

Team Bahrain



Bahrain's national handball team upon their arrival at the airport

Bahrain handball team return home from Tokyo

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Bahrain's national handball team returned to the Kingdom yesterday from their historic participation in the Tokyo Olympic Games.

The squad was received at Bahrain International Airport by officials from the Bahrain Handball Association (BHA).

BHA secretary general Khalid Najim was on hand on behalf of the BHA board.

Najim relayed to the team the greetings of Supreme Council for Youth and Sports first deputy chairman, General Sports Authority president and Bahrain Olympic Committee president His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

The nationals drew the atten-



Team captain Hussain Al Sayyad is welcomed upon their return

tion of the world at the Olympics, having defied the odds and qualified for the quarter-finals of the men's handball tournament as underdogs on their debut appearance.

Bahrain medal hunt picks up

Kingdom's elite distance-running specialists Birhanu Balew and Dawit Fikadu set to go for gold today in Men's 5,000m Final

● Bahraini pair to compete in Men's 5,000m final at Tokyo Olympics

● Final to feature 16 athletes, scheduled for 9pm start, Bahrain time

● Bahrain team competing in marathon races gearing up in Sapporo

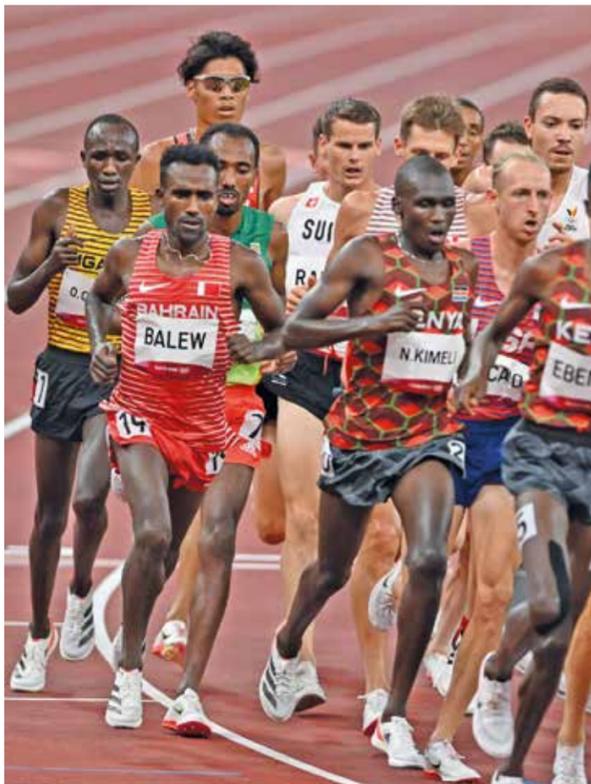
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Bahrain's Birhanu Balew and Dawit Fikadu go for gold today in the Men's 5,000 metres Final at the Tokyo Olympic Games.

The race is scheduled for a 3pm start, Bahrain time, and it will feature 16 athletes in total.

Balew booked his ticket in the medal round as an automatic qualifier after finishing fifth in the first of two opening-round heats. Fikadu, on the other hand, advanced following a referee's decision after finishing out of the qualification positions in the second heat, having fallen during the race.

Others also set to compete in the final are Nicholas Kipkorir Kimeli of Kenya; Mohammed Ahmed and Justyn Knight of Canada; Grant Fisher, Paul Chelimo and William Kincaid of the US; Mohamed Katir of Spain; the Ugandan trio of Oscar Cheli-



Bahrain's Birhanu Balew runs in his Men's 5,000m Heat

mo, Jacob Kiplimo and Joshua Cheptegei; Milkesa Mengesha of Ethiopia; Andrew Butchart of Great Britain; Jimmy Gressier of France and Luis Grijalva of Guatemala.

Balew and Fikadu are Bahrain's only two Olympians in action today at the Japanese

capital. Tomorrow, there will be a trio of Bahrainis as the pair of Eunice Chebichii Chumba and Tejitu Daba compete in the Women's Marathon and then Kalkidan Gezahegne goes for gold in the Women's 10,000m Final.

On Sunday, the final day of



Bahrain's marathon runners with athletics team officials in Sapporo



Bahrain's Dawit Fikadu competes during the Men's 5,000m Heats

the Olympics, the Bahraini trio of Elhassan Elabbasi, Alemu Bekele and Shumi Dechasa will run the Men's Marathon.

Both marathons will be held at the city of Sapporo, and Bahrain's participants and officials are already there making their



Eight Bahraini athletes are set to go for gold over the final three days of the Tokyo Olympics from today to Sunday

final preparations for the events. Leading the team at Sapporo is Bahrain Athletics Association vice-president Khaled Al Dosary.

Bahrain has yet to add to its three Olympic medals won in the past but are hoping to do so as the Tokyo Games heads to its final three days.

The past accolades include two gold and one silver, all in athletics. The gold medals were captured by Maryam Yusuf Jamal at the London Olympics in 2012 for the Women's 1,500m and Ruth Jebet at the Rio de Janeiro Olympics in 2016 for the Women's 3,000m Steeplechase. That same year, Eunice Kirwa claimed the Women's Marathon silver medal.