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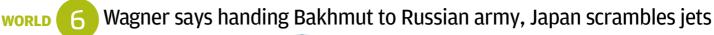
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His Majesty King Hamad congratulates GCC leaders

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Tis Majesty King Hamad His Majesty King. Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, yesterday extended congratulations to the leaders of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries on the occasion of the GCC's 42nd anniversary.

The first summit in Abu Dhabi in 1981 marked the inception of the GCC, where leaders laid the foundation for political and economic development, societal progress, and advancements across various fields within member states.

During a meeting with officers from Bahrain and the UAE, His Majesty the King expressed well wishes to the armed forces and the citizens of all GCC states.

His Majesty expressed hopes for continued achievements, progress, and prosperity for the GCC countries and their brotherly peoples.

Dubai assault stemmed from family dispute: police

AFP | Dubai

Police in Dubai said yesterday a dispute between two families was behind the fatal assault of an Israeli man by eight other Israelis who have been arrested in the emirate.

Ghassan Shamsyeh, 33, died of wounds suffered in Wednesday's attack in the Business Bay area of Dubai, the main tourist hub of the United Arab Emirates, according to the authorities.

The eight suspects, all of whom are in police custody, "had arrived from a European country for tourism and shopping", Dubai police said in a statement.

They encountered Shamsyeh in a cafe which led to a "confrontation and a mutual assault that eventually resulted in the death of the victim due to the use of a sharp tool".

"The fatal assault stemmed from an ongoing dispute between two families," said the police statement.

A spokesman for Israel's foreign ministry said on Wednesday that the victim had been "stabbed to death".

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Yesterday, the executive and legislative members continued their joint meetings to deliberate on a proposed legislation aimed at endorsing the overall budget of the state for the fiscal years 2023-2024.

More Bahrainis return as Sudan violates truce

Bahrain so far returned 252 citizens and residents

Citizens returned yesterday in a Gulf Air aircraft

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s the warring parties in Sudan continued to trade blame for breaches of the latest ceasefire, more Bahraini citizens and residents returned to the Kingdom as part of ongoing evacuation efforts. The evacuees arrived at the Bahrain International Airport aboard a Gulf Air plane.

Since April 15, Sudan's capital and other parts of the country have been engulfed in fierce Foreign Affairs for Consular and urban warfare involving the Administrative Affairs, Bahrain regular army, the Sudanese has successfully repatriated 252 Armed Forces (SAF), and the citizens and residents so far, paramilitary Rapid Support in light of the critical security Forces (RSF).

According to Ambassador Dr Mohammad Ali Bahzad, the Un-



Officials welcoming Bahraini citizens and residents returning from Sudan

dersecretary of the Ministry of situation in Sudan.

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The conflict has so far killed more than 1,800 people, according to the latest figures from the Armed Conflict Location and Event Data Project. More than a million Sudanese people have been displaced, in addition to 300,000 who have fled to neighbouring countries, according to the United Nations.

US sees 'serious threat' as Iran unveils new missile

AFP | Washington

The United States yester-day called Iran's missile programme a "serious threat" after the state unveiled a new model with its longest range to date.

"Iran's development, and proliferation of, ballistic missiles poses a serious threat to regional and international security and remains a significant non-proliferation challenge," State Department spokesman Matthew Miller told reporters. The Kheibar missile will have a range of 2,000 kilometers (1,242 miles) and be able to carry warheads weighing over one tonne, Iran's defence ministry said.



The testing of the fourth generation Khorramshahr ballistic missile, named Khaibar, at an undisclosed locationa

Cargo ship briefly grounded in Egypt's **Suez Canal**

AFP | Ismailia

cargo ship ran aground Ayesterday in Egypt's Suez Canal before it was quickly refloated without interrupting traffic, the authority in charge of the vital waterway said.

The Hong Kong-flagged Xin Hai Tong 23 bulk carrier was refloated after "a sudden malfunction of the machinery" while it was crossing on its way from Saudi Arabia to Egypt, the Suez Canal Authority said.

Three tugboats and a marine rescue team were sent to refloat the vessel.

A new beginning

BIA receives first direct flight from Qatar as air traffic resumes

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Tn a milestone development, ▲ Bahrain International Airport yesterday celebrated the arrival of the first direct flight from Doha, signifying the resumption of air traffic between Bahrain and Qatar.

The flight touched down at Bahrain International Airport at 12:03 pm, following an halfan-hour-flight, with passengers tween the two countries. the restart of direct flights be- ment, confirmed that they obtaining necessary approvals



successfully reinstated the air sharing their happiness about Gulf Air, in an official state- connection with Qatar after of a blockade in 2017.

Oatar Airways resumes daily flights to Bahrain



Gulf Air had said they will and Qatar.

operate three daily flights from Bahrain International Airport to Hamad International Airport in Doha. This renewed air link is expected to enhance connectivity and provide convenience for

Furthermore, Gulf Air hinted at the possibility of increasing in Riyadh in January 2021. The the number of flights in the near meeting aimed to resolve the future, reflecting the growing issues that led to the imposition demand and positive outlook for air travel between Bahrain