Yemen storm destroys airport facade, wounding six

ADEN: A severe storm in southern Yemen blew through the glass facade of a key airport on Monday, wounding six passengers, damaging planes and forcing airlines to cancel two flights, officials said.

The incident at the airport in Aden coincided with torrential rainfall and heavy winds as the summer monsoon season exposes the climate-vulnerable country to flash floods and severe precipitation.

At least four children were among the six people wounded when a glass facade at an airport terminal collapsed due to the storm early Monday, said an airport official.

<u>Dogs in Lebanon 'pay the price of being abandoned amid economic crisis'</u>

BEIRUT: There was anger and grief in the town of Chekka in northern Lebanon on Monday after several dogs were poisoned.

One resident, Maurice Boulos, aged 52, was walking his eight-year-old dog Wind one evening when the animal ate some chicken laced with poison that had been left in the street. Wind was dead within half an hour.

KSRelief and UN Population Fund sign \$2m deal to support vulnerable Yemeni women

RIYADH: The Saudi aid agency KSrelief on Monday signed an agreement worth \$2 million with the UN Population Fund to help provide decent livelihoods for some of the most vulnerable women and girls in Yemen.

Under the agreement, which will benefit 42,960 people in the provinces of Shabwa, Lahj, Al-Mahra, Marib and Hadramout, individuals at risk of gender-based violence will be assisted and empowered through the provision of vocational training programs and psychological and social services.

<u>Jordanian army downs drone headed from</u> <u>Syria carrying drugs</u>

AMMAN: Jordan's Eastern Military Zone troops shot down a drug-smuggling drone from Syria on Monday, Jordan News Agency reported.

An official military source at the General Command of the Jordanian Armed Forces said: "Border Guard forces, in coordination with the military security services and the Anti-Narcotics Department, tracked a drone trying to illegally cross the border from Syria into Jordan, and it was shot down inside Jordanian territory."

The drone was found to be carrying 2 kg of crystal meth, which was confiscated and turned over to the authorities.

GCC chief hails swift response of Gulf states to humanitarian calls for enhanced food security

RIYADH: Member states of the Gulf Cooperation Council are among the first to respond to calls from international humanitarian for help to enhance food security, either directly or through global organizations and agencies such as the World Food Program and the UN Development Program, according to Jassim Al-Budaiwi, secretary-general of the Gulf Cooperation Council.

His comments came during a speech on Monday at the fourth annual summit of the European Corporate Council on Africa and the Middle East in Rome.