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Hodeidah almost under control

The Saudi-led coalition fighting Iran-backed

Houthi militia for control

of Yemen's main port city of

Hodeidah will take a "calculated and gradual" approach

to the battle, a senior United

Arab Emirates official said

yesterday. Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Anwar

Gargash said the military alli-

ance led by Saudi Arabia and the UAE was taking into con-

sideration a "fragile human-

itarian situation," avoiding

civilian casualties in addition

to military calculations. He

said that the Arab coalition's

full control of Hodeidah only

The Pentagon said yester-

day that it has formally sus-

pended a major military exer-

cise planned for August with

South Korea, a much-antici-

pated move stemming from

President Donald Trump's

nuclear summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. The announcement said all planning for the exercise

has been stopped. Pentagon spokeswoman Dana White said the department has made no decisions on other military exercises with South Korea. Exercises with other countries in the Pacific will

a matter of time.

US suspends

August drill

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CELEBS Pitt spends Father's Day with children

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Hollywood star Brad Pitt spent Father's Day here with his children amid an ongoing custody dispute. Last week, a judge presiding over Pitt and Angelina Jolie's divorce proceedings established a schedule for the actor to spend time with kids. **P16**

Adopt policy of inclusion

Kane to the rescue

SPORTS

Salah set to fire

Mid-air fire



The airplane carrying Saudi Arabia football team caught fire in mid-air as the team was traveling to Rostov, where they will play their 2018 World Cup game against Uruguay on Wednesday. The fire was seen from the engine of the Russian Airlines Airbus. A statement from the Saudi Football Federation reassured everyone about the team's safety. The plane caught fire due to a "minor technical malfunction in an engine"

Bahraini women won't bother men anymore for Saudi trips!

TDT|Manama **Thamer Tayfoor**

any Bahraini women here are brimmed with enthusiasm as they would be able to cross the King Fahad Causeway, driving their cars for the first time.

Dammam, the third largest city in Saudi Arabia, is only 25 kilometers away from Bahrain.

Many Bahrainis love shopping in Dammam since goods are comparatively cheap in the neighboring Kingdom.

Saudi Ambassador Abdulla bin Abdulmalik Al Sheikh has said that many women would be able to enter Saudi driving their cars beginning the tenth of Shawwal, on June 24.

Speaking to Tribune, Bahraini Yasmine Ahmed said, "I am thrilled to go to Saudi driving my car. Now we women can go and shop with friends and family members."

in Saudi won't be as easy as driv- very careful."



The border crossing on King Fahad Causeway.

In case the car needs a repair, you will find it difficult to handle the situation without a man.

DR ALWAN

'We won't be bothering men there are very big and it is easy to anymore to go to Saudi," she said. get lost. So Bahraini women who needs a repair, you will find it Noura Al Bastaki said driving plans to drive in Saudi should be

Meanwhile, Noura Ali said there are some differences in the traffic laws of Bahrain and Saudi Arabia.

"In Bahrain, the red signal won't allow to go left through a dedicated lane, while in Saudi Arabia the vehicles can go right without waiting for the green signal."

Dr Alwan said it would be beting in the Kingdom. "The streets ter for Bahraini women to travel along with men. "In case the car difficult to handle the situation without a man.'

New axis of evil

Qatar reiterates its vow to strengthen ties with Iran; hails growing bilateral ties



Riches from rags

continue.

Eid bonanza for hospitality sector

Boys detained **115** for bullying



Commerce between the two countries is increasing, **Tehran said recently that** trade had risen by \$250 million in the 12 months to March as Doha becomes more reliant upon Iranian imports such as food products.

Doha

n a telephone call with Iranian President Hassan Rouhani yesterday, Qatari Emir reiterated that relations between Doha and Tehran were "developing on daily basis".

Oataris are determined to strengthen the bilateral relations in all fields and I would personally observe the process of developing relations between the two



Both Qatar and Iran are accused of supporting Hizbollah

quoted by Iranian Mehr News Agency. Earlier, Qatari Emir had personally thanked Iran's President Hassan Rouhani for his country's support during Doha's crisis.

Qatar was boycotted by the Arab reliant on Iran. cases," Tamin bin Hamad Al Thani was quartet including Saudi Arabia, Egypt,

Bahrain and the UAE last June due to its funding of terrorist activities in the region. Flights belonging to Qatar has been banned from using the airspace of boycotting countries, leaving the country

Commerce between the two countournament.

million American dollars is the value of increase in Qatar-Iran trade in the past 12 months.

tries is increasing, Tehran said recently that trade had risen by \$250 million in the 12 months to March as Doha becomes more reliant upon Iranian imports such as food products.

Iran has even offered to help Qatar with facilities during the 2022 football World Cup, which will be hosted by the emirate. It has offered its island of Kish to be used as a training camp during the

