

A Win That Means More

HRH the Crown Prince caps a historic weekend of royal meetings and motorsport triumph in Malaysia

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The checkered flag has fallen on a weekend that will be remembered as a defining chapter in Bahrain's sporting history. For the first time in its 22-edition history, the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix roared to life outside the Kingdom's borders — and yesterday, at the Petronas Sepang International Circuit, that historic gamble paid off spectacularly.

Max Verstappen of Oracle Red Bull Racing crossed the line first, claiming victory in the 22nd edition of the race. Kimi Antonelli of Mercedes-AMG Petronas took second, while Sir



The top three drivers arrive on the podium to celebrate a thrilling Bahrain Grand Prix in Sepang.

Lewis Hamilton of Scuderia Ferrari HP rounded out the podium in third. His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, personally presented the champion's trophy, capping off days of preparation, diplomacy and national pride with a moment years in the making.

Before the lights went out, HRH toured the circuit, walking

the pit lane and track while engaging with motorsport enthusiasts gathered for the historic occasion — a fitting final touch ahead of a race that carried the weight of Bahrain's name onto foreign soil for the first time.

In his remarks following the race, His Royal Highness said hosting international sporting fixtures remains the bedrock of Bahrain's standing on the global stage, calling the event

a clear showcase of the Kingdom's motorsport expertise. He extended congratulations to the podium finishers and all competing teams for their performance and competitive spirit, crediting them for the success of the Malaysia edition.

HRH also singled out Team Bahrain for special praise, noting that organising a Grand Prix beyond the Kingdom's borders — and doing so amid consider-

able challenges — speaks to the depth of talent, capability and organisational excellence within Bahrain's own people. He said their achievement strengthens the Kingdom's international reputation and reinforces its ability to deliver major global events wherever they are held.

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HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister joins Malaysian PM Anwar Ibrahim on the podium

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Crown Prince and Prime Minister

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a landmark event that carried the spirit, hospitality, and excellence of
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