

## National Race Day

## Shaikh Salman, Almuyni shine

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**S**haikh Salman bin Isa bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa and Ahmed Almuyni dominated the final round of National Race Day at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC), held over the weekend in Sakhir.

Shaikh Salman clinched both races in the BIC 2,000cc Challenge while Almuyni swept through the sprints in the Bahrain Superbike Championship (BSBK) and the Bahrain Motorcycle Racing (BMR) 600.

Hussain Al Aswad also had reason to celebrate, winning the meeting's lone race in the Bahrain Super Sport Championship (BSSP).

All the action took place around BIC's 2.550-kilometre Inner Track. Shaikh Salman enjoyed virtually a perfect weekend, topping the times in practice and securing pole position for race one during qualifying before securing his fantastic double.

Driving a Honda Civic, Shaikh Salman won the



Winners celebrate on the podium

opening 12-lap challenge in a total race time of 15 minutes 43.511 seconds. He finished 2.007 seconds ahead of Ahmed Bin Khanen and 14.857s in front of Tareq Al Tajer, who was driving a Ford Focus.

Raed Himmo in another Civic, Tim Bikin and Nasser Al Alawi in a Honda S2000 rounded out the top six.

Shaikh Salman posted the sprint's fastest lap of 1:17.391

en route to victory.

In race two, after starting from seventh on the grid, Shaikh Salman completed his double in 15:54.966. Bin Khanen was again the runner-up 1.359s back, while Al Alawi claimed the final podium place of the season a distant 20.612s from first. Birkin, Al Tajer and Mohamed Faqihi in another Civic completed the top six.

Shaikh Salman once again

had the race's best lap, clocking an ultra-quick 1:16.325.

Meanwhile, Almuyni was in a class of his own as he took on the competition in both the BSBK and the BMR 600.

In the BSBK, Almuyni captured the race one chequered flag after 11 laps in 12:52.346 – a narrow 1.252s ahead of Salman Khalaf. In third was Saska Totaro 6.592s behind.



Highlight from the race

Wesley Pearce, Kyle Martin and Masoud Behbehani completed the top six from nine competitors.

Khalaf had the fastest lap of 1:09.422 in the event.

In the second race, Almuyni led the same trio onto the podium. He won in 12:54.346, again with a small gap of 1.354s between Khalaf. Totaro came third 3.594s behind, followed by Pearce, Martin and

Behbehani.

Almuyni set the best lap for the sprint at 1:09.078.

In the BMR 600, Almuyni won the first 11-lap race in 12:56.087. He finished well clear of the field as Mohammad Al Zaidan was the runner-up 8.822s behind, while Nasser Al Khadra came third 23.286s back. All three top placers were competing in the Super Stock category.

## Cricket fiesta with full throttle



The Ritz-Carlton team

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**R**amada Manama City Center scored their third win of the evening of the Ritz Carlton Bahrain Inter Hotel Charity Cricket Tournament.

Ramada defeated Marriott by four wickets in a close encounter between them. Public is enjoying the

event more and more by the passage of time.

Both teams of the Ritz Carlton have scored comfortable wins whereas Farrukh from Ritz Carlton A have made a strong entry by becoming Man of the match in his first game of the tournament.

Ramada Manama City Center, Ritz Carlton

A, Diplomat Radisson Blu and Ritz Carlton B have won their matches against Marriott Executive Apartment, Golden Tulip, Move n Pick and Gulf Hotel respectively.

All winning teams have given the tough competition to all of their opponents and are hoping best to qualify for the quarter finals.

## Equestrian efforts noted

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**S**upreme Council for Youth and Sports assistant general secretary and Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) general secretary Abdulrahman Askar gave thumbs up to the work undertaken by the Bahrain Royal Equestrian and Endurance Federation to achieve its aspirations.

This came at Askar's reception of federation president Shaikh Faisal bin Rashid Al Khalifa at the committee offices in Seef.

Askar commended the efforts of Shaikh Faisal in the development of the federation, and also extended the committee's support to the federation plans, especially the recently-launched programme 'Estijabah'.

'Estijabah', which is also known as (Response), was declared by HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, representative of His Majesty the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Supreme Council for Youth and Sports Chairman, and BOC President, in an attempt to create a new march for Bahraini sports.

## BOC receives third ISO certification

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**T**he Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) was recently received the ISO 9001 certification for its quality management system for the third consecutive year.

The certification was granted as representatives of French firm Bureau Veritas Certification, which handles the ISO certification, made some auditing procedures on BOC directorates' administrative work to ensure their commitment to the quality system.

BOC Strategic Planning manager Hasan Abdullatif attributed this achievement to the significant support from HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, representative of His Majesty the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Supreme Council for Youth and Sports Chairman, and BOC President, to the committee.

Abdullatif also noted that the efforts of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports deputy general secretary and BOC general secretary Abdulrahman Askar played a major part in the committee winning this award for the second year in a row.

He added that having granted the ISO 9001 certification is in line with the strategic plan of the committee, and asserted the hard working efforts of the Strategic Planning Directorate and coordinating together with other directorates of the committee, which contributed to this achievement.



Hasan Abdullatif



## SCORECARDS

**Match 1:**  
Marriott Executive Apartment (44 for 5 in 6 overs) lost to Ramada Manama City Center (50 for 2 in 5.4 overs) by 4 wickets. Man of the Match: Sreekanth

**Match 2:**

Ritz Carlton A (48 for 5 in 6 overs) defeated Golden Tulip (29 for all out in 4.1 overs) by 19 runs. Man of the Match: Farrukh Farooq

**Match 3:**  
Diplomat Radisson Blu (70 for 2 in 6 overs) defeated Move n

Pick (4 for all out in 2.2 overs) by 66 runs. Man of the Match: Raja Shahzad

**Match 4:**  
Gulf Hotel (36 for all out in 5.2 overs) lost to Ritz Carlton B (38 for 1 in 4 overs) by 5 wickets. Man of the Match: Vijay.