

Team Bahrain



The Tokyo Olympics are on!

Bahrain delegation participates in Parade of Nations at Opening Ceremony to officially kick off the Games of the XXXII Olympiad in Japan



Bahrain delegation take part in ceremonial Parade of Nations wearing traditional Bahraini clothes

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Bahrain's historic participation in the Games of the XXXII Olympiad in Tokyo got underway yesterday. Members of the Kingdom's Olympic delegation took part in a scaled-down yet culturally brilliant Opening Ceremony, held with a limited number of spectators at the Japan National Stadium.

Men's national handball team skipper Hussain Al Sayyad led the Bahraini delegation as the flag-bearer in the Parade of Nations, joined by a number of Bahrain's other Olympians.

BAHRAIN'S SCHEDULE TODAY

8.15am: Handball, Bahrain vs Sweden

2.27pm: Boxing, Danis Latypov vs Mohammad Abdullayev (AZE)

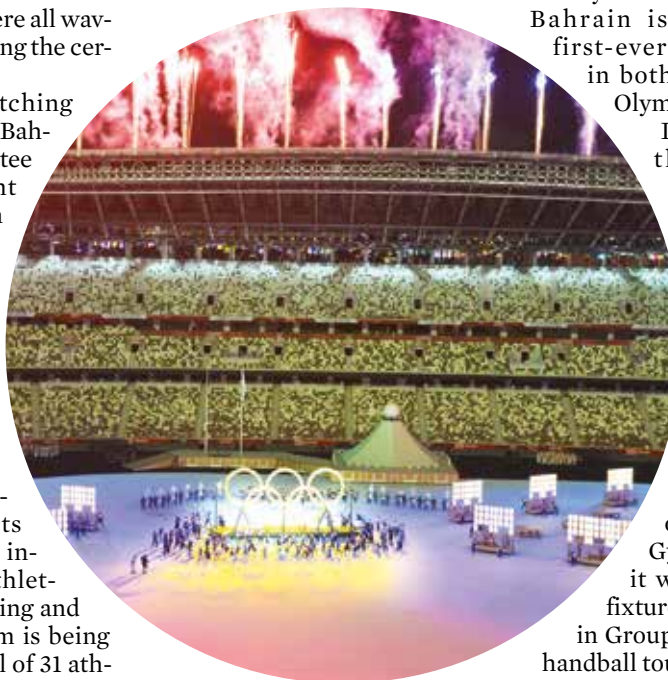


BOC vice-president and Bahrain mission head HH Shaikh Isa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa (L), BOC secretary general and deputy head Mohammed Al Nusuf (R), and other high-ranking officials watch the opening ceremony

Fifteen-year-old swimmer Noor Yusuf Taha walked alongside Al Sayyad in a traditional Bahraini dress, while the men wore thobes. They were all waving Bahrain flags during the ceremony.

In attendance watching from the stands were Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) vice-president and Bahrain mission head His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, BOC secretary general and deputy head Mohammed Al Nusuf, and other high-ranking officials.

Bahrain are participating in five sports at the Tokyo Games, including handball, athletics, swimming, shooting and boxing. The Kingdom is being represented by a total of 31 athletes in what is Bahrain's 10th participation in the Summer Olympics.



HH Shaikh Isa meets Saudi's Olympic delegation head

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Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) vice-president and the Kingdom's delegation head at the Tokyo Olympic Games His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa met yesterday with Saudi Arabia's minister of sports, Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee (SAOC) president and Saudi delegation head Prince Abdulaziz bin Turki Al Faisal.

Also on hand were BOC secretary general Mohammed Al Nusuf and SAOC secretary general



HH Shaikh Isa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, left, presents a token of appreciation to Prince Abdulaziz bin Turki Al Faisal

Prince Fahad bin Jalawi.

HH Shaikh Isa and Prince Abdulaziz held discussions

and at the end of their meeting exchanged tokens of appreciation.

Action

The Kingdom's handball squad and boxer Danis Latypov are both in action today to get their respective medal bids underway.

Bahrain is marking its first-ever participation in both sports at any Olympics.

In handball, the Bahrainis take on world championship silver-medalists Sweden in a match scheduled for an 8.15am start, Bahrain time. It will be played at Tokyo's Yoyogi National Gymnasium, and it will be the first fixture for both teams in Group B of the men's handball tournament's first phase.

Also today in Group B, Portugal take on Egypt while reigning world and Olympic champions Denmark face off with hosts Japan.

All six teams in Group A are also in action, with Norway facing Brazil, France taking on Argentina and Germany battling Spain.

In boxing, Latypov will be taking to the ring in the Men's Super Heavyweight (+91kg) division.

His fight, scheduled for 2.27pm, Bahrain time, will be held at Kokugikan Arena, and it is the lone bout in the Round of 32 of their weight class.

Latypov and his opponent are among a total field of 17 boxers that are set to go for gold in their category.

The winner moves on to face top seed Bakhodir Jalolov of Uzbekistan in the Round of 16, which is scheduled to be held on Thursday next week.



Bahrain handball team player Mohammed Mirza poses for a photograph with tennis superstar Novak Djokovic at the Olympics' Opening Ceremony yesterday