

Bahrain paddlers miss out on medal

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Justin Bieber's Justice World Tour @ Al Dana Amphitheatre

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Megastar Justin Bieber has announced he will perform at Al Dana Amphitheatre, Bahrain's newest and most exciting live entertainment destination, on the 5th of October, with fans expected to travel from across the region for the show.

Named Artist of the Year at the 2021 MTV VMAs and nominated for 13 Billboard Music Awards this year, Justin is the number-one artist on YouTube, with over 68 million subscribers worldwide. His Justice World Tour 2022 is the most ambitious of his career, having sold more than 1.3 million tickets to date. Set to stop in over 30 countries worldwide, the tour takes its name from Bieber's hit album Justice, which has sold over 8 million copies and amassed more than 12 billion global streams.

Shane Chalmers, Chief Executive Officer of Al Dana Amphitheatre, said, "It's a coup for Al Dana Amphitheatre to be included in Justin Bieber's Justice World Tour, especially as we are one of only two destinations included in his GCC programme. His performance will definitely get our new season of events off to a flying start!"

Tickets will be on sale at www.aldana.com.bh today at 9 am, starting from BD 25.



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday remotely chaired the 426th meeting of the Government Executive Committee. HRH Crown Prince discussed agreements and Memorandums of Understandings in aviation services, developments in the afforestation plan and the National Suggestion & Complaint system (Tawasul).

Bahrain 'strong' against Monkeypox, says WHO

Monkeypox 'suspected' cases in Arab countries

WHO confirms 'Monkeypox virus not biologically manufactured or biologically modified'

Staff Reporter
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While the United Arab Emirates has confirmed its first case, there are many other suspected cases of Monkeypox in Arab countries and in the region, said Dr Ahmed Al Mandhari, Regional Director for Eastern Mediterranean at World Health Organisation (WHO), during an online press conference yesterday.

No deaths have been linked to Monkeypox following the non-endemic spread of the virus during the past one month.

Dr Ahmed praised Bahrain's success in tackling the Covid-19



Dr Abdinasir AbuBakar

threat, highlighting that the Kingdom has a strong system to combat infectious diseases including Monkeypox.

"Monkeypox is containable in the Arab region and what is required now is close cooperation between nations and increased awareness among the people to stop transmission of virus," Dr Ahmed said people are the main partners in combatting any virus transmission.

He said that 157 confirmed



Dr Rana Hajjeh

cases have been reported from 17 countries worldwide and 106 suspected cases are still under examination. "After reporting the first case, the UAE is in its best efforts to trace contacts and prevent the transmission of virus. Countries in the region already have accumulated experience in order to protect individuals from the disease."

Speaking at the press conference, Dr Rana Hajjeh, Director of Programme Management



Dr Ahmed Al Mandhari

at WHO, said the organisation doesn't recommend any lockdowns or isolations for Monkeypox. "The role of the media is pivotal in spreading accurate information and I urge all not to spread any misleading information. Quite similar to Covid-19, contact tracing is important in cases of Monkeypox as well."

She said Monkeypox is not expected to spread like Covid-19 and every disease has different precautionary measures.

"Healthcare systems must be continuously supported with human and financial resources to face the challenges. And the training of healthcare workers is of great importance as they are in the forefront of the fight against the virus."

Dr Rana said there are vaccines that give protection from Monkeypox and even Smallpox vaccines are also effective against the virus. "Widespread vaccination is not a recommendation."

Dr Abdinasir AbuBakar, Manager, Infectious Hazards Prevention and Preparedness Unit, WHO, said Monkeypox is not a new disease. "We have been seeing this disease since the beginning of the 1970s. But it is the first time we are seeing something of this higher magnitude, especially in non-endemic countries."

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BAHRAIN COVID-19

TOTAL TESTED

9830332

ACTIVE CASES

3875

DEATHS

1485

DISCHARGED

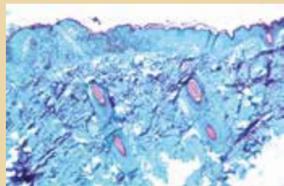
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NEW CASES

435

CRITICAL

3



VACCINES
The smallpox and monkeypox viruses are closely related, and the first generation of smallpox vaccines appear up to 85% effective in preventing monkeypox, the World Health Organization has said. There are currently two smallpox vaccines available. One made by Danish company Bavarian Nordic (BAVA.CO) goes by the brand name Jynneos, Imvamune or Imvanex - depending on geography. The other, older vaccine, currently made by Emergent Biosolutions (EBS.N), is called ACAM2000.

Symptoms
Symptoms of monkeypox - which can include fever, headaches, distinctive rashes and pus-filled skin lesions - can last for two to four weeks and often resolve on their own.

EU sanctions

US seizes Iranian oil cargo near Greek island

Reuters | Athens/London

The United States has confiscated an Iranian oil cargo held on a Russian-operated ship near Greece and will send

the cargo to the United States aboard another vessel, three sources familiar with the matter said.

Greek authorities last month impounded the Iranian-flagged

Pegas, with 19 Russian crew members on board, near the coast of the southern island of Evia due to EU sanctions.

They said the ship was impounded as part of EU sanctions

on Russia for the invasion of Ukraine. However, the vessel was later released due to confusion about sanctions over its owners.

The tanker, renamed Lana

on March 1 and flying the Iranian flag since May 1, has remained near Greek waters since then.

It was previously Russian-flagged.

