

## Physical literacy seminar

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A seminar on children physical literacy will take place today 10am at the Education Ministry's hall in Isa Town.

It is organised by the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports under the patronage of Supreme Council general secretary and Bahrain Olympic Committee vice-president Shaikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa.

Canadian professor and long-term planning expert Istvan Balyi will be conducting the seminar, which is an attempt to develop the physical abilities of children in their first stages of education, hence boosting their basic athletic skills.

Professor Balyi has worked with 17 national Canadian teams as an expert consultant for high athletic performance in key sports, such as athletics, ice skating, free skating, water skating, football, water polo, basketball, kayak boats and short-distance speed skating.

As one of the architects of the Long-Term Athlete Development (LTAD) model, he has served as an advisor for 50 sports in 7 countries and facilitated the use of LTAD for more than 20 countries and worked with 17 Canadian national teams as a high-performance consultant and been responsible for athletic development planning and periodisation for multiple Olympic medalists.

## Thiago to stay in Bayern

**Berlin**  
Bayern Munich announced they have extended the contract of Spanish playmaker Thiago Alcantara until 2021.

A day after Bayern took out the buy option to sign France winger Kingsley Coman from Juventus after a loan spell, Thiago has also added two years to his Bayern contract.

The 26-year-old Thiago signed in 2013 when Bayern's ex-coach Pep Guardiola insisted he was the player he wanted brought from Barcelona.

The attacking midfielder has been outstanding this season as a key element of Bayern's star-studded attack and has made 20 appearances for Spain since 2011.

## Mixed success for Chak de India in softball cricket

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Chak de India defeated Tisca by six wickets in the latest Group D matches of The Indian Club Indian Expatriates Seven-a-Side Softball Cricket Tournament 2017 at its premises in Gudaibiya.

Batting first, Tisca were bowled out for 22 in six overs and then Chak de India reached the target in 2.4 overs after scoring 25 without loss.

In a second match, Chak de

India lost by 10 runs to Telli Kings as the later finished on 39 for four in six overs and then restricted the former to 29 for four in six overs.

In another match, Supernet Cargo were dismissed for 51 in 5.5 overs as they defeated RIB by 16 runs after they struggled to 35 for three in 6 overs.

Matches take a break until next Tuesday as the club hosts various Labour Day celebrations.

## DHL's Annual Memorial Trophy Rugby Match

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DHL Barbarians will be vying for the trophy when they take on Bahrain Select during DHL's annual memorial rugby match. Currently in its eighth year, it pays tribute to the DHL colleagues who sadly lost their lives whilst working in Kabul, Afghanistan in 2008.

To honour their memory, members of DHL's rugby team from across the world have been flying into Bahrain every year since 2009, to take part in the match and help raise funds in support of local charities.

All donations generated

during the 2017 event will be distributed to the RIA School for Autistic Children, the BSPCA, the Bahrain Red Crescent Society, The Christian Cemetery in Salmabad and Bahrain's very own Dog Father who runs a rescue shelter for animals.

The match will kick off on 4 May at the Bahrain Rugby Club in Saar at 6:45pm. This year, the event will also feature a DHL-sponsored Junior Memorial match for the under-8s and under-14s which will run from 5-6pm on the same day and act as the curtain raiser to the main game.



In pictures, highlights from the relay



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HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of Bahrain Olympic Committee, affirmed increasing organisation of triathlon races in Bahrain offers a greater opportunity to discover talents in this sport and provides youth with the opportunity of developing their abilities and capabilities.

These remarks came on the sidelines of Shaikh Khalid's participation in the Bahrain Triathlon relay, which was held for the first time in the Kingdom, featuring more than 300 contestants, who were divided

into teams of three members; each one had to compete in a 375 metre swim, 10km cycling and a 2.5km run.

Shaikh Nasser said that the increase in the number of triathlon races held in the Kingdom gives clear indications of the extent of the spread of this difficult sport among the Bahraini society.

"This is positive and calls us for more efforts to increase youth participation and developing plans in line with the vision and strategy of the Bahrain Olympic Committee," explained Shaikh Nasser, who praised the broad participation in the relay race by both Bahrainis and expatriates here and neighbouring countries and increasing sports tourism.

