

India to host Brave

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The fifth edition of Brave Combat Federation Championship will be held in India on April 22 at the Dome National Sports Club of India Stadium in Mumbai, announced HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, Honorary President of the Bahrain Mixed Martial Arts Association, Founder of Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa Mixed Martial Organisation (KHK MMA).

The event is organised by the Brave Combat Federation that emanated from KHK MMA in collaboration with India Mixed Martial Arts Association.

Shaikh Khalid directed BRAVE Combat Federation to finish most of the procedures to host the championship as India is one of the Asian countries witnessing widespread popularity of this sport and to strengthen Bahrain-India ties at sports level.

He also valued the strong cooperation with the UAE Jiu Jitsu Federation at the Brave 4 hosted by Abu Dhabi over the weekend.

Shaikh Khalid crowned Algerian fighter, Elias Boudegzame with the first BRAVE belt after he defeated Mexican fighter Masio Fullen, in the first round.

In other matches, Lebanese



Shaikh Khalid at the venue



Highlight from the championship

fighter Mohammad Fakhreddine knocked out Brazil's Marcus Vinicius Cruz after two rounds, it took Moroccan fighter Ottoman Azaitar three minutes to defeat Briton Charlie Leary in the first round of the match.

In attendance was Brazilian fighter Criss Cyborg a guest of honor and UFC Champion and Irish coach who trains international champion Conor McGregor, who has two UFC belts.



Professionals soundly beaten



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Four of the Royal Golf Club's PGA Professionals, Philip Waine, Ben Stimson, Adam Duston and Nikki Hunter, were soundly beaten by all challengers in a "Beat the Pros Challenge" at the weekend.

The Texas Scramble competition played on the Club's par 3 Wee Monty golf course saw four teams taking on the pros, with the team comprising Atta Yousafi, Rehman Tipu, Iftikhar Butt and Naeem Khan (team nett 19.9) winning the event.

Bahrain to face Saudi in Davis cup

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Bahrain is set to open its Davis Cup campaign today at 10am against Saudi Arabia (111th) in Pool A of the Asia/Oceania Group IV on the hard courts of the Bahrain Tennis Federation Courts at the University of Bahrain campus in Isa Town.

In the other match in the pool, Cambodia (101) take on Myanmar (120) at the same time, while Kyrgyzstan (124) received a bye.

Pool B is made up of Iraq (106), Singapore (107), Bangladesh (112), Oman (122), Tajikistan (123) and Mongolia (126), with all these teams also in action at the same time.

The 11 teams will play round-robin in their respective groups with the promotion places decided by the winners of a play-off match between the Pool A winners and Pool B runners-up and the Pool B winners against Pool A runners-up to Group III.

Bahrain's team are coached by Davis Cup veteran Essam Abdul A'al.

Ali Essa of Hawar Stables wins

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Ali Essa of Hawar Stables riding Elcaro Van Papinglo Horse Pride (61.27 seconds, six faults) win the Adults Grand Prix class over 130-140cm of the Shaikh Faisal bin Rashid Al Khalifa, President of the Bahrain Equestrian and Endurance Federation (BREEF) Championship at the Bahrain Defence Force Equestrian Centre in Sakhir.

In second place was Bassel Doseri of Saar Riding School (57.26, 12 faults) and Ali Essa of Hawar Stables (59.28, 12 faults) was third.

Kumail Al Malah riding Queen Fairooz (41.40, 44 points) jumped to victory in the second adult class, followed by Sayed Mohammed



Mahmood in second and Ahmed Akbar third.

Ali Essa (41.13) in adults class one riding Ravissante D Elle Horse Pride, followed in second by Haitham Al Bastaki in second and Jane Bowden-Clarke third.

Junior one and two class winners were Ahmed Mohammed Al Hashili and Mayoof Abdul Aziz respectively.



Action from the championship



Bahrain duo attend OS/OCA Forum



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Representatives from the Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) recently attended the OS/OCA Regional Forum in Muscat. International Relations director Fajer Jassim and Olympic Solidarity manager Maryam Mardana were among 21 National Olympic Committees (NOC) members from South and West Asia, who attended this two-day forum.

Forum organisers the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) and Olympic Solidarity (OS) highlighted the theme "Gender Equality" as one of its key subjects. Ten of 21 NOCs from the grouping sent 12 female delegates to the forum.