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Ayyad hopeful for Team Bahrain success

Hussain Ayyad hopes for the success of Team Bahrain ahead of his own bout at BRAVE CF 29

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Flyweight contender Hussain Ayyad will be carrying the flag of Bahrain at BRAVE CF 29 as he takes on Latvia's Matis Zaharovs on November 15th in front of his own crowd. However, during the week he will keep a watchful eye on the progress of Team Bahrain at the IMMAF World Championships, that will take place during BRAVE International Combat Week.

A product of the IMMAF amateur system, Ayyad stressed the importance of having amateur experience before making it to the professional leagues and wished success on all competitors, especially from Team Bahrain.



Hussain Ayyad celebrates after a match

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"The rules for amateur MMA are different so they allow you to get experience that's very useful in your professional career. I was fighting two years ago at the IMMAF World Championships right here in Bahrain and now I am fighting for BRAVE CF in the biggest event yet. So it's a very good platform to showcase your talents and I wish nothing but success to the competitors,

and I'll be cheering on Team Bahrain for sure", said "Iron". Ayyad had a tentative start to his BRAVE CF career but is currently riding a three-fight win streak and hopes another victory net Friday can get him one step closer to a title shot.

BRAVE CF 29 takes place on November 15th at the Khalifa Sports City Arena and it will be co-headlined by a Flyweight

world title fight between top contenders Jose Torres and Marcel Adur. The main event will be the final of the KHK World Championships, the one-night, four-men, open weight tournament that will hand the winner a US\$100,000 check plus the provisional holding of the KHK belt, the most prestigious prize in all sports, adorned with 6.2 kg of gold.

IMMAF president praises Shaikh Khalid and Bahrain



IMMAF president Kerrith Brown during a press meet

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Team Bahrain had an unforgettable year so far in MMA competition, winning over the rankings and becoming the number one country in the world for mixed martial arts. Such a rapid rise through the ranks hasn't gone unnoticed internationally, as IMMAF president Kerrith Brown praised the work done by the team and the support given by HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

Ahead of the beginning of the IMMAF World Championships, Brown stressed that the work done by the Kingdom of Bahrain to support mixed martial arts was nothing short of exemplary and praised the entire country for their support of their athletes which he hoped would extend to this year's competitions.

"Bahrain and HH Shaikh Khalid have done an amazing job in terms of giving the athletes a proper platform to showcase their talents and it's an honour to be here in the

Kingdom of Bahrain for yet another edition of the BRAVE International Combat Week, the biggest one yet. We've stepped up in all areas, from production to the number of athletes and everything involved in making it the biggest event we can make. His Highness Shaikh Khaled has done an amazing job in terms of delivering his vision and the biggest event in Asia and Middle East with BRAVE CF, and it shows on his commitment and the level of the athletes. But not only that, also the whole country has been supporting them which is an example for the entire world of mixed martial arts", said Brown after the opening conference.

This year's BRAVE International Combat Week will see more than 50 countries represented with hundreds of bouts taking place during the entire week. The first day of competitions take place on November 11th, but this Sunday will see the opening ceremony taking place in the presence of several dignitaries worldwide.

Shahid guarantees Bahrain event to be the biggest by the promotion

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BRAVE CF 29 takes place during the biggest ever BRAVE International Combat Week and the attractions that go along with it make it the best event the fastest-growing organization in the world has ever put on. That's according to president Mohammed Shahid, who talked about his excitement at being able to put on such an exciting event at the home of BRAVE Combat Federation.

The promotion's 29th edition will feature 15 fights, including former world champions, an inaugural title fight and the most exciting prize in all of sports. The first-ever KHK World Championship will take place during BRAVE CF 29. A one-night, four-men, open weight tournament which will gift the winner a US\$ 100,000 check plus the right to be named the first provisional holder of the KHK belt, the most prestigious prize in all of sports, adorned



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with 6.2 kg of gold.

"This is an exciting time to be a BRAVE CF fan. We are putting on the largest MMA event in Asia, and the biggest combat sports festival we've ever put on with the BRAVE International Combat Week. I'm especially excited for the KHK World Championship, as the belt is heavier in gold than the World Cup of football, the Wimbledon trophy, and any other prize in sports ever", said Shahid.

The KHK World Championship will be decided between two semifinals and one final, that will happen on the same night. The first-round will feature two bouts as Kleber Orgulho takes on Mohammad Fakhreddine and Azamat Murzakanov meets Guto Inocente. The winner of those bouts, the first ones of BRAVE CF 29, will meet in the final, set for the main event of the evening.

Torres arrives in Bahrain ready to make history at Brave 29

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Flyweight world title contender Jose Torres has reached the Kingdom of Bahrain ready to become the promotion's first-ever champion at 125lbs. The American fighter decided to come earlier to get used to the time difference and was greeted by the BRAVE International Combat Week crew and the mascots that will entertain the biggest fight week in the history of Asia.

Torres will take on Marcel Adur from Brazil for the inaugural Flyweight title on November 15th at BRAVE CF 29 and said he had a tough week ahead of him as he readies to juggle fight week commitments to his weight-cut. But he also said he was looking forward to making history for himself, his family and the KHK MMA team which he has represented since before becoming a professional fighter.

"Shorty" also made a point of praising his opponent's style, highlighting that Adur was a different kind of fighter that he was used to fighting, but is confident in his preparations for the showdown.

"Adur is a long, lanky striker type of fighter. He's very unorthodox as well, but he's a phenomenal opponent, an athlete that likes to push the pace, and I'm also like that, so I can't wait to put on a show for the people of Bahrain and around the world", said Torres.



Jose Torres upon his arrival

BRAVE CF 29 will be co-headlined by Adur vs Torres while the co-main event will be the final of the KHK World Championship, as four fighters face off in the semifinals earlier in the evening, as the winner of the one-night, four-men, open weight tournament will win a US\$100,000 check plus the right to become the provisional holder of the KHK belt, the heaviest prize in sports, adorned with 6.2 kg of gold.



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