

Bahrain excel at
MMA Euro Open

Team Bahrain has made history once again. After rising up to the number one spot in the world MMA rankings, the squad put on a collective performance for the ages, winning five senior golds and one junior gold at the IMMAF-WMMMA European Open. **P16**

Hong Kong has made its voice heard in Beijing

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Ryan Reynolds gets a surprise visit by wife Blake Lively in Boston

Trump says reelection 'easier' if impeached

Ethiopia's army
chief killed

Addis Ababa

Ethiopia'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 winner. **See Page 7**



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Kenya ties

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

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who jumped
red light pay
fines to evade
imprisonment



On success track



The Labour and Social Development Ministry yesterday held the graduation ceremony for the 20th batch students of rehabilitation, academic and vocational centres at Shaikhan Al 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

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Riyadh

The 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 promise first made in April to boost "the Palestinian Authority's budget with a \$100 million monthly transfer... as it faces financial burdens," a statement said.

On Saturday, the United States said its Middle East peace plan

50
billion American dollars
is the amount planned
to be raised for the
Palestinians as per the
proposed Middle East
peace plan.

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 of the Palestinian Authority, but withheld \$138 million in transfers in February over Palestinian payments to political prisoners jailed 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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Riyadh

Arab coalition spokesman Col Turki Al Maliki said yesterday that one per-

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. 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 type of weapon was used in the attack.

Earlier this month, at least 26 people were injured when a Houthi missile fired from Yemen hit the same airport.

After the attack, the coalition vowed a firm response and said the attack proved Tehran's sup-



It is the second time Houthi terrorists have targeted Abha Airport this month.

port for cross-border terrorism.

The coalition said the injured in the first attack were all civilians of different nationalities and included two Saudi children and three women - a Saudi, a Yemeni and an Indian.

Human Rights Watch denounced the June 12 strike as an apparent "war crime", urging the Houthis to immediately stop all attacks on civilian infrastructure in Saudi Arabia.

The attacks come amid height-

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

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Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Britain and the United States, in a joint statement published by the Saudi Embassy in Washington yesterday, voiced concern about the escalation in Houthi attacks - without any mention of the latest drone launches.

SUPPORT VOW

UK could consider joining Trump in war on Iran

London

Britain 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



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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.