

BFA President highlights re-election of Shaikh Salman bin Ibrahim as AFC president

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Bahrain Football Association (BFA) President Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa congratulated HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, on the nomination of Shaikh Salman bin Ibrahim Al Khalifa as President of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) for a new term (2023 – 2027).

Shaikh Ali also congratulated HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, HM the King's Representative for Human Work and Youth Affairs, and HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS)'s First Deputy Chairman, General Sports Authority (GSA) Chairman and Bahrain Olym-



Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa

pic Committee (BOC) President.

BFA president extended his sincere congratulations to Shaikh Salman bin Ibrahim Al Khalifa, noting that the endorsement by the Asian football federation confirms the numerous achievements made by AFC during his tenure.

Bahrain junior golf teams to play in Arab championship

● Nine-golfer squad to compete in Tunisia competition from today to 9 October

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A nine-member Bahrain national team is in Tunisia to participate in the Arab Junior Championship 2022, which will be held in the city of Hammamet.

The competition is scheduled to take place from today to 9 October, and it is being held under the umbrella of the Arab Golf Federation.

The Bahraini delegation is headed by Bahrain Golf Association official Abdulla Mohammed Al Habbal and it includes coach Abdulla Sultan Al Hakam.

Play will be held in three age-categories.

Bahrain will be represented



Abdulla Mohammed Al Habbal

ed in the under-18 division by Abdulrahman Ibrahim Saad, Abdulla Rashid Al Maliki and Sultan Abdulla Faraj.

The under-15 category will see Abdulrahman Hassan Moheiz, Yousef Mohammed Siddiq and Faisal Abdulla Faraj for Bahrain. The Kingdom's under-13 team features Khaled Mohammed Siddiq, Abdulla Khalil Mubarak and Yousef Ibrahim Abdulkarim.

Great achievements by Bahraini Jiu-Jitsu players in Dammam and Abu Dhabi

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Bahrain Jiu-Jitsu accomplished great achievements in Dammam Jiu-Jitsu championship in Saudi Arabia and in Abu Dhabi World Professional Jiu-Jitsu Championship.

In Dammam championship, Bahraini males had achieved more than 16 medals in several weights and belts. While Bahraini females also participated in accomplishing achievement where A'ala'a Salah won the golden medal, and Narjis Diwany won the bronze medal.



Winners celebrate on the podium after in Dammam Jiu-Jitsu championship



Isa Abdulaziz after winning gold in Abu Dhabi World Professional Jiu-Jitsu Championship

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In Abu Dhabi World Professional Jiu-Jitsu Championship, Isa Abdulaziz won the gold medal in the under 69 kilograms category.

Chicherit leads Hunter challenge in Morocco

Sebastien Loeb battles on after early setback for Bahrain Raid Xtreme as Saudi Arabia's Yazeed Al Rajhi takes lead after third round

● Guerlain Chicherit disputes lead for much of third stage in a fascinating battle with Qatar's Nasser Al Attiyah, finishes third

● Sebastien Loeb halted for 20 minutes with early technical problems on 316km opening desert stage from Agadir to Tan-Tan

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After a difficult day for Sebastien Loeb in the Rallye Du Maroc, another Frenchman at the wheel of a Prodrive Hunter announced his challenge in the third round of the World Rally-Raid Championship.

Partnered by Fabian Lurquin in his Bahrain Raid Xtreme (BRX) Hunter, Loeb was halted for 20 minutes with early technical problems on yesterday's opening desert stage, a 316km competitive section from Agadir to Tan-Tan.

The nine-time World Rally



Guerlain Chicherit competes in his Prodrive Hunter in yesterday's third stage

Champion, third fastest on the previous day's opening Prologue stage, was forced to stop to change a front wishbone after just 20km, but recovered to reach the finish and prepare for another day.

While the misfortune dropped the nine-time World Rally Champion to seventh place at the end of the leg, Guerlain Chicherit in another Prodrive Hunter grabbed third position, nine minutes 45 seconds behind the leader, Saudi Arabia's Yazeed Al Rajhi in a Toyota Hilux.

