

Lending a helping hand

Proceeds from the strongest Bahraini Championship will go towards supporting Cancer patients

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The supporting activities of the second edition of the Strongest Bahraini Championship were held yesterday at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) under the patronage of HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

The move was part of humanitarian and sports initiatives by the First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of Bahrain Athletic Association and Honorary President of Bahrain Sports Federation for Disabilities.

The 2nd Strongest Bahraini Championship will conclude today with the main activities of the event are organised at



HH Shaikh Khalid

the BIC.

On this occasion, HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa stressed that the Championship aims to instil sports principles among youth in Bahrain in a bid to create a society that is more active.

“Our initiatives have been introduced to support youth and encourage them to practice different types of sports as we intend to inject more talents into our national teams.

“This event carries an important message towards growing and building as well as developing our sports environment as we aim to introduce more sports events that embrace young people,” added Shaikh Khalid.



In pictures, highlights of yesterday's event

It's worth noting that the 2nd Strongest Bahraini Championship began on Thursday.

The event's proceeds will be donated in support of cancer.



First Hala Febrayer Festival organised in Bahrain under the patronage of Shaikh Hisham Bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, the Governor of the Capital Governorate yesterday at 7:00 pm in Water Garden City project located in Seef area opposite to City Centre. Above, scenes from the event

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Bahrain pledges full support to combat terrorism

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Atop Bahraini official yesterday pledged Kingdom's full support to combat terrorism in all forms and dry out its sources of financing for better freedom of navigation and maritime security.

“Bahrain is an active partner in the fight against terrorism, as it has suffered from terrorism directed from abroad,” said Foreign Ministry Undersecretary for International Affairs, Dr Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa.

Speaking during the Middle East Strategic Alliance (MESA) on political and security frameworks, Dr Shaikh Abdullah said Bahrain adamantly supports the comprehensive fight against extremism and terrorism in terms of thought, behaviour, support, funding and shelter.

The meeting comes in the context of ongoing efforts to establish a strategic alliance in the Middle East region to promote prosperity, stability and



Bahraini delegates at MESA meeting

regional security. He told MESA participants that Bahrain is looking forward to establishing a comprehensive strategic institutional framework and effective partnerships that will reinforce security and development and contribute to the shaping a more prosperous future for the peoples of the countries of the region and is fully aware of the importance of alliances to maintain regional security.

“Our constants are in accordance with our vision - there is no security without development, and development cannot continue, flourish or bear fruit without real and lasting security.”

Dr Shaikh Abdullah stressed that achieving stable security and sustainable development for the countries of the region is a collective responsibility that requires coordination and cooperation among the responsible

states.

The meeting kick-started with welcoming words by Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Arabian Gulf Affairs Tim Lenderking, US Deputy Secretary of Defence for Middle East Affairs, Mike Melroy and Deputy, Director Politico-Military Affairs, Middle East Brigadier General Scott Benedict.

Bahrain's delegation is made up of representatives of the Bahrain Defence Force and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Dr Shaikh Abdullah stressed in a statement at the meeting the importance of the strategic alliance for the Middle East to ensure security and stability and affirmed the commitment of Bahrain to actively participating in the alliance, hailing the efforts made by the US government in making security and stability prevail in the region.

He commended the growing Bahraini-US partnership and the strong ties between the two friendly countries.

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Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) ground task force left for Saudi Arabia yesterday to participate in the joint Peninsula Shield 10 drill after completing all combat and administrative preparations. The combat group will take part in the joint exercise alongside forces from the GCC countries. The Peninsula Shield 10 drill aims to boost military cooperation between the GCC countries and achieve common goals.