

BOC partners with Spain to boost sports in the Kingdom



HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa (R) with Alejandro Blanco Bravo

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HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports and President of Bahrain Olympic Committee has received at his office in Al Wadi Palace. Alejandro Blanco Bravo, President of the Spanish Olympic Committee in the presence of Mohammed Hassan Al Nusuf, Secretary-General of the Bahrain Olympic Committee. The event witnessed discussions on various sports-related topics within the sporting protocol signed among the Bahrain Olympic Committee and the Spanish Olympic Committee last September.

"We are proud of the visit of the President of the Spanish Olympic Committee, Alejandro Blanco Bravo to his second country, the Kingdom of Bahrain, which confirms the relations of cooperation and friendship between Bahrain and Spain in developing various fields, especially in the sports area," HH Shaikh Khalid said.

"The Bahrain Olympic Committee and its Spanish coun-

terpart will work to support joint cooperation frameworks, in order to achieve fruitful results that serve the common interest in achieving more sporting successes, in the form that prompts them to be a true model in activating the values and principles of the International Olympic movement," he further added.

From his side, Bravo said: "The Kingdom of Bahrain is exerting enormous efforts to support sports and to develop an ideal environment for sportspeople in order to flourish and practice various types of sports, and this is in line with the Olympic principles and the sustainable development goals.

"The Spanish Olympic Committee is happy with its partnership with the Bahrain Olympic Committee, through which we aim to implement many programmes that contribute to fulfilling mutual interests and aspirations in the sports field."

Bravo concluded with expressing utmost appreciation to HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa for his efforts towards supporting sports and sportspeople.

Developing facilities at football federation discussed



Coach Sousa during the meeting

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The Bahrain Football Association (BFA) has discussed cooperation with the Ministry of Youth and Sports Affairs to develop its sports facilities, including building out outdoor stadiums and various other amenities.

This came in a meeting between BFA vice-president for technical affairs Shaikh Khalid bin Salman Al Khalifa and the ministry's Facilities and Projects acting assistant under-secretary Dr Shaikh Saqr bin Salman Al Khalifa.

The discussions were held in the presence of BFA sec-

retary general Ebrahim Al Buainain and national team head coach Portuguese Helio Sousa, along with a number of BFA department heads and a number of national team technical and administrative staff members.

The officials discussed the mechanism of developing plans and programmes to ensure the new facilities' optimal use, in a way that guarantees the creation of an ideal atmosphere for the federation's affiliates to achieve their desired development and in order to harvest more honourable sporting achievements for the Kingdom.

A strategic partnership

KHK Sports, Bahrain Handball Association sign one-year, renewable agreement

● As part of the agreement, the KHK Sports and Brave CF logos will be on the front of the national team's jerseys for their upcoming tournaments

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The Khalid bin Hamad Sports Organisation (KHK Sports) signed a partnership contract yesterday with the Bahrain Handball Association (BHA).

A signing ceremony took place at the BHA headquarters in Um Al Hassam, in the presence of KHK Sports CEO Mohammed Shahid and BHA president Ali Isa.

The deal extends for a full year and is renewable. It includes having the KHK Sports and Brave Combat Federation logos on the front of the national team's jerseys for their upcoming tournaments, starting with the world championships taking place in January of 2021 in Egypt.

Isa expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation to Supreme Council for Youth and Sports first vice-chairman and Bahrain Olympic Committee president His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa for his prominent role in supporting the youth and sports movement in the Kingdom.

The BHA chief said that the federation and its board are proud of the partnership with KHK Sports, and stressed that it will have a positive impact on handball in Bahrain.

For his part, Shahid, who is also the chairman of Brave CF, said that the agreement comes



From left, Mohammed Shahid, Bahrain national team goalkeeper Mohammed Abdulhusain, and Ali Isa at the signing ceremony yesterday

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KHK SPORTS CEO MOHAMMED SHAHID

of the Kingdom's most distinguished and accomplished federations, and its results are clear at the regional, continental, and international levels.

Also present at yesterday's signing were KHK Sports officials, BHA officials and national team players.

