

PEDAL UP

Kurdish women pedal, dunk, spike as Iraq's top athletes

Iraq's female cycling team won three medals at a landmark pan-Arab race in Algeria in September, thanks to athletes from the autonomous Kurdish region



An Iraqi Kurdish woman trains at a gym in Erbil, the capital of the Kurdish autonomous region in northern Iraq

SARTORIAL



A gown designed by Cabochon's Fidda Al-Marzouqi

From genetics to fashion des

Named after a gemstone that has been shaped and polished as opposed to faceted, Fidda Al-Marzouqi's label 'Cabochon' is known for its elegant evening gowns and fitted looks

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She may have studied genetics and public health, but Fidda Al-Marzouqi has found success in a decidedly more creative field in her home town of Abu Dhabi.

The designer and founder of fashion atelier Cabochon spoke about her personal style and the challenges she faced while making the transition to the studio.

"I've always loved anything to do with design and I've also always loved fashion, dressing myself up," she said, explaining why she chose to test the waters of sartorial design while maintaining her day job as a senior health officer.

"A lot of people would always ask for my advice on how to style a certain



A work by Fidda Al-Marzouqi