

# Fight card

### Manama

Brave Combat Federation has announced the full fight card for Jordan. The mega event features 12 fights including a championship defence bout.

The event will take place on March 2nd in Amman, Jordan.

The programme is headlined by the first featherweight title defence of Elias Boudegzdame, who will face Jakub Kowalewicz from Poland.

The fight card is currently the most diverse ever witnessed by Syria featuring athletes from 13 nations.

The competing athletes include nationalities from Algeria, Poland, Jordan, France, United Kingdom, Lebanon, USA, Brazil, Ireland, Philippines, Russia, Syria and South

The fight night also features four of

the elite Jordanian stars. Welterweight Jarrah Al Selawe looks to keep his undefeated streak at Brave Combat Federation against David Bear, from

In the Lightweight division, Abdul Kareem Al Selwady also seeks his fourth consecutive win against England's Charlie Leary.

Bantamweights Jalal Al Daaja and Nawraz Abzakh face Philippine's Crisanto Pitpitunge and Brazil's Michael Deiga-Scheck respectively.

Brave 10: The Kingdom Rises marks the promotion's first show in Jordan, home to some of Brave's most decorated fighters.

Jordan is the sixth country to host a Brave Combat Federation event, after Bahrain, Brazil, the United Arab Emirates, India, Kazakhstan and Mexico.

## **Brave 10 Full Fight Card:**

Featherweight title bout: Jakub Kowalewicz (Poland) vs Elias "Smile" Boudegzdame (Algeria)

Welterweight bout: Jarrah Al Selawe (Jordan) vs David Bear (France)

**Lightweight bout:** Charlie Leary (UK) vs "The Pride of Palestine" Abdul Kareem Al Selwady (Jordan) Welterweight bout: Mohammad "The Latest" Fakhreddine (Lebanon) vs Tahar "Fast Hands" Hadbi (France)

Bantamweight bout: Felipe Efrain (Brazil) vs Frans Mlambo (Ireland)

Welterweight bout: Pawel Kielek (Poland) vs Tyler Hill (USA)

Bantamweight bout: Jalal Al Daaja (Jordan) vs Crisanto Pitpitunge (Philippines)

Catchweight bout (74kg): Mohammad "The Killer" Ghorabi (Lebanon) vs Gadzhimusa "Deadshot" Gaziev (Russia)

Middleweight bout: Tarek Suleiman (Syria) vs Will Fleury (Ireland)

Featherweight bout: Dylan "The Nuke" Tuke (Ireland) vs Sodig "Super" Yusuff (USA)

Bantamweight bout: Nawraz "The Honey Badger" Abzakh (Jordan) vs Michael Deiga-Scheck (Brazil)

Middleweight bout: Chad "Superman" Hanekom (South Africa) vs Ikram Aliskerov (Russia)



# Karate, fencing teams step up preparations

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Bahrain's karate and fencing teams have stepped up their preparations for the Fourth GCC Women's Sports Tournament in Sharjah.

The tournament will run from February 2 to 12 and

will bring together teams from around the Arab region to compete in a number of sports.

In her visit to the karate Bahrain Olympic team, Committee (BOC) board member and chairwoman of the Women's Sports Committee Shaikha Hayat

bint Abdulaziz Al Khalifa was welcomed by Bahrain Martial Arts Federation president Ahmed Al Khayyat and vicepresident Omar Bukamal.

They briefed Shaikha Hayat on the training programme of Fai Khalifa, who is the only Bahraini representative in the karate championship.

Late on, Shaikha Hayat headed for the fencing team training at Um Al Hassam Sports Complex, where she met general secretary of the Bahrain Fencing Association Saleh Faraj, other board members



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Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) has extended International its Early Bird offer on tickets to the 2018 Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix.

Prices are now reduced by up to 15 per cent for the highly anticipated Formula 1 extravaganza, which takes place April 6 to 8 at "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East." The extension follows

demand for the original Early Bird period, which offered discounts of up to 20pc. The 15 pc reduction covers tickets to the Main Grandstand and Turn One Grandstand. The Main Grandstand seat now costs BD127.5 instead of its original price of BD150, while the Turn One seat is BD85, reduced from its original price

There is also a 10pc discount



on tickets to the Batelco Grandstand, University Grandstands and Victory Grandstands.

A Batelco Grandstand ticket now costs BD108, down from its original price of BD120. Tickets can be purchased at the BIC stand at Bahrain City Centre.

They can also be bought online at www.bahraingp.com or by calling the BIC Hotline on +973-17-450000.



### **BOC unveils 2018 initiatives**

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Olympic he Bahrain The Bantam C., 1 Committee (BOC) unveiled a new set of initiatives for 2018 as well as its running activities in an attempt to promote sports within the Bahrain community at a press conference yesterday.

The highlights of the press conference, held at Rami Grand Hotel in Seef, was the unveiling of five new sports projects presented by the committee for the first time this year that target citizens and expats of all ages. These sets of initiatives were announced by Supreme Council for Youth and Sports assistant general secretary and Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) general secretary Abdulrahman Askar.

Kicking off the initiatives programme is the region's first-ever Bahrain International Futsal Challenge, to be held on the final week of March with 300 players to play in a match for a continuous 60 hours in

a bid to promote tourism in Bahrain and break the present Guinness World Record.

Bahrain will also become the first nation in the Middle East to organize a dedicated Baby Games in the beginning of April.

The event will feature five different sports - athletics, gymnastics, football, basketball and weightlifting, and targets 2 to 4 years children in an attempt to create an awareness among youngsters to practice sports exercises and promote the Olympic principles and values at a young age.

Another initiative is the Sports Talents Programme, which aims to discover extremely skilful young athletes, who could become the heroes of Bahrain in the future.

The BOC announced that the first stage of the programme will commence on March 4 when online registration gets underway before selecting the most talented athletes for the second stage of the programme.