

Saudi enjoys 'autonomy to deal with Khashoggi case'

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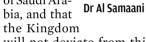
First spell of showers

C audi Arabia's judiciary Denjoys full autonomy to deal with the case of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi, the Kingdom's Justice Minister Dr Waleed Al Samaani said in a statement issued by state news agency SPA yesterday.

He added that the Khashoggi case took place on Saudi sovereign territory and it will be looked at by Saudi courts when all procedures are complete.

Dr Al Samaani also said that the ad-

ministration of justice is the permanent approach of the Kingdom of Saudi Ara-



will not deviate from this approach.

Saudi Arabia's judicial institution was founded upon the principles of Islamic law and values of justice that order fairness, Dr Al Samaani said. He continued by saying that King Salman and Crown Prince Mohammed fully support Saudi judicial institutions that aim to prevent harm to the Kingdom or its citizens, wherever they may be.



Kingdom experiences thundery showers, heavy winds; Meteorological Directorate urges caution

offering this 'trolley service' to residents in the area.

There were also videos showing cars and trucks submerged in water in some of the neighbourhoods of Riffa. However, Tribune could not verify the authenticity of these videos.

Strong winds were also recorded yesterday with the Meteorological Directorate noting winds reaching 35 knots at times.

According to the next five-day forecast issued by the directorate, the weather will continue to fluctuate with scattered rain.

"Thundery showers are expected to affect the Kingdom along with very strong gusts. Therefore, Meteorological Directorate calls on citizens and especially the sailors to be careful and cautious," the directorate stated. The directorate also confirmed hailstorm in Hamad Town yesterday.

The General Directorate of Traffic also urged caution. "The directorate wishes safety to all road users and calls upon drivers to be cautious of the rain by driving on the correct lane, following the speed limits and leaving the The video was titled '100 fils safety distance between vehi-

People's Vote march



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hundery rain along with heavy winds was reported in many parts of the Kingdom yesterday. Forecasts said it would contin-

ue until tomorrow. Riffa was the worst among the

places affected by the rain with puddles across streets.

Waterlogged roads made drivers struggle. However, no traffic really strong. I had to avoid cer- terday. In one of the videos, a boy accidents were reported from tain roads as they were filled was seen swimming to cross a across the Kingdom.



Vehicles wade through flooded roads in Riffa.

Speaking to Tribune, a Riffa resident said, "Showers were impact of the rain went viral yeswith water."

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US to withdraw from nuke arms treaty with Russia

Several videos depicting the flooded road.

Kingdom along with very strong gusts. All should exercise caution. METEOROLOGICAL DIRECTORATE

In another, two men were seen carrying a man in traditional Arab robes in a trolley into his car.

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Washington

onald Trump has confirmed the US will leave an arms control treaty with Russia dating from the cold war that has kept nuclear missiles out of Europe for three



Bolton, a longstanding opponent of arms control treaties, was pushing for US withdrawal. The US says Russia has been violating the INF agreement with the development and deployment of a new cruise missile.

Under the terms of the treaty,



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Signed by Ronald Reagan

and Mikhail Gorbachev, it led

"We'll have to develop those Donald Trump weapons," the president told

reporters in Nevada after a rally. "We're going to terminate the agreement and we're going to Trump was referring to the short- and medium-1987 Intermediate-range Nurange missiles were clear Forces treaty (INF), which eliminated following the banned ground-launch nucle-1987 Intermediatear missiles with ranges from range Nuclear Forces

to nearly 2,700 short- and medium-range missiles being elimi- ss-20 missiles in Europe.

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it would take six months for US withdrawal to take effect.

US hawks have also argued that the INF treaty ties the country's hands in its strategic rivalry with China in the Pacific, with no response to Chinese medium-range missiles that could threaten US bases, allies and shipping.

Bolton and the top arms control adviser in the National Security Council (NSC), Tim Morrison, are also opposed to the extension of another major pillar of arms control, the 2010 New Start agreement with Russia, which limited the number of deployed strategic warheads on either side to 1,550.

Protesters seeking a referendum on the final Brexit deal attended a rally yesterday, which organisers said was the "biggest" demonstration of its kind. Young voters led the People's Vote march to London's Parliament Square, which attracted approximately 700,000 protesters. It also had support from a number of MPs who also want a fresh vote. The march was held at the same time as a pro-Brexit rally in Harrogate, organised by the group Leave Means Leave and led by former UKIP leader Nigel Farage. Full story page 11

