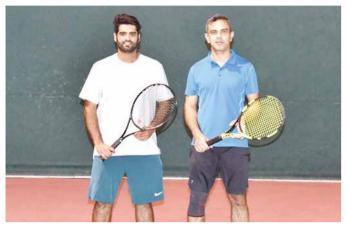
Mohammed-Khonji pair face Ahmed-Hassan duo in Super Doubles final



Abdullatif Mohamed, right, and Nasser Khonji



Salman Hassan, right, and Abdulla Mohammed Ahmed

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bdullatif Mohammed and Club (BTC).

The match is scheduled for a 9.30pm start, and it will be match, the awarding and closplayed at BTC's newly inau- ing ceremony will be held.

gurated centre court, which features a state-of-the-art grandstand.

The Mohammed-Khonji A Nasser Khonji are set to pair advanced to the title detake on Abdulla Mohammed cider after a semi-final win Ahmed and Salman Hassan over the pairing of Khalid tonight in the final of the Su- Yaqoom and Salah Al Najjar, per Doubles of the BTC Rama- while the Ahmed-Hassan dan Tennis Tournament 2021, tandem overcame the team organised by Bahrain Tennis of Ali Khonji and Ahmed Janahi.

Following tonight's final

Bahrain set for Ukraine mini-training camp

Senior men's national team to face their European counterparts in an international friendly match on May 23 in the city of Kharkiv

Mini training camp to be held from May 20 to 24 as part of Bahrainis' preparations for jointqualifiers for FIFA World Cup 2022 and AFC Asian Cup 2023

Prior to flying to Kiev, national team head coach Helio Sousa expected to begin training locally from May 15

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ahrain's senior men's national football team will make a five-day trip to Ukraine later this month where they will play an international friendly match against their European hosts on May 23.

This was confirmed yesterday by a team official, who said that the Bahraini squad will be in Kiev from May 20 to 24.

During this period, they will face their Oblast Sports Complex stadium in the city of Kharkiv.

The game will be part of both teams' tional matches, which, for the Bahrainis, include their remaining joint-qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup 2022 and AFC Asian Cup 2023.

The Ukraine friendly is their first of two in the last week of May. They also face off with Malaysia at home on May 28.

Bahrain, coached by Portuguese tactician Helio Sousa, are expected to begin a local matches and drawn thrice. Iraq are the the Asian Cup.



Bahrain national team star Abdulwahab Al Malood in action during a training session held earlier this year (file photo)

training camp on May 15 before flying to

Ukranian counterparts at the Metalist will call up for this crucial period, as Bahrain's three remaining joint-qualifiers are scheduled to be held in June.

They will be played in the Kingdom after preparations for their upcoming internathe Asian Football Confederation (AFC) the UAE for Group G and South Korea for named Bahrain as the centralised venue for Group C, which also includes Iraq, Iran, Cambodia and Hong Kong.

> on June 3, Iran on June 7 and then Hong Kong on June 15.

division with nine points, having won two competition for the remaining 12 slots in



Bahrain's tune-up game with Ukraine is their first of two international friendlies in the last week of this month. They also face off with Malaysia at home on May 28

leaders with 11 points after winning three games and drawing two other times.

Iran are third with six points but have played just three matches so far and have two wins and two losses. Hong Kong and Cambodia completed the Group C table with five points and one point, respectively.

There are eight groups in all in this Sousa has yet to name the squad that he round of qualifiers, with five nations in each group. The other centralised venues selected by the AFC are China for Group A, Kuwait for Group B, Saudi Arabia for Group D, Qatar for Group E, Japan for Group F,

At the end of this stage of qualification, the eight group winners and the four best Bahrain are set to go against Cambodia runners-up advance to the third round of World Cup qualifying, and also secure their berths in the Asian Cup. The next Bahrain are currently second in their best 24 teams will compete in a separate

Bahrain gearing up for Arab Futsal Cup

🛑 Bahrain drawn in Group A with hosts Egypt, Kuwait and Mauritania

National team currently preparing locally for competition, which takes place in Egypt May 20 to 30

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 ${f B}^{
m ahrain}$ have been drawn in Group A for the upcoming fifth Arab Futsal Cup 2021.

The competition is scheduled to be held in Egypt from May 20 to 30.

The nationals are in the same division as the hosts, Kuwait and Comoros.

The Bahrainis kick off their wait. campaign on opening night game that night.

All four teams are back on the playing court on May 22, when on May 29. Bahrain play Mauritania and Egypt go against Kuwait.

The final Group A games are the competition.



Bahrain futsal team players during training

and Mauritania for the open- then scheduled for May 24. ing stage. Group B consists of The Bahrainis play their Egypwhile Mauritania take on Ku-

The top two teams from each against their Kuwaiti countergroup at the end of this opening last held in 2008, also in Egypt, parts. Egypt and Mauritania phase move on to the semi-fiface off in the group's other nals, which are scheduled for May 27.

The final will then be held

Bahrain's national futsal team are currently training locally for

The draw for the cup was held late Monday night at the Morocco, the UAE, Saudi Arabia tian counterparts that evening, Union of Arab Football Associations headquarters in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

The Arab Futsal Cup was when Libya were crowned back-to-back champions, after having also won in 2007.

Egypt won the tournament's first two editions, held in 1998 and 2005. They also were the runners-up the two previous

Al Najma lift BBA Cup



Manama players and officials during the awarding ceremony

Najma claim tournament trophy with 66-48 win over Manama in final

CJ Giles and **Fadalallah Abbas** combine for 40 points to lead Najma, finishing with 20 apiece

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Al Najma were crowned before cruising in the final champions of the canto. 2020/2021 Bahrain Basketball Association (BBA) Cup.

ter defeating Manama 66-48 in Hassan added 11. the single-game final, played late Tuesday night at Zain nama in the loss with 18, Basketball Arena in Um Al while Ahmed Najaf added

50-37, after three quarters, game.

CJ Giles and Fadalallah Abbas top scored for the victors with They clinched the title af- 20 points apiece, while Qasim

Sadeq Shukrallah led Ma-

Najma led 20-18 at the end BBA president Waleed Al Alaof the first period, which they wi was on hand to present both stretched to a 31-24 advantage teams their respective medals heading into the half. They and trophies in an awarding then enjoyed a 13-point gap, ceremony that followed the