

## Khalid Taha signs multi-fight contract

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**Khalid Taha** has signed a multi fight contract with Brave Combat Federation.

Taha had won the bantamweight title twice in a year at the Japanese MMA organisation, Rizin. It has been divulged that Taha will make its debut in Indonesia on 11 May. He will compete in the featherweight division for the first time in almost five years.

"I am very happy to open a new chapter in my career

with Brave Combat Federation. My friends Ottman and Alan are already under contract there and have only told me good things about the organisation, their professionalism and their ambitions. I am a Dortmund boy, the roots of my family are lying in Lebanon and I hope one day I would be able to compete in the home country of my ancestors" said Taha.

Taha will make his debut at Brave Combat Federation at the 12th edition of the event in Jakarta, Indonesia on May 11th.



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## Shaikh Isa awarding ceremony today

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**The fourth** edition of Shaikh Isa bin Rashid Al Khalifa Award for Voluntary Work in the field of sport is all set for today at the Sofitel Hotel in Zallaq.

Starting at 6.30pm, the evening will see the honoring of sports-related authorities who volunteered to work in the field of sport for many years.

It will be held under the patronage of His Majesty for Charity Work and Youth Affairs, Supreme Council for Youth and Sports chairman and Bahrain Olympic Committee president Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

This edition of the ceremony has allocated its awards for four different categories, namely national teams managers, international referees, teams supervisors and media personnel.

The Bahrain Olympic Committee, organisers of the event, has completed all preparations to hold a very successful and memorable ceremony this year.

The first edition of Shaikh Isa bin Rashid Al Khalifa Award for Voluntary Work in the field of sport was held in 2012 and was dedicated for sports personnel who spent 25 years and more in voluntary work.

# Hadbi prepares to take on Jarrah



From Left, Johane Beausejour, Fousseny Papou, Cedric Doumbe and Tahar Hadbi

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**Tahar Hadbi** has initiated his training camp alongside Cedric Doumbe, Fousseny Papou, Azize Hilali and Johane Beausejour in preparation for the upcoming bout against Jarrah Al Selawe.

Hadbi and Al Selawe will face at Brave 12: KHK Legacy hosted in Jakarta, Indonesia. The camp is set at ObyFight and consists of Cedric

Doumbe who is a 3 time Glory Kickboxing champion and Fousseny Papou is a 2 time French Muay Thai Champion. Also part of the camp are the champions, Azize Hilali and Johane Beausejour.

Al Selawe and Hadbi had previously competed in Brave 9: The Kingdom Rises hosted Amman, Jordan where both the fighters were victorious.

With Welterweight championship yet to be defended by Carlston Harris, the bout is pivotal in deciding the contender for the upcoming title defence.

"I am giving my best to be the best. At the moment some of the best fighters in France are a part of the camp. If you understand the level of competition and history of the welterweight division in the

promotion, this fight decides the best welterweight fighter in Brave Combat Federation. Jarrah has defeated Carl Booth just like I have defeated Fakhreddine, who were the original contenders for the title. The camp with the best French fighters is constantly improving myself in every discipline and I aim to keep growing my skillset to take on Jarrah" said Hadbi.

## Bahrain to host physical literacy conference

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**Bahrain** was once again granted to host another major regional sports gathering this year, as the International Conference on Physical Literacy for Middle East and North Africa (MENA) will be embraced by the kingdom from September 9 to 11.

The three-day conference is organized by the Bahrain Olympic Academy, which is under the Bahrain Olympic Committee, in cooperation with Podium Conferences, based in Victoria Canada, and the Sport for Life Society.



Marischal De Armond meets Abdulrahman Askar and Bahrain Olympic Academy representatives excited to bring such an event here in Bahrain in an attempt to expand knowledge and awareness about physical literacy on both, how to apply in practical settings, and to

build policies to support healthy communities.

The conference is designed to attract representatives of a variety of ministries both here in Bahrain and within the region, ministries like health, recreation, education, economy.

"We are excited with the fact that Bahrain as a nation has created an initiative around physical literacy together with my partners in Canada sport for life society we manage and deliver international physical literacy conferences around the world," said De Armond.

"Because the leadership of Shaikh Nasser Al Khalifa and the work that they are doing in Bahrain we are excited to be putting on the first IPLC or International Physical Literacy Conference for Middle East and North Africa here in Bahrain".

De Armond was recently in Bahrain for three days at the invitation of Abdulrahman Askar, the general secretary of the Bahrain Olympic Committee, to review venues and to search out appropriate locations for the international physical literacy conference.