

Victory for Bahraini fighter

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Bahraini MMA fighter Hussain Ayyad rose to the occasion to record an emphatic victory in front of a cheering home crowd during Brave 18 yesterday.

Hussain defeated Mohamed Abo Ali from Egypt in an impressive display where the fight ended with a technical knockout.

The fight did not go past the first round as a dominant performance from Ayyad defeated Ali.

After taking down Ali, Ayyad proceeded to 'ground and pound' when the referee had to intervene and stop the fight, awarding a victory to Ayyad.



Stephen Loman defended his belt as he won the fight against Felipe Efrain.



Abdul Kareem Al Selwady exults after winning the fight.

Title fights

For the first title fight of the night Marcel Adur took on Velimurad Alkhasov for the inaugural Brave flyweight championship. Velimurad Alkhasov defeated Marcel Adur.

Stephen Loman from the Philippines fought Felipe Efrain and won becoming the first Brave champion to defend his belt two times.

For the main event of the day and Lightweight Championship, Defending champion Lucas Miniero faced Abdul Kareem Al Selwady, in which Al Selwady won the first round.

Bouts

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dropped Kondratuk and finished him with his striking. In the next fight Goyti Dazev defeated Vasily Kurochkin by TKO in the third round.

In the next featherweight bout Akhmed Sheraniev took on Antônio Carlos "Buiú" Ribeiro. Akhmed Sheraniev defeated Antonio Carlos Ribeiro through a unanimous decision by the all-three judges.

Featherweight action followed when Robert Emerson met Magomedrasul

Khasbulaev which resulted in a victory for Khasbulaev as he defeated his opponent by arm-triangle choke submission.

Abdul-Rakhman Dudaev defeated Joe Taimanglo by unanimous decision in the next fight. It was followed by a win for Khamzat Chimaev by technical knockout.

Next to step into the arena were Cian Cowley and Hardeep Rai. Cowley ensured the victory with a battery of strikes.

Bahrain welcomes rejection of resolution to block arms sale

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Bahrain has welcomed the US Senate's rejection with a clear majority of votes of the resolution to block arms sale to the Kingdom.

"The Kingdom stresses that this important step is in line with the historic and strong relations between Bahrain and the US, characterised by the strategic partnership between the two friendly countries, and contributes to the security of the region," the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement.

"The ministry expresses its appreciation towards this positive stance

that contributes to the security of the Kingdom of Bahrain, highlighting the United States of America's policy in adhering to the security of the Gulf region, combating terrorism and countering all practices and activities aimed at undermining peace and security in the region."

The ministry added that it reiterates its firm position and solidarity with the United States of America in its efforts and initiatives for the establishment of security and peace regionally and internationally.

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porters of the deal stressing that the kingdom was a critical ally hosting an American naval base.

The attempt to stop the sale was led by Republican Senator Rand Paul, an opponent of the war in Yemen, on the grounds of Bahrain's involvement in the Arab Coalition supporting the government against Iran-backed rebels.

Critics of the bill to block the sale said punishment of Bahrain would be misplaced, especially as 7,800 US military personnel are deployed there on a base that hosts the US Navy's Fifth Fleet, which helps protect Washington's interests in the region.

"Its willingness to host our naval

forces also places Bahrain at greater risk from attack from Iran and terrorist groups seeking to do harm to the United States," said Democratic Senator Bob Menendez.

The Trump administration had threatened to veto the bill if it passed the Senate, saying the sales of 120 Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System pods and 110 Army Tactical Missile System pods were intended for Bahrain's defence.

"The utilisation of this ground-based system would enhance Bahrain's ability to protect itself against threats to territorial sovereignty, particularly from Iran," the White House said.