



Supreme Council for Youth and Sports first deputy chairman, General Sports Authority (GSA) president and Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) chief His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa attended yesterday's activities marking International Olympic Day at The Avenues Bahrain. The event took place in line with the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) aim to spread Olympism and bring nations together through sports and inclusion of all societal layers. This year's occasion was held under the theme "Together, For a Peaceful World". A series of programmes for youth took place at The Avenues, including different sports and activities such as table tennis, basketball, football, judo, boxing, weightlifting, karate and fencing. Also present at yesterday's event were GSA deputy chairman HH Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, BOC vice-president HH Shaikh Isa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, GSA CEO Dr Abdulrahman Askar and BOC secretary general Faris Al Kooheji. Above, left, HH Shaikh Khaid and other officials with some of the children that took part in karate activities; and, right, HH Shaikh Khalid interacts with a young boxer

Khaldiya, East Riffa draw in football league

● Laith Hashem and Mahdi Humaidan score for their respective sides in stalemate

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Al Khaldiya and East Riffa brought a close to the fifth week of the 2022/2023 Nasser bin Hamad Bahrain Premier Football League with a 1-1 stalemate.

Laith Hashem and Mahdi Humaidan were both on target for their respective teams in the contest.

Hashem was first to strike for East Riffa to give them a dream start after only three minutes. The skipper scored with a brilliant curling shot from distance on the left wing.

But it was not long before Khalduya equalised, when Humaidan fired in from close range on the right of the box off in the 17th minute. He received an assist from Samy Frioui.

With the result, Khaldiya posted their second draw in five games and improved to eight points in the top half of the league table, while East Riffa went to four points with



East Riffa's Omar Duaij Mohammed looks to fire in a cross against Al Khaldiya's Obus Prince Aggreh

Standings						
	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Muharraq	5	3	2	0	1	11
Riffa	5	3	1	1	3	10
Al Khaldiya	5	2	2	1	4	8
Manama	5	2	2	1	2	8
Al Ahli	5	2	1	2	-1	7
Hidd	5	2	1	2	-1	7
Al Shabab	5	2	0	3	0	6
Sitra	5	1	3	1	0	6
Bahrain Club	5	1	2	2	0	5
Al Hala	5	0	4	1	-1	4
East Riffa	5	0	4	1	-2	4
Budaiya	5	0	2	3	-6	2

their fourth draw in the bottom half.

League action continues next week.

Pele not responding to chemotherapy, moved to end-of-life care: Reports

Agencies

Football legend Pele has reportedly been put under palliative care after the Brazilian legend stopped responding to chemotherapy treatment for colon cancer.

According to medical reports, Pele was admitted to the hospital on November 29; doctors wanted to re-evaluate the football legend's cancer treatment. Later, he was diagnosed with a respiratory infection.

Brazilian media outlet Folha de S. Paulo reported that the



82-year-old football legend was no longer responding to chemotherapy, so he was put under palliative care. Pele will reportedly be treated only for symptoms such as shortness of breath and pain.

Al Zayed, Al Hakam stay in top 10 in Arab golf

Team Bahrain keep up strong showing after 54 holes in 41st Pan Arab Men Golf Championship in Tunisia

● Ahmed Al Zayed leads Bahrain in yesterday's 18 holes with a four-over-par 76

● Fahad Al Hakam plays a six-over-par 78 for sixth-best score from round three

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Bahrain's Ahmed Al Zayed maintained his top 10 position in seventh overall after the third and penultimate round of play yesterday in the 41st Pan Arab Men Golf Championship, being held at La Cigale Tabarka Golf course in Tunisia.

Al Zayed was the national team's top-scoring golfer over yesterday's 18 holes, carding a four-over-par 76 to bring his three-day total to a 16-over 232.

His other two scores from the first two days were 81 and 75, and he now heads into the final round as the top Bahraini hopeful.

Teammate Fahad Al Hakam also stayed in the top 10 with the last 18 holes to go today. Al Hakam played a six-over-par 78 yesterday to go to 18-over 234—two shots behind Al Zayed—after 54 holes.

Al Hakam has been consistent over the course of the competition, with his totals on the first two days being 77 and 79. His score yesterday was sixth-best amongst the field of 21 who took to the fairways.

Meanwhile, Bahrainis Khalifa Al Merisi and Khalifa Duaij Al Kaabi were not far behind, both taking places in the top 20.



Bahrain's Ahmed Al Zayed tees off from hole one during yesterday's third round

Al Merisi was ranked 12th after carding an eight-over-par 80 yesterday to go to 23-over-par 239 after three rounds, while Al Kaabi was 17th after playing a score of 81 yesterday to head into today's final day 32-over-par 248.

Their outings on day three were eighth and ninth-best, respectively. Al Merisi's totals on days one and two were 84 and 75, while Al Kaabi's scores were 85 and 82.

Leading the field with the

concluding 18 holes to play is Elyas Barhoumi from Tunisia with a three-under-par total of 213 over after 54 holes.

Saaoud Abdallah Al Sherif from Saudi is second on an even-par 216 score, while Issa Abu El Ela from Egypt is third with a four-over-par 220.

Dean Naeem (221) from Egypt, Baha Boulakmine (225) from Tunisia and Saleh Ali Al Kaabi (227) from Qatar are all ahead of Al Zayed on the leaderboard. Completing the top



Bahrain's Fahad Al Hakam has been the most consistent competitor for the national team over the course of the competition so far, with his totals on the first two days being 77 and 79 to add to his 78 yesterday

10 behind Al Zayed in eighth is Faycal Mohammad Al Salhab (234) from Saudi Arabia, while behind Al Hakam in 10th is Aziz Dardouri (237) from Tunisia.

All four of Bahrain's golfers are back in action for today's finale. The tournament is taking place under the umbrella of the Arab Golf Federation, and is sanctioned by The R&A.

The Kingdom's delegation in Tunisia is headed by Captain Adel Ali Al Fayyad, and includes Spanish head coach Gabriel Sota.

The Arab championship is being played at the individual and team levels. In the teams' competition, only each nation's three lowest scores count on each day.

The other participating nations include the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Kuwait, Lebanon, Iraq, Qatar, Egypt, Palestine, Libya, Somalia and hosts Tunisia.