

Theatre festival workshop a success

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Preparations are continued for the third edition of Khalid bin Hamad Youth Theatre Award Festival for National Clubs, Youth Centers and People with Disabilities.

Successfully organised for the third consecutive year under the patronage of His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al-Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of Bahrain Athletics Association and Honourary President of the Bahrain Disabled Sports



Participants posing for a group photo during the workshop presented by Al-Rowaiee

Federation and within the initiatives of His Highness, the festival will be held on October 5-21 at the Muharra

Model Youth Centre, with large and active youth participation from various leaders and representatives

of national clubs, youth centers and people with disabilities.

The organising committee

had announced earlier that this year's edition will be held under the slogan #Let's_Plant_A_Smile and will introduce several workshops and additional activities.

As part of the festival's organising committee's plan, the third introductory workshop was organised on Sunday, with the aim to provide the necessary support to the participants in the festival by introducing them to different types of arts and means to overcome any obstacles that may face them in their careers.

It sheds light on the art

of theatres, addressed and managed by renowned Bahraini Actor and Director Jama'an Al-Rowaiee and will continue until August 30.

The workshop focused on several factors that would contribute to the success of any play, including motion expression, voice control, and harmony between actors, improvising and difference in performance.

Al-Rowaiee confirmed that the participants in the workshop will be granted an opportunity to perform a special show on the side-lines of the festival.

Barca sues Neymar



Lionel Messi poses for a picture with Neymar and Luis Suarez

Seeks \$10 million in damages over contract breach

Barcelona

Barcelona are seeking at least 8.5 million euros (\$10 million) in compensation from Neymar for breach of contract, the club said on Tuesday as the bitter fallout rumbles on from his world record 222 million-euro move to Paris Saint-Germain.

The move comes after Barcelona refused to pay a separate 26 million-euro bonus due to Neymar for signing a five-year contract

renewal last year.

"In the lawsuit, the club demands the player return the already paid sum for his contract renewal as he has not completed his contract; 8.5 million euros in damages; and an additional 10 percent because of delayed payment," Barcelona said in a statement.

Despite being under contract, Barcelona were powerless to stop his move to PSG earlier this month as the French side met the buyout

clause in his contract.

The Catalan giants have also passed the claim onto FIFA and the French Football Federation via the Spanish Football Federation to take what they see as "the appropriate legal effects".

Moreover, Barca urged PSG to pay the amount they are seeking if Neymar -- who is reported to earn 30 million euros a year after tax for the next five years in Paris -- isn't able to meet their demands.

The club's latest move comes two days after Neymar fiercely criticised Barcelona's under-fire board after scoring twice in a stunning home debut as PSG beat Toulouse 6-2 on Sunday.

"There are people in charge that shouldn't be there," Neymar told reporters.

"Barca deserve much more and everyone knows that."

The split between Barca's top players and board was evidenced as a smiling

Neymar posted photos on his Instagram page of the Brazilian visiting former teammates including Lionel Messi, Luis Suarez, Gerard Pique and Ivan Rakitic on Tuesday.

"Friends that I missed," Neymar wrote alongside a picture of him being embraced by Messi and Suarez.

Messi is yet to formally sign a new contract, the terms of which were agreed back in July, provoking speculation

over his future.

Barca president Josep Maria Bartomeu, former president Sandro Rosell, Neymar and his parents are to face trial for fraud and corruption in Spain over the murky transfer that brought the player from Santos to Barca in 2013.

Investment company DIS -- who owned 40 percent of Neymar's sporting rights at the time of the transfer -- believe they were cheated out of their real share of the deal.

NBB backs Football League

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The Bahraini Football Association (BFA) announced the National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) as the lead sponsors for the 2017/2018 season Football League, which is set to kick off on 9 September.

NBB's sponsorship of the league was announced at a ceremony held in the presence of senior representatives of the BFA and NBB. These included BFA Vice President and Head of the National Team Committee, Shaikh Khaled bin Salman Al Khalifa,



Representatives of the BFA and NBB at the sponsorship announcement

and Head of the Investment Committee and BFA Board Member, Mohammed Al Hammadi, alongside a number of BFA officers. Representing NBB was the Bank's Chief Marketing Officer, Richard Hicks, Board Secretary, Nasser

Mohammed, and Marketing Manager, Hisham Abu Alfateh.

Commenting on the occasion, Shaikh Khaled bin Salman Al Khalifa, said, "We are delighted to announce NBB's support and sponsorship

for the BFA Super League and look forward to working closely with NBB to ensure the benefits of its support are maximised for Bahraini football, our communities and the Bank itself."

Richard Hicks, Chief

Marketing Officer at NBB, added, "We are pleased to sponsor the BFA Football League for the 2017/2018 season. This is an exciting opportunity for the Bank and reflects our deep commitment to and long-standing tradition

of providing support for important community based initiatives -- including sport."

NBB's sponsorship comes as part of the BFA's efforts to attract cooperation from the private sector and generate greater audience support and attendances at matches. The league plans to introduce a number of new initiatives this season to drive interest and participation including new competitions and raffles to engage audiences and ensure an exciting season for Bahraini football.