pride in the solid Bahraini-Japanese relations, and in the steady growth of the deep-rooted bilateral cooperation and joint action in many fields, in light of the



His Majesty receives 'Stone of Peace' honour from the Japanese delegation.

two countries' shared keenness to achieve the best for their two friendly peoples.

HM the King asserted that the Kingdom is proud of its long-standing distinguished civilisational status and leading historical role in disseminating

the values of moderation and toleration and consolidating rapprochement among various civilisations, cultures and religions.

HM King Hamad highlighted Bahrain's keenness to support all international efforts aimed

at promoting peace, security and stability, being basic fundamentals that allow the entire humanity to make steadfast strides towards more progress and prosperity.

HM the King lauded Japan's successful experience in various

economic, industrial and development fields, praising Japan's major contributions to efforts to strengthen the pillars of security and peace worldwide, as well as its rich heritage and the various civilisations that existed in it throughout history.

HM King Hamad extended thanks and appreciation to the Japanese delegation for offering him the "Stone for Peace", which is a symbol of love and peace. Members of the delegation gave an explanation about the "Stone for Peace", which, they said, is granted to heads of states, who emphasise love, peace and stability and spread the principles of tolerance.

They also presented HM the King with a certificate carrying a pledge of peace from Hiroshima. The chairman and members of the delegation of the Stone for Peace Association of Hiroshima expressed thanks and appreciation to HM King Hamad for the gracious welcome and hospitality accorded to them.

A welcome veto

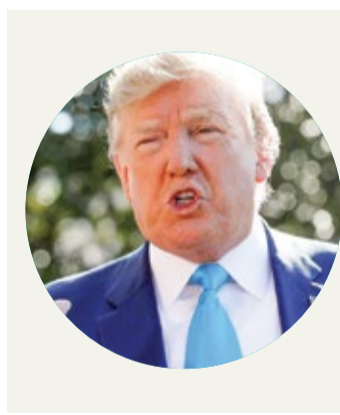
Trump vetoes congressional resolution to end US involvement in Yemen war

● The veto was only the second of Trump's presidency, after he overrode a congressional resolution that aimed to reverse the border emergency.

● The President said the resolution would also "harm the foreign policy of the United States" and "harm our bilateral relationships".

Washington

US President Donald Trump has vetoed a congressional resolution that sought to end US involvement in the Saudi-led war in Yemen, the White House said yesterday.



“ This resolution is an unnecessary, dangerous attempt to weaken my constitutional authorities, endangering the lives of American citizens.”

TRUMP

"This resolution is an unnecessary, dangerous attempt to weaken my constitutional authorities, endangering the lives of American citizens and brave service members, both today and in the future," Trump said in the veto message.

UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Anwar Gargash said the move "is a positive signal of US resolve towards Ameri-

ca's allies" in a Tweet early on Wednesday.

The resolution passed the House of Representatives in April and the Senate in March, marking the first time both chambers of Congress had supported a War Powers resolution, which limits the president's ability to send troops into action.

Neither the 247-175 tally in the Democratic-majority House

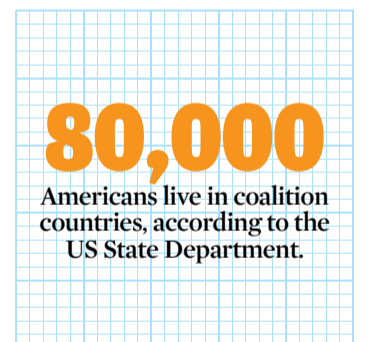
nor the 54-46 vote in the Republican-led Senate would be enough to override the veto, which would require two-thirds majorities in both chambers.

The veto was only the second of Trump's presidency, after he overrode a congressional resolution that aimed to reverse the border emergency he declared in order to secure more funding for his wall between the United States and Mexico in March.

The resolution by Congress was a harsh bipartisan rebuke to Trump that took the historic step of curtailing a president's war-making powers - a step he condemned in a statement announcing his veto.

Democrats argued that US involvement in the Yemen conflict - through intelligence-sharing, logistical support and now-discontinued aerial refuelling - is unconstitutional without congressional authority.

Trump argued that US sup-



port for the devastating war between the Saudi-backed Yemeni government and Houthi rebels, who control the capital Sanaa, was necessary for a variety of reasons, "first and foremost" to "protect the safety of the more than 80,000 Americans who reside in certain coalition countries."

The President said the resolution would also "harm the foreign policy of the United States" and "harm our bilateral relationships".

RARE HONOUR

Mohamed Salah in Time's 2019 influential people list

London

Liverpool and Egypt striker Mohamed Salah has been named in Time magazine's 100 most influential people of 2019.

The star footballer was listed within the "Titans" section of the

list - which includes a record 48 women - and was championed by British comedian and US TV host John Oliver.

Oliver said of the Egyptian: "Mohamed Salah is a better human being than he is a football player. And he's one of the best football players in the world.

"Mo is an iconic figure for Egyptians, Scousers and Muslims the world over, and yet he always comes across as a humble, thoughtful, funny man who isn't taking any of this too seriously."

Also in the "Titans" section were fellow sport stars LeBron

James and Tiger Woods. The darling of women's tennis Naomi Osaka was also in the list.

Salah is joined by fellow Arab and Muslim celebrities such as Rami Malek and Mahershala Ali, as well as Abu Dhabi's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.



Salah joins various world leaders in the list.