



Children of HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of HM the King for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs; HH Shaikh Hamad bin Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa and HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa have begun training at Real Madrid Academy which is being overseen by the Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF). HH Shaikh Hamad and HH Shaikh Mohammed participated in the drills which witnessed wide participation

Jakobsen wins Tour de France stage two as Van Aert takes yellow



Quick-Step Alpha Vinyl Team's Fabio Jakobsen celebrates after winning stage 2
Reuters | Nyborg

Dutchman Fabio Jakobsen claimed the second stage of the Tour de France, a 202.2-km flat ride from Roskilde to Nyborg, in a stunning sprint finish after pulling ahead of Wout van Aert and Mads Pedersen yesterday.

The win capped a remarkable comeback for the 25-year-old Jakobsen after he spent two days in an induced coma two years ago following a bad crash during the Tour of Poland.

Jakobsen's victory was the second in a row for Quick-Step Alpha Vinyl, who also enjoyed Yves Lampaert's surprise win in Friday's time trial. It was also the team's 50th stage win since their Tour debut in 2002.

Van Aert's push at the end meant that the Team Jumbo-Visma rider took the yellow jersey from fellow Belgian Lampaert, who was involved in a late crash but recovered to remain second in the general classification.

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Two-times defending champion Tadej Pogacar crossed the line three minutes behind after suffering a puncture but managed to retain third place in the overall standings.

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Bahrain victory against Syria 'a big game'

Bahrain take on Kazakhstan tomorrow in Astana in must-win final Group D contest in qualification competition for FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023

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Bahrain's win over Syria on Friday was "a big game" for the senior men's national team, who were fielding a number of new players on their roster who contributed to a result that kept their hopes alive in Asian qualification for the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023.

"It was a tough game for us; we changed [several] players and we just played together for the first time, but we were prepared—it was a big game," said star guard Maitham Jameel



Bahrain coach Mindaugas Lukosius reacts during their game against Syria in Aleppo on Friday night

during the post-match Press conference in Aleppo.

Head coach Mindaugas Lukosius added: "We are not a long time together. After the GCC Games, we made some changes and now we had new players before this game. We didn't know what to expect as we did not even play any friendly games.

"It was a tough game for us; we changed seven or eight players and we just played together for the first time but we were prepared—it was a big game"

MAITHAM JAMEEL

I think it was a very good win for us."

The Bahrainis upset their Syrian counterparts 76-67 on their opponents' home court for their first win after five tries in Group D of World Cup qualification.

It was their penultimate fixture in these continental qualifiers, which they wrap up tomorrow against group leaders Kazakhstan in Astana.

Bahrain must win that contest and hope Syria lose against Iran the same evening to have any chance of advancing to qualifying's next round. Only the top three teams in each of the four

groups in Asia march through.

"Yes, we want to win, sure we want to win, but most important is we need to show a good game—a good team performance and fight and do everything we need on the court," Lukosius said of their game tomorrow against the undefeated Kazakhs.

"We are satisfied about the result against Syria, but we are more satisfied with what we did on the court."

"Our main goal in Kazakhstan is to continue our work, to continue our performance like we did here [in Syria]. We will be focused on our game."

Bahrain's roster for their last two qualification games features naturalised big man Wayne Chism; mainstays Maitham Jameel, Ahmed Hassan Al-durazi, Mohammed Ameer, Ali Shukrallah, Ali Jaber, Mustafa Hussain, and Subah Hussain; and newcomers Ali Hussain, Ahmed Bin Danae, Nader Shaker and Nader Ali.

Road to handball world title set

Bahrain drawn in tough Group H for preliminary round of 28th IHF Men's Handball World Championship, taking place January 2023, co-hosted by Poland and Sweden

Bahrainis set to make fifth appearance—including fourth straight—at world handball's premier event

Nine cities across Poland and Sweden to host matches, scheduled to take place from January 11 to 29

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Bahrain were yesterday drawn in a tough Group H for the preliminary round of the 28th International Handball Federation (IHF) Men's Handball World Championship, taking place next year co-hosted by Poland and Sweden.

The draw was held in a ceremony yesterday at the Polish National Radio Symphony Orchestra in Katowice, Poland, supervised by the IHF and broadcast live globally.

The Bahrainis are with Denmark, Belgium and the yet-to-be-determined fourth-ranked

28th IHF MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP			
GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D
SPAIN	FRANCE	SWEDEN	ICELAND
MONTENEGRO	POLAND	BRAZIL	PORTUGAL
CHILE	SAUDI ARABIA	AFRICA 2	HUNGARY
IRAN	SLOVENIA	URUGUAY	REPUBLIC OF KOREA
GROUP E	GROUP F	GROUP G	GROUP H
GERMANY	NORWAY	AFRICA 1	DENMARK
QATAR	NORTH MACEDONIA	CROATIA	BELGIUM
SERBIA	ARGENTINA	AFRICA 3	BAHRAIN
AFRICA 5	NETHERLANDS	USA	AFRICA 4



Bahrain have been drawn alongside defending world champions Denmark, first-time participants Belgium and the yet-to-be-determined fourth-ranked nation from the upcoming African championship



Bahrain being drawn during yesterday ceremony

the defending world champions, while Belgium are making their first-ever appearance at the worlds.

Main round

Next year's world championship will see the top three teams from each of the eight groups move on to the main round, where they will be divided into four further groups of six teams apiece.

The other eight squads will vie for the President's Cup.

The upcoming worlds will mark Bahrain's fifth appearance—and fourth straight—at

the IHF's premier event. The nationals had previously also played in the 2011, 2017, 2019 and 2021 editions.

Their highest overall classification was 20th in the 2019 worlds co-hosted by Denmark and Germany, but in the previous edition in 2021 in Egypt, the Bahrainis qualified for the competition's main round for the first time. That year, the world championship was expanded to a field of 32 teams from the previous number of 24.

Bahrain finished 21st on the tournament's final ranking then.