

Bahrain sailors win two medals in Morocco



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Bahrain's sailing team returned from Morocco with two medals after Ameenah Mohammed Sadeq won bronze in the girls' ILCA 6 and Malak Al Doseri took silver in the girls' ILCA 4 at the International Nautical Week in M'diq.

The Bahraini squad ended its campaign after taking part in the regatta in the Moroccan coastal city, where sailors from nine countries across Europe, Africa and the Gulf competed in Optimist, ILCA 4, ILCA 6 and ILCA 7 classes.

Bahrain was represented by Khalifa Al Doseri, Ameenah

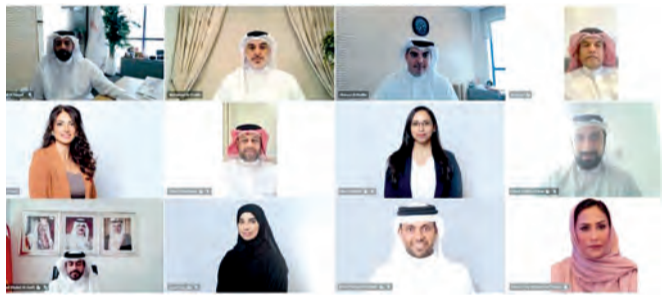
Mohammed Sadeq and Malak Al Doseri, with the team led technically by coach Qasim Bin Jumaian.

Ameenah's bronze came in the ILCA 6 girls' event, while Malak's silver in ILCA 4 formed part of her build-up for the Arab Girls Championship, due to be held in Oman at the end of October 2026.

The team's class entries were shaped by a technical decision from the coach, who took account of the wind conditions expected during the event.

The results mark a strong outing for Bahrain's young sailors and give the squad a boost before its next regional assignments.

Paralympic Committee Holds Second Board Meeting



● **Board reviews international results, elite athlete programme, and upcoming world championships**

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The Bahrain Paralympic Committee's Board of Directors held its second meeting of 2026. Shaikh Mohammed bin Daij Al Khalifa chaired the meeting, which saw full board attendance.

The chairman praised Bahrain's para-athletes for their performances in recent international competitions, describing the results as a reflection of the Kingdom's growing strength in Paralympic sport.

The board approved minutes from its previous session

before reviewing updates on overseas participation and hosting duties. Members discussed the elite athlete report and received a briefing on Bahrain's hosting of the 2026 World Para Badminton Championships, including key technical outcomes.

The athlete support programme was also on the agenda, aimed at strengthening preparation systems and creating optimal training environments.

The board additionally reviewed organisational progress for the upcoming World Powerlifting Championships, reaffirming Bahrain's standing as a trusted host of major international events.

The chairman closed the meeting by reiterating the committee's commitment to its strategic plan for developing Paralympic sport across the Kingdom.

Paolini ends Eala run to reach Wimbledon quarters

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Jasmine Paolini reached her first Grand Slam quarter-final for two years, edging out rising Filipina star Alexandra Eala in a tense last 16 match at Wimbledon yesterday.

Italian 13th seed Paolini

ended the run of Iga Swiatek's conqueror Eala with a gritty 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 victory on Centre Court.

"I feel so lucky to have this opportunity and so lucky to get the win," said Paolini, before addressing the watching Roger Federer in the royal box.

U18 stars target Asia Cup after Arab glory

● **Back-to-back Arab champions take Gulf qualifying campaign to Doha**

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Bahrain will open their Gulf Under-18 Basketball Championship campaign against Saudi Arabia in Doha on Friday, July 17, as they seek one of three places at next month's FIBA U18 Asia Cup in India.

The tournament will run from July 17 to 22 at Al Gharafa Sports Hall, with Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Oman taking part. The top three sides will qualify for the Asian finals, to be held in Ahmedabad from August 13 to 23.

Bahrain's second match will be against Kuwait on Saturday, July 18, before they face Oman on Sunday, July 19. The team



will have a rest day on Tuesday, July 21, and will close their group campaign against hosts Qatar on Wednesday, July 22.

The national side heads into the Gulf event in high spirits after retaining the Arab Under-18 Basketball Championship title

in Sfax, Tunisia, where they beat Egypt 85-73 in the final.

That win has raised hopes for the young Bahraini squad seeking to carry its Arab form into the Gulf qualifiers and book a place among Asia's leading youth teams.

The Bahrain Basketball Association will look for the team to build on its recent run and maintain the country's growing standing in regional basketball, with qualification for the Asian finals now the main target.

Subotic takes charge of Bahrain basketball

● **Trophy-winning coach tasked with strengthening FIBA campaign**

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Slovenian coach Slobodan Subotic has been handed Bahrain's senior men's basketball team as the kingdom turns to a seasoned European figure before its next Asian qualifying campaign.



The Bahrain Basketball Association has signed Subotic to lead the side through its coming matches, led by the first Asian

qualifying round on the road to the FIBA Asia Cup.

Subotic has coached some of Europe's best-known clubs, including Panathinaikos, Olympiacos, Aris and AEK Athens. He has also taken charge of the national teams of Slovenia and Lebanon.

His honours include the FIBA Korac Cup, two Greek league titles and the Greek Cup. He was twice named coach of the year in the Greek league.

The appointment gives Bahrain an experienced hand as they seek to build a stronger campaign in Asian basketball.

AUBH Student Maria AlAwadhi Makes History as First Bahraini Woman to Join McLaren Racing

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The American University of Bahrain (AUBH) has officially announced that student Maria Alawadhi has been awarded a year-long international internship opportunity with McLaren Racing. The placement will be situated at the renowned McLaren Technology Centre (MTC) in Surrey, United Kingdom.

Alawadhi, a high-achieving student in her final year of the Bachelor of Business Administration in Human Resources Management program and a recipient of AUBH full scholarship, makes history as the first Bahraini woman to join the McLaren Racing Team. She is slated to complete her degree this coming June.

This collaboration between AUBH and McLaren Racing – both entities within the Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company (Mumtalakat) portfolio – reflects Mumtalakat's commitment to fostering synergies among its subsidiaries. The



initiative serves as a strategic investment in the education and professional development of Bahraini youth, equipping them with the specialized expertise required to excel in the global workforce.

Al-Awadhi is expected to commence her professional tenure in England in September

2026, where she will engage directly with the sophisticated operational frameworks of McLaren Racing operations.

Dr. Wafa Almansoori, Interim President and Provost of the American University of Bahrain, stated, "The University takes immense pride in Alawadhi's selection for this pres-

tigious placement at one of the world's most iconic racing organizations. This achievement is a testament to the academic excellence maintained by our students and reflects the growing international confidence in the professional competencies fostered at AUBH. The University remains deeply appreciative of its strategic alliance with Mumtalakat, a partnership that is vital to broadening the professional scope for our students and catalyzing their success within the global marketplace."

Reflecting on the appointment, Maria Alawadhi expressed her profound honor in securing a position with a global leader like McLaren Racing, characterizing the upcoming internship as a defining milestone in her academic and professional evolution. She conveyed her appreciation to AUBH, attributing her achievement to the institution's rigorous empowering academic environment and continuous opportunities.