

# 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 Nouri, 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, Nouri, Okon George, Guyana's Aliyah Abrams and the rest of the qualifiers in what is expected to be one of the marquee races of the athletics



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

programme.

As Bahrain continues its push across both athletics and para

athletics, Naser's appearance in the final marks a key moment in their campaign — and a chance

for the 400m specialist to add another major result to an already distinguished career.

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



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The FIBA 3x3 World Tour 2025 is set for a dramatic showdown in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain, as the world's best men's 3x3 teams will compete for the ultimate prize in 3x3 basketball on 21-22 November 2025.

A total of 12 teams, who have qualified through the World Tour circuit, will descend on the Kingdom for this 15th and final stop. Following successful back-to-back hosting of World Tour events in 2023 and 2024, Bahrain proudly hosts the prestigious World Tour Final for the very first time.

Set against the vibrant backdrop of Manama harbour, fans of the most thrilling urban team sport will enjoy two days of world-class basketball action and an unparalleled urban festival atmosphere.

"Hosting the FIBA 3x3 World Tour Final 2025 in Manama is a proud moment for Bahrain and a testament to our growing reputation as a world-class sporting destination," said His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Ali Al Khalifa, Vice President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee,

Vice President of the Olympic Council of Asia. "We are thrilled to welcome the world's best 3x3 basketball players and fans to our shores for an unforgettable celebration of sport, culture and community."

"We are excited to bring down the curtain on this year's FIBA 3x3 World Tour 2025 in spectacular fashion in downtown Manama," said FIBA 3x3 Managing Director Alex Sanchez. "Thanks to Bahrain's world-class organisation, players, fans and everyone involved can expect an incredible sports festival atmosphere fitting of a World Tour Final."

The iconic waterfront location of the Harbour North will provide the ultimate 3x3 showcase in a welcoming city home to a growing community of passionate basketball fans.

Host nation team, Seef (BRN), will join the event ensuring a strong local presence at the finale. Off the court, this landmark event is set to leave a lasting legacy in the Kingdom, inspiring young people across Bahrain and the wider region to embrace the sport and develop the next generation of 3x3 basketball talent

## Oscar Piastri wins Australia's top sports honour



McLaren's Australian driver Oscar Piastri (R) take part in the drivers' parade ahead of the Mexico City Formula One Grand Prix

**AFP | Sydney**

Nine-time Grand Prix winner Oscar Piastri has won Australia's highest honour, the Don Award, with the Formula One star calling it a "massive privilege".

The 24-year-old has spring-boarded into the elite this year, igniting national pride as he bids to become Australia's third Formula One world champion after Jack Brabham and Alan Jones.

He has a battle on his hands, losing the lead in the title race at last month's Mexico City

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

Piastri was recognised at the annual Sport Australia Hall Of Fame awards on Thursday night in his hometown Melbourne, which honours the Australian athlete or team who most inspired the nation in the past 12 months.

The Don Award is named after legendary Australian cricketer Donald Bradman.

"Winning an award in the name of Sir Donald Bradman is a massive privilege," Piastri said.

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

**Manama**

Bahrain International Circuit (BIC), 'The Home of Motorsport 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 scheduled from 7pm to 12midnight. To book a slot or for more information, visit BIC's official website bahraingp.com or call the BIC Hotline on +973-17450000.

The cost to be a part of the Kanoo Motors RollingDrag Night



is BD22 for each driver or rider. Spectators can watch from the stands for a fee of BD2.

Just as in all activities at the circuit, safety is paramount for all taking part. Cars and motorbikes must therefore go through

scrutineering before being able to hit the BIC strip, which is a part of the NHRA Worldwide Network of the U.S.-based National Hot Rod Association (NHRA).

For more information on

Thursday's Kanoo Motors Rolling Drag Night or other events and activities at BIC, visit the circuit's website, call the BIC Hotline, or follow the circuit's official social media channels.