

KHK Heroes to kickstart Brave

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KHK Heroes, the latest initiative under the vision of HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa will kickstart the inauguration ceremony of Brave International Combat Week 2018 on 11th November.

The First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, Honourary President of Bahrain Mixed Martial Arts Federation (BMAF), President of the High Organising Committee of Bahrain International Combat Week will take part in a sparring session with Mohammed Buhaz'a, who will achieve his dream to compete in MMA overcoming the challenges of being differently abled. Brave International Combat Week 2018 is the largest combat sports event held in Asia bringing participation from over 11 nations and hosting the largest IMMAF-WMMAA Unified World Championships 2018 till date.

Mohammed Buhaz'a will realise his dream with the support of HH Shaikh Khalid to compete in mixed martial arts. Mohammed Buhaz'a had overcome challenges due to down syndrome to realise his dream.

This marks the first time in the history of Bahrain that an athlete will be headline the in-



Mohammed Buhaz'a (seated in centre wearing KHK MMA Bahrain jersey) with KHK MMA Fight Team

auguration after overcoming severe challenges.

Mohammed Buhaz'a was offered the opportunity to train at the KHK MMA Bahrain and to realise his dream by HH Shaikh Khalid. The inaugural ceremony will feature HH Shaikh Khalid facing Mohammed Buhaz'a in the opening bout.

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Brave CF supports forgotten members of society

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Mohammed Shahid, President of Brave Combat Federation alongside Nivedita Dhadphale, Founder at Bahrain for All had officially launched KHK Heroes, which is an initiative under the vision of HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

KHK Heroes launch conference was held at the Park Regis Hotel on 7th November, 2018. KHK Heroes will be a major project in the direction



Mohammed Shahid, President of Brave CF alongside Nivedita Dhadphale, Founder at Bahrain for All at the launch of KHK Heroes

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"Our mutual vision is to support a cross section of the community and make a difference under the direction of HH Shaikh Khalid and together we look forward to accomplishing even more in the future," said Nivedita Dhadphale.

2019 a dominating year for Bahrain

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Hamza Kooheji, the first professional mixed martial artist from Bahrain predicted an iconic year for mixed martial arts in Bahrain. The youth icon who is training with the KHK MMA Bahrain has represented the Kingdom in numerous occasions and have a professional record of 7-2 in his professional career.

He is currently training alongside the KHK MMA Fight Team showing his support and inspiring for the upcoming Brave International Combat Week.

Hamza had returned to Brave CF at Brave 16 in Abu Dhabi, UAE with a sensational victory over Crisanto Pitpitung from Team Lakay, which is among the best fight teams in Asia. The mixed martial artist from Bahrain is the first to represent the Kingdom in the professional division at the global level.

"Bahrain National Team at KHK MMA is doing their best to ensure that Kingdom of Bahrain dominates the world championships. The support and motivation we receive from our leader HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa is a major strength for all of us," said Hamza Kooheji.

Veteran American MMA Expert praises Bahraini team behind Brave CF

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Author, Media Entrepreneur and MMA pioneer from The United States of America, Kirik Jenness praised the team behind Brave Combat Federation leading to host Asia's largest Mixed Martial Arts event in Bahrain.

Kirik Jenness has an extensive background and knowledge of the sport. Also featured as a top commentator, he is considered an MMA pioneer, working in the industry since its No Holds Barred days and in a variety of roles, from a fighter (with a record of 2-0) to a manager, trainer, and founder of MixedMartialArts.com and The Underground Forum. He has also written two books about MMA and has been the referee for professional bouts.

"The growth of Brave Combat Federation is the biggest story of the year in all of mixed martial arts. What Brave is doing - one or more shows per month in different countries all across the planet - has never been done before. I have been involved in the sport on a professional, full-time basis since very shortly after



Kirik Jenness with Jeremy Pacatiw during Brave 17

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the birth of its modern inception in 1993, and I would have bet it was impossible; I'm glad no one asked me. The logistical and personnel and regulatory issues when entering a new country are beyond immense, they are overwhelming. It shouldn't be possible. It is made possible because of the vision and resources of HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, and the leadership of "The Hawk" - Brave president Mohammed Shahid", said Jenness.

All set for Brave ICW 2018

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The official press conference was held in the Kingdom of Bahrain kickstarting Brave International Combat Week 2018.

The Brave International Combat Week which will showcase Brave18 and the 2018 IMMAF - WMMAA Unified World Championships which will take place at the Khalifa Sport City arena in Manama, Bahrain from 11 to 17 November 2018. Mohammed Shahid, President of Brave Combat Federation has stated that BRAVE International Combat Week will be a week-long celebration of mixed martial arts, culture and festivities. The opening press conference took place at the Downtown Rotana Hotel in Manama.

The IMMAF - WMMAA Championships will showcase elite amateur mixed martial arts talent, as the newly merged MMA governing bodies continue their mission for Olympic recognition of the sport.

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ber. Brave 18 will take place on 16th November and will showcase global leaders, businessmen, celebrities and legends of the sport in attendance in the premium edition of the show held in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The week commences with a lavish opening ceremony on the evening of 11 November. The press conference featured President of the Bahrain MMA Federation and National Olympic Committee delegate, Colonel Al Khayat, IMMAF President Kerrith Brown and Mohammed Shahid, President of Brave Combat Federation. The press conference was moderated by DJ Mohammed Janahi from Bahrain TV.

KHK MMA Athletes secure major sponsorship

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KHK MMA Bahrain athletes have secured a major nutrition and supplement sponsorship as Big Muscle Bahrain and AmCan International group, extended their support towards the initiative.

KHK MMA Fight Team representing the Kingdom of Bahrain will receive the nutrition and supplement sponsorship for the upcoming IMMAF-WMMAA Unified World Championships 2018 held in the Kingdom of Bahrain which is the largest

in Asia.

Kingdom of Bahrain is currently ranked second in the world rankings released by the IMMAF and had ranked third in the 2017 IMMAF World Championships in medal tally.

Athletes will have access to quality nutrition which will prove an important part to maintain their fitness schedule. Major business houses from the Kingdom of Bahrain have joined hands to support the initiative which is led under the vision of HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

Eldar Eldarov - Head Coach of KHK MMA and Bahrain National Team, Hassan Al Mutawa and Yousif Kooheji, Coach at KHK MMA was present while the athletes received the nutrition supplements from Big Muscle Bahrain.

"KHK MMA Bahrain is receiving overwhelming support from all over Bahrain. It is an inspiring moment when the leading brands and organisations in the Kingdom of Bahrain comes together to support the initiative," said Eldar Eldarov, Head Coach of KHK MMA Bahrain.



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