

Grooming champions



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HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Charity and Youth Affairs, Chairman of the Supreme Council of Youth and Sports, President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC), witnessed the launch of the final

stage of the Giro D'Italia in its 100th edition, one of the strongest cycling races with wide participation of elite teams.

He was present at the starting line of the race attended by the Bahrain Merida Cycling Team, giving the cyclists great incentive to achieve positive results that contribute to the attainment of goals for which the team was founded.

The Giro D'Italia is one of the strongest international races due to the difficulty of the route of the race as well as the great challenges posed by the terrain, which is always a point of difficulty in such races.

The Tour of Italy began from the island of Sardinia reaching the final stage in the Italian city of Milan, with 21 stages during which cyclists cross 3615 km amid strong competition between the participating teams for victory.

Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa affirmed the keenness of Bahrain to be present in various sporting events to promote the Kingdom, under the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, to highlight Bahrain's bright

cultural image, especially in sports. He pointed out that Bahrain has been keen to be present through teams that carry the Kingdom's name in various sporting events, whose champions have scored many outstanding achievements.

He also indicated that the participation of the team will have a positive impact on the Kingdom to become a home of cycling in the Middle East, which is a major step in the promotion of the Kingdom in line with the 2030 vision.



Shaikh Nasser congratulated on new BOC term

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Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) board member and chairwoman of the Women's Sport Committee Shaikha Hayat bint Abdulaziz Al Khalifa extended congratulations to His Majesty the King's Representative for Charity Work and Youth Affairs, Supreme Council for Youth and Sports Chairman,

Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa on being re-elected unopposed as BOC President for a new term until 2020.

Shaikha Hayat said Shaikh Nasser's election is proof of the confidence of sports associations in his efforts and contributions to developing sports in Bahrain and gaining distinguished positions at regional, continental and global sports arenas.

'Nabil' new mascot of Futsal league

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"Nabil" will be the new mascot of the Fifth Khalid Bin Hamad Futsal League for Youth Centres, People with Disabilities and Girls held from July 24 to August 23, under the slogan #meeting_of_generations.

The character painted by Bahraini artist Turki Rashid is based on the best player in the category of people with disabilities from the fourth edition of Khalid Bin Hamad Futsal League for Youth Centres, People with Disabilities 2016, as Nabil Al Dossari was chosen as the best player. The league will be held this year in the BDSF Hall.

This year's edition will see the participation of 36 youth centres out of the 36 official centres representing different cities and villages of Bahrain, adding more success to the league after last year's participation with 32 youth centres.

Organisers have set June 20, as the final day to receive the list of players from the participating teams, as



Committee will provide uniforms for all participating teams, as well as alternative colour uniforms in case of similarity in colours.

The event is being held under the patronage of HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of Bahrain Athletics Association and Honorary President of the Bahrain Disabled Sports Federation (BDSF).

The league comes as part of the initiatives of Shaikh Khalid in supporting the youth in sports and humanitarian field, organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in cooperation with Media Office of Shaikh Khalid.

Ramadan Tennis begins tonight

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The opening round of matches are scheduled tonight from 9.30pm at the Bahrain Tennis Club Ramadan Tournament 2017 for The Late Majid Al Zayani Cup Super Doubles at its premises in Juffair.

A total of five doubles pairs have been split into two groups of five playing round-robin until June 8, with the top two in each qualifying for the semi-finals on June 11 with the final set for June 13.

Tonight schedule:

Group 1:

- 1) Ali Al Asfoor/Roy Boutagy vs Kadri Rizk/Ahmed Rizk.
- 2) Ahmed Janahi/Salman Hassan vs Emad Ali/Yousef Fakhro.

Group 2:

- 1) Mahmood Janahi/Abdul Rahman Janahi vs Karim Hajar/Khalid Janahi.
- 2) Nalan Chokappa/Sundara Ram vs Ashraf Atabani/Ahmed Jaffar.