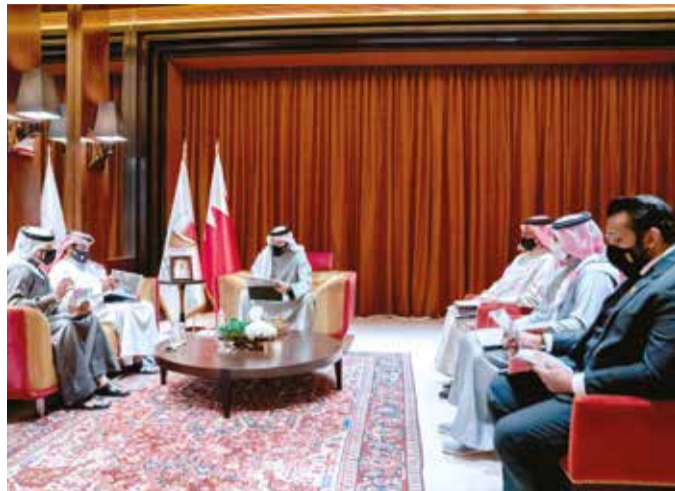


HH Shaikh Khalid reviews preparations for International BRAVE Combat Week



HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa during the meeting

● HH Shaikh Khalid receives HH Shaikh Salman

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HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of the General Sports Authority, President of Bahrain Olympic Committee has received HH Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Vice President of the General Sports Authority and President of Bahrain Combat Sports Council to review preparations for the International BRAVE Combat Week which will include the 1st edition of MMA Super Cup as well as BRAVE Championship.

The event is scheduled to take place in the first quarter of 2022. The meeting was attended by Dr Abdulrahman Sadiq Askar, CEO of the General Sports Authority and Mohammed Shahid, Consultant of His Highness the President of Bahrain Olympic Committee and Mohammed Ali Qambar, President of Bahrain Mixed Martial Arts Federation.

At the beginning of the meeting, HH Shaikh Khalid hailed the efforts of Bahrain Combat Sports Council under the presidency of HH Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa towards supporting the associations and federations operating under its umbrella.

Meanwhile, HH Shaikh Khalid was briefed on the steps that will be taken to prepare for the event which is among the major sports functions hosted by Bahrain. This includes creating working groups and committees. And HH Shaikh Khalid stressed the importance to double the efforts to make the event a huge success.

His Highness added that the

Thailand book place in AFF Suzuki Cup final

AFP | Tokyo

Thailand booked their place in the AFF Suzuki Cup final for a ninth time in 13 attempts after they held defending champions Vietnam to a goalless draw on Sunday in the second leg of the semi-finals to complete a 2-0 aggregate

victory.

The Vietnamese dominated possession at Singapore's National Stadium but could not break down the resolute defence of the Thais, who have conceded only one goal in six matches on their run to the final.

HH Shaikh Nasser honours top-achieving athletes

HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa presents medals to athletes for achievements which contributed to raising the kingdom's flags at various sports gatherings



HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa (R) honours Maryam Jamal (C) as HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa looks on



HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa and HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa with the athletes during the meeting

● HH Shaikh Nasser affirms HM the King's unwavering support for the youth and sports movement in kingdom

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On behalf of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Representative of HM the King for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, yesterday honoured a number of top-achieving athletes, in the presence of the First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, Chairman of the General Sports Authority and President of the Bahrain Olympic Com-

mittee, HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

HH Shaikh Nasser presented medals to the athletes for their achievements which contributed to raising the kingdom's flags at various sports gatherings.

HH Shaikh Nasser presented a medal to middle distance runner Maryam Jamal, the winner of a gold medal at the London 2012 Olympics. The Bahraini athlete had finished third in the women's 1,500 metres at London 2012 but was promoted by to first place the International Olympic Committee and International Association of Athletics Federations when both the gold and silver medal winners were disqualified for doping-related offences.

HH Shaikh Nasser also presented medals to Second-Lieutenant Abdulla Al-Sayed Atiyya

for braking the world record during the ADNOC Abu Dhabi Marathon, and entering the Guinness Book of World Records for running the entire marathon in full military uniform, as well as to Sergeant-Major Ebrahim Al Tamimi, who broke the GCC record at the Valencia Marathon, Seena Monfaradi for winning the gold medal of the World Masters Championship Jiu-Jitsu Championship, and Hisham Noor for winning a gold medal at the same championship.

On the occasion, HH Shaikh Nasser affirmed HM the King's unwavering support for the youth and sports movement in kingdom, noting that the outstanding sports achievements are the outcome of the royal care.

HH asserted that HM the

King's kind gesture to confer medals upon top-achieving athletes affirms the royal appreciation for champions who lifted the national banners at international gatherings.

HH Shaikh Nasser called upon the champions of Bahrain to exert more efforts in the future to earn the kingdom more accomplishments.

The honoured athletes extended heartfelt thanks, appreciation and gratitude to HM the King for granting them medals, noting that the royal kind gesture embodies HM King Hamad's care for sports in Bahrain.

They also paid tribute to HH Shaikh Nasser and HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad for their great support to athletes in Bahrain, pledging to do their utmost to attain more achievements for the kingdom.

Canada's Shapovalov tests positive for Covid in Sydney

Denis Shapovalov
AFP | Sydney

World number 14 Denis Shapovalov has tested positive for Covid-19 after arriving in Sydney, he said Sunday, highlighting the virus threat to the Australian Open.

The 22-year-old was among the first players to enter Australia ahead of the ATP Cup teams event from January 1, where he was supposed to be playing for Canada, and with the first Grand Slam of the year three weeks away.

He said on Twitter he was experiencing mild symptoms and isolating -- the latest player who competed at an Abu Dhabi exhibition this month to get coronavirus.

Riffa face Muharraq in crucial King's Cup quarters clash

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Holders Riffa will have a mammoth task in their quest to defend their title in His Majesty the King's Cup football championship when they take on arch-rivals Muharraq tomorrow in the quarter-final stage.

The match is scheduled for an 8.30pm kick-off at the National Stadium in Riffa and it headlines the four high-intensity fixtures in the last eight.

Also tomorrow, Manama face off with East Riffa in another match of the round of eight, kicking off at 6.15pm.

On Wednesday, another two games will take place at the same venue. Al Najma face Al Ahli at 6.15pm, followed by Al Khaldiya taking on Hidd at 8.30pm.

The winners of the Riffa-Muharraq and Manama-East Riffa contests will face off in the semi-finals, while the victors of Ahli-Najma and Khaldiya-Hidd clash in the other final four



Action from Riffa's Round of 16 victory over Al Hala (File photo)

game. The dates of those two fixtures, along with the final, have yet to be announced by the Bahrain Football Association.

Riffa reached the quarters after beating Al Hala 2-1 in the Round of 16, where Muharraq took care of Al Malkiya 3-1. Manama advanced following a 2-0 win over Galali, whereas East Riffa beat Bahrain Club 4-2 in penalty kicks after

things remained deadlocked at 1-1 at the end of regular time.

Last year's losing finalists Ahli made it through with a 4-0 win over Al Ettifaq, while Najma outplayed Busaiteen 3-0. Khaldiya were 4-1 winners in a penalty shootout over Budaiya after it was 1-1 at the end of regulation, and Hidd beat Sitra 2-1 to march through.