

# Record victory for Cheroben

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**B**ahraini runner Abraham Cheroben wins in the International Association of Athletic Federations (IAAF) Copenhagen Half Marathon in Denmark on Sunday.

Cheroben broke the Bahrain national record in a new time of 58 minutes 40 seconds and the third all-time best over the 21.1km distance.

Cheroben smashed the course record in Denmark and just 17 seconds off the world record set back in Lisbon, Portugal in 2010.

Coming in second place was Kenyan Jorom Lumbasi (58:48) with compatriot Alex Oloitiptip (58:51) in third.

Meanwhile, Bahrain enjoyed further success when Eunice Chebichii Chumba recorded a personal best in winning the women's race in one hour six minutes and 11 seconds, which in itself was the ninth fastest of all-time.

Kenyan Joan Chelimo Melly (1:06:25) clinches second place and followed in third by compatriot Brigid Jepchirchir Kosgel (1:06:35).

The event attracted over 21,000 athletes both male and female from many countries around the world.

IAAF's official website



Abraham Cheroben sizzles 58:40 world record

highlighted Cheroben's achievement and performance in the race.

HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports and President of Bahrain Athletic Federation has congratulated Cheroben. On the occasion, Shaikh Khalid commended the runner and his accomplishment and his dedication that resulted in achieving the international record, adding that

it will sure add to the various international achievements of the Kingdom of Bahrain in the different sports arenas and strengthen its position among international athletic sports.

Shaikh Khalid expressed pride in the achievement of Cheroben reflecting the improvement and development of the Bahraini sports and athletes and wishing the runner the best of luck in future participations.

Mohammed Abdullateef, Deputy

President of Bahrain Athletic Federation and Director of the National Teams affirmed that the directives, support and patronage of Shaikh Khalid to Bahraini sports and athletes have been a motive for them to spare no effort in competing for advanced places in top international sports events. He said the National Teams Committee will provide support to Cheroben by following a comprehensive plan to prepare him for the upcoming athletic competitions.

## Hodgson urges caution despite Palace win



Roy Hodgson (file pic)

London

**R**oy Hodgson says it will take time for Crystal Palace to get back on track despite securing a much-needed win in the League Cup to end a dismal run of form.

The south London club, rooted to the bottom of the Premier League with five defeats out of five -- and no goals scored -- beat Huddersfield 1-0 in the third round on Tuesday.

In the 70-year-old's second game as manager, they earned their first victory over Premier League opposition since May and were further rewarded by Mamadou Sakho's impressive return. Sakho's return to fitness contributed to Palace's first clean sheet of the season as well as their increased confidence, and came against a team who had defeated them 3-0 on the opening weekend.

But Hodgson, who replaced the sacked Frank de Boer, urged caution despite the third-round win. "The players will understand, like the fans do, that you don't repair the kind of damage we've suffered overnight," he said. (AFP)

## Horse Universal organise Workshop

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**I**n line with efforts to develop equestrian sport in the Bahrain, Horse Universal Company organised a special scientific workshop on the basics of horse physical formation.

Delivered by international judges, Mahmood Faraj and Elias Faraj, the event witnessed wide participation from many of those interested in the various equestrian sports field.

## Muguruza enters Tokyo quarters

Tokyo

**N**ewly crowned world number one Garbine Muguruza pulverised Olympic champion Monica Puig 6-4, 6-0 yesterday to reach the quarter-finals of the Pan Pacific Open.

Earlier, second seed Karolina Pliskova, who held the top ranking briefly over the summer, crushed Poland's Magda Linette 6-2, 6-1 as the Czech set up a clash with another former world number one, Angelique Kerber.

Wimbledon champion Muguruza recovered from an indifferent start to reach the last eight in Tokyo, the top seed catching fire after a trade of early breaks to rattle off the last seven games.

A booming serve down the middle sealed the first set for the Spaniard, who seemed intent on hitting the fur off the ball in her first match since reaching the top of women's WTA rankings last week.



Garbine Muguruza of Spain hits a return

Muguruza, chasing a third title of the year, roared through the second, a murderous backhand pass giving her a 3-0 lead to effectively kill off any hopes

Puig had of mounting a comeback. The Puerto Rican

fell apart thereafter as her Spanish tormentor turned the screw, bringing the match to a close with an ace after an hour and 14 minutes. (AFP)

### RESULTS

Karolina Pliskova (CZE x2) bt Magda Linette (POL) 6-2, 6-1  
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (RUS) bt Wang Qiang (CHN) 6-4, 4-6, 6-2  
Angelique Kerber (GER x7) bt Darya Kasatkina (RUS) 7-6 (7/5), 6-3



(L to R) Austrian tennis player Dominic Thiem, Croatian tennis player Marin Cilic, German tennis player Alexander Zverev, Swiss tennis player Roger Federer and Spanish tennis player Rafael Nadal greet the audience from the stage ahead of the tennis Laver Cup yesterday in Prague, Czech Republic. European players compete against players from the rest of the World during the Laver Cup tournament that runs from September 22-24 (AFP)