Roth introduced as national team head coach, officially signs contract

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On the sidelines of yesterday's ceremony, the BHA introduced newly appointed national team head coach, German Michael Roth, who also officially signed his contract with Bahrain, in the presence of Isa.

The BHA president said that Roth will take charge of the technical aspects of the men's team, and will also supervise the other national squads at the younger age levels.

He indicated that Roth has great experience both internationally and in the German league, which is one of the strongest in the world, and expressed his hope that Roth



Michael Roth and Ali Isa during the signing of his contract

leaves his mark with the national team and continues the success of Bahrain handball.

For his part, Roth said that the national team has strong players with a high and enthusiastic spirit. He added that he

will be focusing on developing their physical abilities and technical prowess.

Roth is set to lead the national handball team at the world championships as well as at the Tokyo Olympic Games.

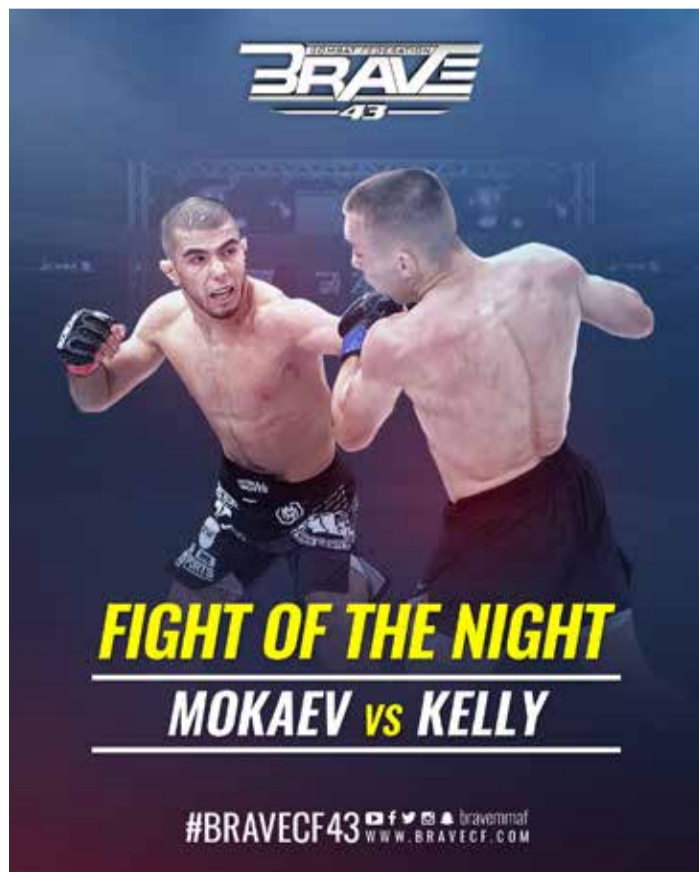
Mokaev's victory over Kelly earns fight of the night honours at BRAVE CF 43

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BRAVE Combat Federation's Blast Kombat Kingdom event, BRAVE CF 43, produced several amazing performances. However, the youngsters stole the show as Muhammad Mokaev and Jamie Kelly both won a bonus of Fight of the Night, for their 59kg Catchweight bout in the main card.

Mokaev, 20, dominated the contest against Jamie Kelly. Showcasing his high-level striking that goes perfectly with his already known world-class grappling and wrestling, "The Punisher" was a step ahead at all times during their fight and his muay thai was really the star of the show.

However, Kelly's resilience and his constant pressure also deserved to be rewarded. The young man from Manchester, who's only 21 years of age, had one more pro bout than Mokaev, but his amateur experience was not on the same level, and it showed on fight night. "Machine Gun" was able to withstand the heat of Mokaev for two rounds, and fire back at certain points. He only gave in



when Muhammad finally took the fight to the ground and locked in a rear-naked choke in the third frame.

"The Punisher" has now earned two bonuses in two

fighters under the BRAVE CF banner. Widely regarded as the biggest prospect in mixed martial arts today, Mokaev is looking for fight number three for BRAVE CF before the end of the year, and will hope to add a third bonus as well if he gets the chance to perform again before 2020 comes to an end.



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