

## HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister attends the Al Raffah Media Festival



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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday attended the Al Raffah Media Festival, held at the Rashid Equestrian and Horse Racing Club (REHC), in Al Raffah. The Festival featured three races: the Al Raffah Media Cup, the Celebrate Bahrain Cup, and the NAD Holding Cup.

Winners of the cups were announced, and Mrs. Sarah Ahmed Buheji, CEO of Bahrain Tour-

ism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA), presented the Celebrate Bahrain Cup to Abdullah Fawzi Nass, while His Highness Shaikh Nader bin Mohammed bin Salman Al Khalifa received the NAD Holding Cup and Al Raffah Media Cup from Mr. Mohamed Haji, Deputy CEO of NAD Holding.

The racing evening saw a remarkable public turnout at this national media event, which brought together the joy of celebrating national holidays with honoring Bahraini media. This

unique initiative, launched by the Club for the first time, introduced Al Raffah Media Cup in appreciation and recognition of the dedicated service and outstanding contributions of Bahraini media professionals. The initiative comes as part of the Club's diverse and ongoing programs during the horseracing season.

The evening also included thrilling competitions and strong victories, adding an exciting dimension to the entertaining and varied activities that continue to distinguish the Club's weekly

horse races.

His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Minister of the Prime Minister's Court and Chairman of the High Committee of the REHC; His Highness Shaikh Faisal bin Rashid Al Khalifa, Vice President of the Supreme Council for Environment, Deputy Chairman of the REHC, and member of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports; along with several senior officials, and representatives of the event's sponsors also attended the Festival.

### The results

**Round 1:** The horse Obeyan 1893, from Al Wasmiya Stables, achieved his first victory this season after a strong performance in the Arabian Purebred Horses Race.

**Round 2:** The horse South China Sea from Al Adiyat Stables achieved his first victory in the second round, with a successful ride by the jockey Ebrahim Nader who took the lead in the Bahrain Bred Horses Race.

**Round 3:** The horse Call of Duty, owned by M&E Racing, won his first victory after an outstanding performance in the Bahrain Bred Handicap Race.

**Round 4:** The horse Asaaff, owned by His Highness Shaikh Salman bin Khalid bin Ali Al Khalifa, won the Bahrain Bred Handicap Race after a close fight near the finish line.

**Round 5:** Gulf Racing's horse Athan continued his impressive successes by securing his second consecutive victory this season as he won the Celebrate Bahrain Cup for imported horses, sponsored by BTEA, after a strong performance.

**Round 6:** The horse Hattab gifted His Highness Shaikh Salman bin Khalid bin Ali Al Khalifa the second win of the racing evening, ridden by the jockey Ebrahim Nader who continued his strong form with three wins.

**Round 7:** The favorite horse Hot Dancer from Al Mohamediya Racing managed to win the NAD Holding Cup for imported horses, which is his second consecutive victory, after a thrilling competition with the horse Al Shababi.

**Round 8:** The horse Western from Al Mohamediya Racing won the first edition of Al Raffah Media Cup after a strong competition and a fast-paced battle in the imported horses round.

# Brace for showers and some shivers

Bahrain set for rain, thunder and a sharp winter chill

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Bahrain is gearing up for an unsettled stretch of weather, with scattered rain, gusty winds, thick clouds

and a noticeable drop in temperatures expected over the coming days. Several parts of Muharraq, the Northern Governorate, Riffa and

Sitra were splashed by light to moderate showers yesterday, as a low-pressure system tightened its grip on the kingdom. Its impact became more pronounced



Similar weather across the GCC

Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and other Gulf Cooperation Council member states are also experiencing similar turbulent weather patterns.

Saudi Arabia's National Centre for Meteorology (NCM) has forecast moderate to heavy thunderstorms capable of triggering flash floods, accompanied by hail and strong winds. Regions including Makkah, Madinah, Qassim, Riyadh, the Eastern Province and the Northern Borders are expected to be affected. Wind speeds could reach 40km/h and occasionally touch 50km/h.

In the UAE, residents have been alerted to prepare for a week of shifting weather as cloudy skies, scattered rainfall and gusty winds take hold. The NCM said the country is entering a spell of unstable conditions driven by surface and upper-level low-pressure systems.

Qatar Meteorology reported that cloud cover is expected to increase across the country from Friday, December 12, continuing through next week—signalling more unsettled weather in the region.

Kuwait, in its latest update, said it too would see scattered rainfall over the weekend, along with the possibility of evening fog.



In parts of the GCC, especially Saudi Arabia and the UAE, rain can cause temperatures to drop by more than 10°C within just a few hours. The sudden cooling is due to dry desert air mixing with rain-cooled downdrafts – a dramatic shift rarely seen in more temperate regions.

MATRIX

BIRTHDAY PARTY

LITTLE CHAMP PACKAGE

99 BHD

10 KIDS

INCLUDES

Roly Poly 1hr

Water Boating 1hr

Kids Meal

Party Hall With Basic decoration

JUFFAIR MALL (LULU)

**Wind:** Variable mainly Northerly 7 to 12 knots with gusts may reach 25 knots by afternoon.  
**Sea State:** 1 to 3 feet rising up to 6 feet offshore during gusts.  
**Temperature:** Maximum 27°C, Minimum 29°C.  
**Humidity:** Maximum 85%, Minimum 45%.

last night and is set to continue today.

According to the Meteorological Directorate at the Ministry of Transportation and Communications, thunderstorms accompanied by strong gusts of wind are possible, with skies turning partly cloudy to overcast. Residents are advised to brace for a chill as temperatures dip through the weekend, with partly cloudy conditions expected until tomorrow. Chances of scattered rain are set to linger into Monday as well.

Municipal councils and municipalities say they are on full alert, coordinating with rele-

vant authorities and preparing for any contingencies to ensure smooth traffic flow and safeguard lives and property.

The Coast Guard Command has urged sea-goers to exercise caution amid rain and winds, while the General Directorate of Traffic is calling on motorists to drive carefully, maintain safe distances, follow proper lane discipline and avoid distractions on the road. Forecasters say temperatures will begin sliding from Saturday, with a cold wave arriving on Monday. During this period, temperatures could fall below 16°C, paired with humidity levels climbing above 95%.