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**OP-ED** 

## Ethiopia's army chief killed Addis Ababa

E thiopia's army chief of staff and the head of the northern state of Amhara were killed in two separate but related attacks when a general tried to seize control of Amhara in an attempted coup, the prime minister's office said yesterday.

Amhara state president Ambachew Mekonnen and his adviser were shot dead and the state's attorney general was wounded in the regional capital of Bahir Dar on Saturday evening, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's office said in a statement.

In a separate attack the same night, Ethiopia's army Chief of Staff Seare Mekonnen and a retired general were both shot dead in Seare's home in Addis Ababa by his bodyguard. The two attacks were linked, the statement said. See Page 5

## **Erdogan's ruling AKP loses again** Istanbul

Turkey's ruling party has lost control of Istanbul after a re-run of the city's mayoral election, latest results show.

The candidate for the main opposition party, Ekrem Imamoglu, won 54 per cent of the vote with nearly all ballots counted.

He won a surprise victory in March which was annulled after the ruling AK party complained of irregularities.

His opponent, ex-PM Binali Yildirim, has conceded. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan congratulated the See Page 7 winner.

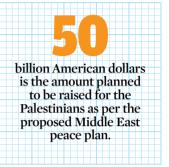


The Labour and Social Development Ministry yesterday held the graduation ceremony for the 20th batch students of rehabilitation, academic and vocational centres at Shaikhan AI Farsi Centre for Total Communication. Patronised by the Labour and Social Development Minister and Chairman of the High Committee for Disabled People Care, Jameel Humaidan, the ceremony was attended by the committee members, representatives of NGOs related to people with disabilities, and the graduates' parents.

# Arab League renews pledge to give Palestinians \$100m

**CELEBS** 

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he Arab League yesterday reaffirmed its pledge to pay \$100 million a month to the Palestinian Authority, a day after Washington unveiled its Middle East peace plan.

Arab finance ministers who met in Cairo renewed a prom- of the Palestinian Authority, but ise first made in April to boost "the Palestinian Authority's fers in February over Palestinian budget with a \$100 million payments to political prisoners monthly transfer... as it faces financial burdens," a statement said.

said its Middle East peace plan Israel blocked tax transfers.

to be presented next week in Bahrain aims to raise more than \$50 billion for the Palestinians and create one million jobs for them within a decade.

Israel collects taxes on behalf withheld \$138 million in transjailed for attacks against Israelis.

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# **Another terror strike**

## One dead, seven injured in Houthi attack on Saudi Arabia's Abha Airport

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son was killed and seven others injured in a Houthi attack on Saudi Arabia's Abha Airport.

"A terrorist attack by the Iranian-backed Houthi militia took place at Abha international airport, through which thousands of civilian passengers pass daily.



ened regional tensions with Iran. which Saudi Arabia has accused of supplying sophisticated weapons to the Houthis.

The Iran-aligned Houthis have stepped up missile and drone attacks on Saudi cities in the past month amid rising tension between Iran and the United States. The Saudi-led military coalition has targeted Houthi military sites around the capital Sanaa and Hodeidah port city. Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Britain and the United States, in a joint statement published by the Saudi Embassy in Washington vesterday, voiced concern about After the attack, the coalition included two Saudi children and attacks on civilian infrastructure the escalation in Houthi attacks - without any mention of the



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Focus on Kenya ties

Lawmakers 'asked 75 questions' to ministers in the fifth legislative term

Defendants who jumped **O4** red light pay fines to evade imprisonment



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rab coalition spokesman

A Syrian national died and seven civilians were wounded," the coalition said in a statement carried by Saudi Press Agency.

Col Al Maliki did not say what attack.

26 people were injured when a hit the same airport.

Col Turki Al Maliki said vowed a firm response and said three women - a Saudi, a Yemeni in Saudi Arabia. yesterday that one per- the attack proved Tehran's sup- and an Indian.

type of weapon was used in the It is the second time Houthi terrorists have targeted Abha Airport this month.

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Earlier this month, at least port for cross-border terrorism.

Human Rights Watch de-The coalition said the injured nounced the June 12 strike as an Houthi missile fired from Yemen in the first attack were all civil- apparent "war crime", urging the ians of different nationalities and Houthis to immediately stop all

The attacks come amid height- latest drone launches.

## SUPPORT VOW

## UK could consider joining Trump in war on Iran

### London

ritain will consider joining a US military assault on Iran, Jeremy Hunt said last night.

The Foreign Secretary confirmed the UK would consider requests for support 'on a case-by-case basis'.

Washington has already mounted a full-scale cyber

attack on Iran in the wake of an unmanned US drone being shot down.

The Pentagon targeted computer systems used to control Tehran's missile and rocket systems, intelligence sources said.

Donald Trump had earlier backed away from unleashing a major bombing campaign. He said the US military had



We will stand by the **United States as our** strongest ally, but of course we have to consider any requests for military support on a case-by-case basis. MR HUNT

been 'cocked and loaded' but added: 'I am in no hurry.'

Tensions have escalated between the two countries ever since the US withdrew last year from a nuclear pact.

Washington has blamed the Islamic Revolutionary Guard for attacking two tankers in the Strait of Hormuz - a key oil shipping route - this month.