

Brisk preparations for Combat Week



Khalid Al Khayat

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The Preparations are continuing to host the Brave International Combat Week, affirmed by Khalid Al Khayat, President of Bahrain Mixed Martial Arts Federation (BMMAF), Member of the Supreme Organising Committee and Head of the Executive Committee of the World Amateur MMA

Championship.

Organised under the patronage of HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports and President of Bahrain Olympic Committee, it will be held in Khalifa Sports City in Isa Town on November 12-19.

Al Khayat said the fourth edition of the championship is organised for the first time in Bahrain and Asia, reflecting the aspirations of HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports and Honorary President of BMMAF to develop MMA sports in the Kingdom and the entire region, adding that the organising committees are

sparing no efforts to achieve the visionary of Shaikh Khalid for the sport.

He was updated by the working committees on the latest developments and preparations and urged them to intensify their efforts to prove the capability of hosting such reputed international championships.

The championship within the International Combat

Week, also features other activities and events such as the ninth edition of Brave MMA championships held under the title "Brave 9: The Kingdom of Champions".

The organisers said they are continuing their preparations for the events as nearly one month remains, adding that Golden Tulip Hotel has been chosen as the official residence of the visiting delegations.

Rushikesh beats Zaidan, clinches title



The winners with trophies and medals, along with organisers and their parents

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Indian Rushikesh Sunil clinched the 10 years and under category title and Saudi Arabia's Haider Al Fareed took the 8 years and under category on the second and concluding day of the Bahrain Tennis Federation (BTF) Unisex Junior Tennis Championships yesterday under the slogan Rule The Court at its courts at the Polytechnic University in Isa Town.

In the 10 years and under final, Rushikesh defeated Bahraini female player Hajar Zaidan 6-0 games in a one-set match in the final of the category.

The players used International Tennis Federation (ITF) approved green balls on a full court as Rushikesh dominated with superior strength in both his serving and returns.

In the 8 years and under final, Haider defeated Bahraini Hashim Al Toobli 4-2 games in a one-set match using the red ball on a mini court with the

winner.

Haider took a 2-0 lead before Hashim won the next two games to level at 2-2, Haider then went on to win the next two games to clinch the title.

In the third-place match, Bahraini Hussain Jalil beat his female compatriot 4-1 after racing into a 3-0 lead.

Earlier in the semi-finals, Hashim defeated Salma 4-0 and Haider got the better of Hussain 4-1 after going 3-0 ahead.

Tournament Director and BTF coach Essam Abdul A'al said, "This tournament was

played in the International Tennis Federation approved format under the Junior Tennis Initiative (JTI) to discover, identify and develop future talent with a view to competing in regional and international competition in the future. All the players played to the best of their abilities and it is going to be an exciting time ahead for them as they continue in their development."

A total of 30 players were in the fray in the two-day event including six from across the causeway from Saudi Arabia.

Palmer to leave Renault after Japanese Grand Prix



Jolyon Palmer (file pic)
Suzuka

British driver Jolyon Palmer is to leave the Renault team after today's Japanese Grand Prix.

Palmer, who has had a difficult season alongside Nico Hulkenberg, will be replaced by Spaniard Carlos Sainz, who has already been signed for 2018.

Sainz's place at Toro Rosso will be taken by Russian Daniil Kvyat.

It is a reprieve for Kvyat, who was dropped for Frenchman Pierre Gasly last month but the two will be team-mates at the next race, the US Grand Prix.

Palmer, 26, said: "It's been an extremely challenging

season and I've been through a lot in the past three years, but it's been a tremendous journey overall with the team.

"I can look back proudly at the performance in the second half of last season, my first point in Malaysia and of course reaching a career high of sixth place in Singapore this year.

"I wish the team all the best for the future. My immediate focus is now on achieving the best possible result in the Japanese Grand Prix, and then I can assess my options for the future."

Palmer looks to have limited options to race in F1 next year. (BBC)

Second Umpire course concludes

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The second Umpires and Line-Umpires course, under the supervision of the international referee Bahrain's Ahmed Al-Hawaj, was conducted yesterday at the BTC premises in Juffair, in the presence of Mirza Al Sammak, Vice President of the Bahrain Tennis Club (BTC), Khalid Ghuloom Ali, Managing Director and Hamdi Abdul Jawad, Executive Director, and with the participation of more than 50 physical education teachers.

This course was initiated to prepare a new generation of chair referees and umpires and refresh current referees

ahead of the ITF Bahrain International Youth Championships to be held at the club premises from October 23 to 28.

Abdul Jawad thanked Al Hawaj for his efforts and also the participation of the Ministry of Education and Bahraini Tennis Federation which ensured the success of the course.

The course included theory lectures supported by pictures and practical application in the stadiums of the club as explained in theory. At the end of the course, the Vice President of the club, Al Sammak presented certificates of participation to all participants and gave a copy of the club's book to Al Hawaj.



Participants during the course