

Naser books Tokyo 400m final

Bahrain's sprint star targets gold at World Championships

- Salwa Eid Naser competes in 400m final tomorrow
- Winfred Yavi faces Cherotich in steeplechase today
- 400m final Thursday 4:24 PM, steeplechase 3:37 PM

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Bahrain's Salwa Eid Naser comfortably secured her place in the women's 400 metres final at the World Athletics Championships 2025 in Tokyo after a fantastic semi-final performance. Across the three heats, the first two athletes in each heat (Q) plus the two fastest times (q) advanced to the final.

Naser's 49.47s in Heat 2 not only secured automatic qualification but also placed her among the fastest overall. The 400m final is scheduled for tomorrow at 4:24 PM Bahrain time.

Yavi, Cherotich Renew Rivalry

Meanwhile, Bahrain's Winfred Yavi, reigning world and Olympic champion, is set for the women's 3,000m steeplechase final today at 3:37 PM Bahrain time. She will face Kenya's Olympic bronze medalist Faith Cherotich, who has consistently



Naser explodes off the line at the start



Salwa Eid Naser (R) sprints past her rivals in yesterday's semis



Naser fastest across all semi-final heats

pushed Yavi in Diamond League contests and other international meets this season.

On Monday, Yavi, Cherotich,

Semi-finals result

Heat 1: Natalia Bukowiecka (POL) 49.67 Q, Marileidy Paulino (DOM) 49.82 Q

Heat 2: Salwa Eid Naser (BRN) 49.47 Q, Roxana Gómez (CUB) 49.78 Q

Heat 3: Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone (USA) 48.29 Q, Amber Anning (GBR) 49.38 Q

and Ugandan Olympic gold medallist Peruth Chemutai all won their heats to book spots in Tokyo's final. Cherotich, nicknamed "Small Faith" for her explosive racing style, won Heat 1 in 9:13.95, edging former world champion Norah Jeruto. Last month at the Oslo Diamond League, Cherotich out-kicked Yavi to a world-leading 9:02.60, with Yavi second in 9:02.76.

Barca to stay at Johan Cruyff stadium for Getafe clash



Cranes surround Barcelona's Camp Nou Stadium

AFP | Barcelona

Barcelona will host Getafe in La Liga at their tiny Johan Cruyff training ground stadium on Sunday as they work to obtain permits to reopen their revamped Camp Nou home.

The Spanish champions thrashed Valencia 6-0 at the Johan Cruyff on Sunday in their first home match of the season after playing away for three consecutive games.

"The club continues to work intensely to obtain the administrative permits required for the opening of the Spotify Camp Nou in the coming weeks," said Barca in a statement yesterday.

The Catalan giants intend

to partially reopen Camp Nou with a reduced capacity as rebuilding work continues at the stadium, which is due to be completed in 2026.

The Johan Cruyff stadium, where Barca's women's team regularly plays, holds around 6,000 spectators.

Barcelona closed the Camp Nou for building work at the end of the 2022/23 season, saying they would partially reopen the stadium in November 2024.

They played their home matches at the Olympic stadium on the city's Montjuic hill until the end of last season, as the return date was repeatedly pushed back because of delays in construction and problems obtaining licenses.

Bahrain off to flying start in Asian Handball Championship



Action from the match

● U17s crush Hong Kong 54-24, Mahmood Ali stars

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The Bahrain U17 handball team opened their campaign at the Asian Men's U-17

Championship in Amman with a 54-24 win over Hong Kong yesterday.

The tournament, which runs until 25 September, features 13 teams and also serves as a qualifier for the 2025 IHF Men's U17 World Championship, to be held in Casablanca, Morocco from 24 October to 1 November. Only the top two teams, the finalists, will secure tickets to the world stage.



Action from the match

Bahrain U17s, drawn in Group A alongside Kuwait and Hong Kong, led 21-11 at half-time through strong defensive organization and extended their advantage in the second half, sealing their first three points.

Mahmood Ali was named Best Player of the Match after a standout performance.

Bahrain will face Kuwait at 1 PM today, with the top two teams in the group advancing to the main round of the competition.