Chicherit had disputed the lead for much of the stage in a fascinating battle with Qatar's Nasser Al Attiyah, who ultimately completed it holding second spot in his Toyota, 3:05 secs adrift of Al Rajhi.

Argentine Orly Terranova and Spanish co-driver Alex Haro, who also had their problems on the day, still reached the end of the leg holding fourth place in their BRX Hunter.

Chicherit, enjoying his first competitive drive in the Prodrive Hunter in the colours of GCK Motorsport, had been



Guerlain Chicherit is enjoying his first competitive drive in the Prodrive Hunter in the colours of GCK Motorsport

highly impressed with the car's performance during testing in Morocco.

He took an early lead as the rally headed south from Agadir to the desert town of Tan-Tan, on tracks rising and descending through the hills, with a flat out race along the beach, and sandy sections providing a stern navigational test.

After the Frenchman and Al Attiyah had contested the lead for the majority of the stage, it was only near the end of the special that Al Rajhi grabbed the advantage.

The Rallye Du Maroc continues today with a 315km stage from Tan-Tan to the oasis city of Laayoune.

Haaland, Foden hat-tricks help Man City thrash Man Utd 6-3

AFP | Manchester

Erling Haaland and Phil Foden scored hat-tricks as Manchester City thrashed Manchester United 6-3 to move to within a point of Premier League leaders Arsenal yesterday.

Haaland has scored hat-tricks in each of his last three Premier League home games to take his tally as a City player to 17 in 10 competitive games for the English champions.

Antony's strike and Anthony Martial's late double ensured United avoided a record defeat in the Manchester derby as they remain in sixth, nine points off the top.

Since also conceding four times inside the first 45 minutes at Brentford in August, United had bounced back with four consecutive Premier League wins to offer hope they are heading in the right direction under Erik ten Hag.

But the Red Devils were given a rude



Manchester City's Phil Foden (R) celebrates with his teammate Erling Haaland after scoring a goal

awakening of the gulf that still exists between the Manchester giants.

City could have scored many more than the four they managed in a blistering first half performance that swept away any doubts caused by an inconsistent start to the season from Pep Guardiola's men.

Not bad. We score six goals, it's amazing, to win at home and score six goals is nice. You see the passes we give each other. We always want to go forward and attack. It's what I love about the team

ERLING HAALAND

Within four minutes it took two goal-line clearances and a fine save from David de Gea to deny Haaland, Kevin De Bruyne and Bernardo Silva the opening goal.

Four minutes later, City did open the floodgates when Foden swept home Silva's cross for the Manchester native's first derby goal.

Ilkay Gundogan's free-kick hit the post and Foden blasted another big chance wide before Haaland inevitably made his mark.

Verstappen's title on hold after Perez wins in Singapore

AFP | Singapore

Sergio Perez won a rain-affected Singapore Grand Prix yesterday meaning his Red Bull teammate Max Verstappen, who finished seventh, must wait at least another week to retain his Formula One world championship.

The Mexican took the chequered flag 7.5sec ahead of the Ferrari of Charles Leclerc, whose teammate Carlos Sainz was third in the night race that started more than an hour late because of a storm.

Verstappen had a mathematical chance to clinch a second world title in Singapore, but needed to win and have other results go his way.



Red Bull's Sergio Perez (R) is congratulated by teammate Max Verstappen

The Dutchman was always going to struggle after starting eighth on the grid at the Marina Bay Street Circuit but he battled back from a slow start where he dropped to

It was certainly my best performance, I controlled the race. The last few laps was so intense I didn't feel it that much in the car but when I got out I felt it. I gave everything for the win today

SERGIO PEREZ

13th to finish seventh.

It means his world championship lead over Leclerc has been cut to 104 points ahead of next week's Japanese Grand Prix. Perez is two points behind Leclerc.