

# Team Bahrain



## Bahrain's Olympics mission chief arrives in Tokyo

Bahrain Olympic Committee vice-president His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa reaches Japanese capital ahead of official start to Games tomorrow

● HH Shaikh Isa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa received by officials upon arrival for Tokyo Olympics

● Bahrain Olympic Committee secretary general Mohammed Al Nusuf visits national handball team's training

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BOC secretary general Mohammed Al Nusuf, centre, speaks with members of Bahrain's national handball team

The head of Bahrain's mission at the Tokyo Olympics arrived yesterday at the Japanese capital ahead of the highly anticipated start to the Games of the XXXII Olympiad. Bahrain Olympic Committee

vice-president His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa was received upon reaching the event's host city by officials. The Olympics are scheduled to officially get underway to-

morrow with the opening ceremony, which, according to reports, will be a scaled-down, "sobering" show.

"It will be a much more sobering ceremony; nevertheless, with beautiful Japanese aesthet-

ics," said the Tokyo ceremonies executive producer's senior advisor Marco Balich. "Very Japanese but also in sync with the sentiment of today, the reality. "We have to do our best to complete this unique and hope-

fully the only one of its kind Olympics."

Bahrain will be one of over 200 delegations participating in the ceremonial Parade of Nations, although the activity will be smaller with strict social-distancing protocols.

The ceremony is scheduled to begin at 2pm, Bahrain time.

Meanwhile, also yesterday, BOC secretary general and deputy head of the Bahrain mission at the Tokyo Olympic Games Mohammed Al Nusuf visited the training of the Kingdom's men's national handball team at the Japanese capital.

Al Nusuf conveyed the greetings of Supreme Council for Youth and Sports first deputy president, General Sports Authority charman and BOC president HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

Bahrain are taking part in five sports at these Games, including handball, athletics, swimming, shooting and boxing.

All the participating athletes continued their preparations for the start of action, both those who are already in Japan and others who have yet to make the trip.

Tokyo marks Bahrain's 10th participation in the Summer Olympics.

Bahrain have won three Olympic medals in the past, including two gold and one silver. The gold medals were claimed by Maryam Yusuf Jamal at the London Olympics in 2012 for the Women's 1,500m and Ruth Jebet at the Rio de Janeiro Olympics in 2016 for the Women's 3,000m Steeplechase. That same year, Eunice Kirwa claimed the Women's Marathon silver medal.



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