

ASIA'S LARGEST MMA EVENT**COMBAT FEDERATION
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In the presence of Shaikh Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, president of the Bahrain Combat Sports Council, BRAVE International Combat Week (ICW) was officially launched in a press conference held at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, in Manama, Bahrain. The week-long event will feature the IMMAF World Championships as well as a special edition of BRAVE Combat Federation, the biggest-ever Bahraini brand and the fastest-growing MMA promotion in the world.

The action officially starts on November 11th, with hundreds of matches taking place throughout the week, before BRAVE CF 29 hits the Khalifa Sports City Arena with 15 explosive bouts including the first-ever KHK World Championship. On November 10th, the Opening Ceremony of the BRAVE International Combat Week will take place with the presence of several key figures in the MMA world.

Mohammed Shahid, president of BRAVE Combat Federation, spoke about the importance of the BRAVE International Combat Week for Bahraini sports in general and praised Team Bahrain, the number-one ranked team in

the world for mixed martial arts, a feat never before achieved in the Kingdom.

It is Shahid's hopes that Bahrain will remain in the top position at the end of the IMMAF World Championships, a vision shared by Mohammed Qamber, president of the Bahrain MMA Federation.

"Through the tireless work of HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Bahrain has been able to step forward as a major force in MMA, and now we are the number one team in the world. It is my hope that all Bahrainis will cheer on their own team in the pursuit of maintenance of our ranking. This is a momentous occasion for our Kingdom and its people will surely get behind our athletes as we make history once again", said Shahid.

Joining both men was Kerrith Brown, president of IMMAF, who stressed the ties between his Federation and the Kingdom of Bahrain and thanked HH Shaikh Khalid for all the support given for the development of mixed martial arts not just in Bahrain but all over the world. Brown also wished the best of luck to Team Bahrain at the upcoming Championship, claiming that the Kingdom had some of the most talented athletes in the world.



Brave officials during the press meet



HH Shaikh Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa during the event



Mohammed Shahid speaks during the press conference

Brave CF comes back to South Africa with blockbuster inaugural title fight

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The Middleweight division will have a crowned champion on December 7th, as BRAVE Combat Federation returns to South Africa for BRAVE CF 31. Chad Hanekom will look to become the first-ever BRAVE CF Middleweight world champion in home soil, as he takes on KO artist Daniel "Gaucho" Souza in the main event.

"Superman" is one of South Africa's biggest names and will look for international recognition as he battles "Gaucho", who is coming off one of the most impressive knockouts of the year in his BRAVE CF debut, last August, when he put former top contender Bruno Assis to sleep with a haymaker at BRAVE CF 25.

Meanwhile, Hanekom is coming off two impressive wins of his own for BRAVE CF. The South African took care of Dominic McConnell and Leon Aliu in his two last outings, recovering from the lone defeat of his professional career, at the hands of Ikram Aliskerov in his promotional debut.

BRAVE CF's return to South Africa will also have some of



Chad Hanekom in the ring



Daniel 'Gaucho' Souza

the top local fighters coming on against top international talent. The likes of Dansheel Moodley, Nkosi Ndebele, and Dimitri Fogg are all confirmed to fight, as well as Mzwandile Hlongwa and Jeremy Smith, who meet in one of the most anticipated matchups in African MMA history.

BRAVE CF 31 takes place in Durban, South Africa, on December 7th, and it marks the return of the fastest-growing MMA promotion in the world to the continent.



Last year, BRAVE Combat Federation became the first global organization to hold an event in Africa and will organize a show for the third time, the second in South Africa

Al-Selwady looking to maintain undefeated record in Bahrain

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Abdul-Kareem Al-Selwady is on the road to recovery after losing his BRAVE CF Lightweight world title last April, in front of his home fans. To start a new chapter in his career, "The Pride of Palestine" decided to drop to Featherweight. He will take on Colombian star Dumar Roa at BRAVE CF 29, in Bahrain, on November 15th and is looking forward to a new experience in familiar ground.

Al-Selwady has won each of the three fights he has taken in the Kingdom of Bahrain, including his title win against Lucas "Mineiro" at last year's BRAVE CF 18. Now, he's looking to the support of his "second home" to get past the next challenge and start a new road to the world title, this time in a different weight class.

"This is going to be the fourth year in a row that I fight in Bah-



Abdul-Kareem Al-Selwady celebrates after winning a fight

rain. It's like a good-luck charm, as I always do well here. I can't wait to put on a show for the Bahraini people, because they have always been very supportive of me. I love it in Bahrain, I feel at home there and the fans really like me which is really cool. I've fought three times before and I've always won here. Of course, the biggest moment of my career took place there when I won the BRAVE CF Lightweight title. Now, this is a new time and a new Al-Selwady. I can't wait to show everyone there what I'm made

of", said Al-Selwady.

Abdul-Kareem is one of two former world champions that will fight at BRAVE CF 29, alongside Luan "Miau" Santiago. Aside from that, the 15-fight card will feature a world Flyweight title fight and the KHK World Championship, a one-night, four-men, open weight tournament, with the winner getting a US\$100,000 check plus the provisional ownership of the KHK belt, adorned with 6.2 kg of gold in what is going to be Asia's biggest MMA event ever to take place.



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