



His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of the General Sports Authority and President of Bahrain Olympic Committee during his visit to Barbar and Al Ittifaq Clubs. The visit was attended by HH Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Deputy President of the General Sports Authority, and Dr Abdulrahman Sadiq Askar, CEO of the General Sports Authority. During the visit, HH Shaikh Khalid met with Fawzi Abdulla Al Durazi, President of Al Ittifaq Club, and Ali Hassan Mohammed, President of Barbar Club, as well as a number of officials and members of both clubs. His Highness praised the great efforts made by both clubs to serve the Kingdom's sports sector, through the establishment of various sports activities and events, encouraging young people to practice sports and embracing them in the sports teams both clubs.

HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman reviews REHC's readiness ahead of horseracing season

His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa heaps praise on Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club's role in supporting national COVID-19 mitigation efforts

● The meeting emphasised the importance of benefiting from the races in the upcoming season

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His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Rashid Equestrian and Horse Racing Club High Committee, yesterday chaired a meeting of the Rashid Equestrian and Horse Racing Club (REHC) High Committee, at the club's headquarters in Al-Raffa, Sakhir.

With the approach of this year's horseracing season, His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman noted the importance of the Club's readiness, directing those



His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa during the meeting

concerned to take all the necessary precautions to ensure the success of the season as planned.

HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman highlighted that the Kingdom of Bahrain has positioned itself as a global destination for horse rac-

ing, thanks to the continued support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

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His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman expressed his pride in the role played by the Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club in supporting national COVID-19 mitigation efforts, led by His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, through coordination with the National Medical Taskforce for Combating the Coronavirus (COVID-19) to launch the additional drive-through testing cen-

tre at the club.

The drive-through centre has contributed to raising the capacity of PCR laboratory testing, reducing waiting time. In this regard, His Highness praised the efforts of frontline health workers and supporting staff in safeguarding public health.

During the meeting, the High Committee reviewed a number of achievements made over the past period:

- Upgrading the classification of the Kingdom of Bahrain by the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA) in the approved world classification from Part III to Part II.

- The Bahrain International Trophy advanced to the Group 3 classification in the world horse racing classification.

- The HM the King's Cup, the Crown Prince Cup and the Al Methaq Cup advanced to international Listed status.

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