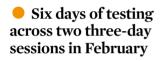
# Double F1 Testing for Bahrain

Bahrain International Circuit set for two pre-season test sessions as Formula 1 enters a new era in 2026





11 F1 teams, including new team Cadillac F1, will participate

Priority ticket registration open now

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ormula 1 has confirmed prepare for one of the most sigthat Bahrain will host offinificant shifts in modern F1. cial pre-season testing for sessions in February as teams and from 18 to 20 February.



Bahrain has hosted

more official F1 pre-season testing sessions than any other non-European circuit

With F1 set to begin a new the 2026 season, not just once era with a host of transformabut twice. The Bahrain Internative new regulations and an 11th tional Circuit, already a main-team joining the grid, the six the brand new Cadillac F1 Team, son Testing in 2026. stay in the sport's calendar, will days of testing will be held in the

It will be an incredible chance Bulls, Aston Martin, Kick Saufor F1 fans to witness the next ber, and Alpine in motorsport's generation of F1 in action ahead top flight. of the 2026 campaign.

Sakhir has been selected as the couple of weeks later with the venue for F1 pre-season testing. Australian Grand Prix weekend, The tests were first held at 'The scheduled for 6 to 8 March in Home of Motorsport in the Mid- 2026. dle East' in 2009 and then again in 2014. They have since taken races in China and Japan, before place in Bahrain each year from returning to the Kingdom for

### Cadillac Debut

The event will bring together championship. all 11 F1 teams as they prepare World Championship. It will be mented: "It is once again a trethe first opportunity for fans in mendous honour to be selected Bahrain and worldwide to see as the host venue for F1 Pre-seawhich is set to join McLaren, Racing, Williams, Haas, Racing duction of the new regulations world to Sakhir in February, and circuit on social media.

The pre-season tests will pave Next year's test will be the the way for the start of the new sixth consecutive year that season, which will kick off a

The season will continue with the F1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2026 from 10 to 12 April the fourth round of the 24-race

**BIC Chief Executive Shaikh** for the upcoming FIA Formula 1 Salman bin Isa Al Khalifa com-

"With so much to look for-



With so much to look forward to next vear with the introduction of the new regulations and Cadillac F1 Team joining the grid, the tests will be an historic and hugely important occasion for the sport

**BIC CHIEF EXECUTIVE SHAIKH SALMAN BIN ISA** AL KHALIFA

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"We extend our thanks to Formula 1, the FIA and all the teams Pre-Season Testing 2026 and for choosing Bahrain yet again. other events at BIC, visit bah-We look forward to welcoming raingp.com, call the BIC Hotline stage two separate three-day test Kingdom from 11 to 13 February Mercedes, Ferrari, Red Bull ward to next year with the intro- them and fans from around the at +973-17450000, or follow the

seeing the new cars in action."

#### **Pre-registration open**

At next season's pre-season testing, F1 enthusiasts will have the chance to see the sport's superstar drivers and their teams hard at work developing their cars ahead of the season.

Pre-registration is open now at Bahraingp.com, where fans can register there interest in attending pre-season testing and the race next year.

Those registered will be able to take advantage of a priority booking window, which, once and hugely important occasion launched, will offer the best seats at the best prices.

For more information on F1

# Bahrain name 28-man squad for Slovenia camp

 Talajic selects core group ahead of busy competitive window

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Bahrain have announced a 28-man squad for their upcoming training camp in Slovenia, set to run from July 10 to July 24.

Bahrain are coming off a disappointing World Cup qualifying campaign where they finished bottom of their

The camp will include multiple training sessions and friendly fixtures as Bahrain gear up for upcoming challenges under the direction of head coach Dragan Talajic. That includes building towards the FIFA Arab Cup, which takes place from December 1-18 in Qatar, across six FIFA World Cup

Mohamed Marhoon will miss the camp after finalising a move to Kuwait SC, signing a threeyear deal with the Kuwaiti Premier League club.



| Sayed Mahdi Baqer          | Omar Saber         |
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| Amine Benaddi              | Jassim AlShaikh    |
| Waleed Al Hayyam           | Komail Al Aswad    |
| Mohamed Al Ghurabli        | Sayed Diyaa Saee   |
| Yousif Habib               | Hussain AlEker     |
| Abdulkarim Fardan          | Vincent Emmanuel   |
| Ebrahim Lutfallah          | Ahmed AbdulHameed  |
| Hazaa Ali                  | Abdulla Al Sabeei  |
| Hussain Jameel             | Hussain Abdulkarim |
| Abdullah Al Khalasi        | Mehdi Abduljabbar  |
| Ahmed Dhiyaa               | Ebrahim Al Khattal |
| AlSayed Mahmood Al Mousawi | Mehdi Humaidan     |
| Ahmed Bughamar             | Ali Madan          |
| Hamad Shamsan              | Ahmed AlSheroogi   |

# Sayed Jaafar bids farewell after 25 years

Bahrain's legendary goalkeeper retires from international duty after decorated career

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Sayed Mohamed Jaafar, captain and goalkeeper of Bahrain's national football team, has officially announced his international retirement, ending a 25-year career with the



Sayed Jaafar's national team career began in the early 2000s and includes multiple Gulf Cup campaigns and a central role in Bahrain's football rise

national setup. The decision, confirmed yeswhere Jaafar became one of qualifiers and will no longer the most respected figures in represent Bahrain moving Bahraini sport. It comes after forward. discussions with national team staff and is tied to his desire to step aside during the 2026 World Cup qualifiers, citing personal commitments.

# **A Thoughtful Exit**

Jaafar admitted the decision Gulf Cup titles." had been long in the making his strong desire to continue modern Bahraini football.

helping the team. Despite still being in strong form, he optterday, follows years of service ed to withdraw early in the

## Pride in the Journey

In a statement, he said: "I'm proud of everything I've achieved with the national team and happy to have shared in the country's joy during our

His retirement brings to an but was postponed due to end a career that helped shape