

Record breaking sell-out crowd witness historic Formula 1 Grand Prix in Malaysia

- Sold out race weekend and the largest crowd ever in the history of the Sepang Circuit.
- 261,000 weekend attendance
- 103,000 race day attendance

Statements from Formula 1, the FIA, Bahrain International Circuit and Sepang International Circuit, following the conclusion of the historic Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix in Malaysia:



Stefano Domenicali, President & CEO of Formula 1, said:
“We’ve experienced an incredible Bahrain Grand Prix in Malaysia, and I want to recognise the unwavering passion and commitment that His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa has for his race and for Formula 1. It is thanks to his vision, determination, and agile thinking that we have enjoyed a true



A sea of fans cheers on the grid as the formation lap gets underway at Sepang.

representation of the Bahrain event this weekend, and it has been delivered in just two short months. His team have worked alongside the Sepang International Circuit team, to collectively rise to the challenge. We have been so warmly welcomed back to Malaysia and the SIC for the first time in nearly ten years, a time during which the sport has changed and grown so much, as we have seen with this record-breaking, sell-out race.”
“Finally, I must thank the fans – their passion and love for the sport is clear and they have created an electric atmosphere all weekend. Without them our sport is nothing, and their commitment as we pivoted to deliver this race has been fantastic. We hope they leave with life-long memories of this truly unique moment in F1’s history.”



Mohammed Ben Sulayem, FIA President, said:
“To see such an extraordinary response from the fans, particularly given the short timeframe in which this event has been delivered, is a tremendous achievement. It reflects the strength of the collaboration between Bahrain and Malaysia and the shared determination to make this unique Grand Prix a success.
“My congratulations and thanks to everyone who has worked to make it possible, and to the fans who have created such a special atmosphere.”



Shaikh Salman bin Isa Al Khalifa, Chief Executive of Bahrain International Circuit, said:
“This weekend, we truly brought Bahrain to Malaysia. The powerful platform of F1 offered us, together with our colleagues across Team Bahrain, the opportunity to showcase our culture and hospitality to fans in the region at this iconic venue. Over 260,000 fans came to witness the biggest event ever held at Sepang International Circuit and we are truly grateful to them for bringing their passion and energy.
“An undertaking of this nature,

delivered in such a short space of time, would not be possible without our incredible partnership with SIC. Together with the support of F1, the FIA, Bahrain Motor Federation and the Motorsports Association of Malaysia, this weekend has been a showcase of teamwork, dedication and the coming together of two nations to deliver an historic moment for F1. We are grateful to all who helped make this weekend happen and look forward to welcoming the sport back to Bahrain in March next year.”



Datin Anita Azrina Abdul Aziz, Chairman of Sepang International Circuit, said:
“The return of Formula 1 to Sepang has once again demonstrated the extraordinary power of the sport to unite people and deliver an unforgettable race weekend for fans from around the world. This has been a truly record-breaking event for us, and we are incredibly grateful and honoured that more than 260,000 fans came to the Sepang International Circuit to witness a historic weekend of racing.
“Over the past two months, we



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister attended the Grand Prix opening ceremony amid heavy rain at Sepang International Circuit.

have worked side by side with the team at BIC in a close, collaborative and united partnership. Together with the dedicated team at SIC and the invaluable support of the Government and our stakeholders, we have delivered a world-class race weekend that will live long in the memories of fans.
“This achievement is a testament to what can be accomplished when organisations, communities and partners come together with a shared vision. We thank everyone who played a part in making this event such an outstanding success.”



We extend our warmest congratulations to
His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa
The King of the Kingdom of Bahrain
His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa
The Crown Prince and Prime Minister

On the Kingdom of Bahrain’s outstanding achievement in successfully organising the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2026 in Malaysia.
This remarkable national achievement is a source of pride for all, reflecting Team Bahrain’s ability to transform challenges into opportunities and demonstrating the Kingdom’s excellence in organising major international sporting events. It is also a testament to the dedication and capabilities of Bahrain’s national talent, whose expertise, determination and unwavering commitment continue to embody the spirit of Team Bahrain.

The Chairman, the Board of Directors,
the Management and Employees of
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