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# Naser lights up Riyadh ahead of 400m final

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The women's 400 metres took centre stage at the sixth Islamic Solidarity Games in Riyadh as athletics continued at Prince Faisal bin Fahad Stadium. Bahrain's Salwa Eid Naser comfortably advanced through the opening round, securing her place in tonight's final.

Naser, the reigning Asian record holder and one of the event's most decorated athletes with a world title, an Olympic silver, and multiple Diamond League crowns, controlled Heat 1 from the gun. She crossed in 52.13 seconds, establishing a clear lead over Nigeria's Patience Okon George (52.91) and Morocco's Salma Lehlali (53.26), both of whom also advanced.

The second heat produced similarly quick times, led by Uganda's Leni Shida in 52.47 and Morocco's Houda Nouiri, who posted a personal best of 52.72. Bahrain's Zenab Mahamat finished in 53.85, outside the qualification spots in a tightly contested field.

With the preliminary round completed, attention now turns to tonight's final, where Naser will start from lane six. She will face Shida, Nouiri, Okon George, Guyana's Aliyah Abrams and the rest of the qualifiers in programme. what is expected to be one of the



Salwa Naser races past Morocco's Salma Lehlali in the women's 400m

marquee races of the athletics across both athletics and para their campaign — and a chance ready distinguished career.

athletics, Naser's appearance in for the 400m specialist to add As Bahrain continues its push the final marks a key moment in another major result to an al-

#### Bahrain set for historic FIBA 3x3 World Tour Final 2025 showdown



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best men's 3x3 teams will com- culture and community." pete for the ultimate prize in 3x3 basketball on 21-22 No-down the curtain on this year's vember 2025.

qualified through the World town Manama," said FIBA Tour circuit, will descend on 3x3 Managing Director Alex the Kingdom for this 15th and Sanchez. "Thanks to Bahrain's final stop. Following successful world-class organisation, playback-to-back hosting of World ers, fans and everyone involved Tour events in 2023 and 2024, can expect an incredible sports Bahrain proudly hosts the festival atmosphere fitting of a prestigious World Tour Final World Tour Final." for the very first time.

tion and an unparalleled urban festival atmosphere.

Tour Final 2025 in Manama is at the finale. Off the court, this a proud moment for Bahrain landmark event is set to leave a and a testament to our grow- lasting legacy in the Kingdom, ing reputation as a world-class inspiring young people across sporting destination," said His Bahrain and the wider region Highness Shaikh Isa bin Ali Al to embrace the sport and de-Khalifa, Vice President of the velop the next generation of Bahrain Olympic Committee, 3x3 basketball talent

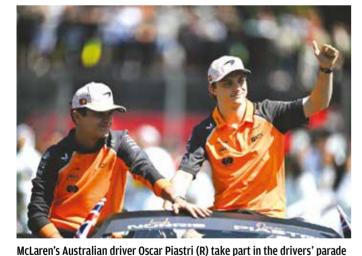
Vice President of the Olympic Council of Asia. "We are The FIBA 3x3 World Tour thrilled to welcome the world's 2025 is set for a dramatic best 3x3 basketball players and showdown in Manama, King- fans to our shores for an unfordom of Bahrain, as the world's gettable celebration of sport,

"We are excited to bring FIBA 3x3 World Tour 2025 in A total of 12 teams, who have spectacular fashion in down-

The iconic waterfront lo-Set against the vibrant back- cation of the Harbour North drop of Manama harbour, fans will provide the ultimate 3x3 of the most thrilling urban showcase in a welcoming city team sport will enjoy two days home to a growing community of world-class basketball ac- of passionate basketball fans.

Host nation team, Seef (BRN), will join the event en-'Hosting the FIBA 3x3 World suring a strong local presence

#### Oscar Piastri wins Australia's top sports honour



ahead of the Mexico City Formula One Grand Prix

AFP | Sydney

Mine-time Grand Prix win-races left. ner Oscar Piastri has won Piastri v Australian sport's highest hon- annual Sport Australia Hall our, the Don Award, with the Of Fame awards on Thursday Formula One star calling it a night in his hometown Mel-"massive privilege".

spring-boarded into the elite most inspired the nation in the this year, igniting national past 12 months. pride as he bids to become Australia's third Formula One ter legendary Australian crickworld champion after Jack eter Donald Bradman. Brabham and Alan Jones.

at last month's Mexico City said.

Grand Prix and is now 24 points behind McLaren teammate Lando Norris with three

Piastri was recognised at the bourne, which honours the The 24-year-old has Australian athlete or team who

The Don Award is named af-

"Winning an award in the He has a battle on his hands, name of Sir Donald Bradman losing the lead in the title race is a massive privilege," Piastri

### BIC set for unique head-to-head thrills with Kanoo Motors Rolling Drag night on Thursday

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m (BIC),\, 'The\,\, Home\,\, of\,\, Mo-}$ torsport in the Middle East', hosts tomorrow the latest edition of Kanoo Motors Rolling Drag Night.

Motor racing enthusiasts will get to enjoy the exciting thrill of head-to-head battles along BIC's world-class quarter-mile drag strip in their very own cars or motorbikes.

Participants can invite their family or friends for an exciting one-on-one challenge, but instead of the traditional standing start, they will begin their run at a rolling speed of 80kph.

Kanoo Motors Rolling Drag Night makes for a unique experience, putting fans into an engaging, yet friendly, duel. Both participants will be able to push their vehicles to their limit within the secure and controlled environment at BIC.

Thursday's event is schedmation, visit BIC's official web- stands for a fee of BD2. site bahraingp.com or call the



BIC Hotline on +973-17450000. circuit, safety is paramount for tional Hot Rod Association the BIC Hotline, or follow the The cost to be a part of the Ka- all taking part. Cars and motor- (NHRA). noo Motors RollingDrag Night bikes must therefore go through

uled from 7pm to 12midnight. is BD22 for each driver or rider. scrutineering before being able Thursday's Kanoo Motors To book a slot or for more infor- Spectators can watch from the to hit the BIC strip, which is a Rolling Drag Night or other part of the NHRA Worldwide events and activities at BIC, Just as in all activities at the Network of the U.S.-based Na- visit the circuit's website, call

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