



## Nasser bin Hamad attends veterinary examination for Asian Equestrian Championships in Thailand

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His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs and Captain of the Royal Endurance Team, attended the veterinary examination for the Asian Equestrian Championships in Pattaya, Thailand.

HH Shaikh Nasser will lead the Royal Endurance Team in the 120-kilometre race riding Everest La Maggiore, the horse with which he won the World Championship in France last year.



HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman attends the sixth race of the 2025-2026 horse-racing season

## Nader shines with four wins as Pegasus seals thrilling finale

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His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Minister of the Prime Minister's Court and Chairman of the Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club's (REHC) High Committee, attended the sixth race of the 2025-2026 horse-racing season, held for the RedX Industries Cups at the club's race-course in Al Raffah.

Also present were His Highness Shaikh Hamad bin Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, His Highness Shaikh Salman bin Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, a number of Their Highnesses, and representatives of RedX Industries, the official sponsor of the meeting, along with an impressive public turnout. Spectators enjoyed an exciting evening filled with enthusiasm, entertainment, and intense competition among top stable horses, who shared victories across the eight rounds.

The winners of the RedX Cups were crowned during the event.

His Highness Shaikh Hamad received the RedX Cup for the fifth race from Shaikh Ali bin Isa Al Khalifa, Chairman of Redex, after By Line, owned by Al Adiyat Racing, took first place in the fifth round.

Shaikh Ali bin Isa Al Khalifa also presented the Redex Cup for the seventh race to the winning owner Abdulla Fawzi Nass, and the eighth-round cup to winning owner Abdulla Al Zari.

Meanwhile, Yusuf Osama Buheji, Chief Executive Officer of the Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club, presented the club's cup to the winning owner Mohammed Khalid Abdulrahim.

The sixth race meeting delivered eight competitive rounds. Tuwaysan 1844 claimed the opening Purebred Arabian race after a tight three-way finish, followed by an upset victory for Maximum Maket. Zill secured the Grade 1 Bahrain-bred cup, while Red Mission Time returned to winning form. Star performer By Line dominated the fifth race with a powerful late surge. Knight extended his winning streak in the sixth round, and filly Burst earned her maiden victory in the seventh. The finale saw Pegasus storm home dramatically, giving jockey Ibrahim Nader his fourth win of the evening.



# NHRA, not hospitals, probe medical errors

Hospitals have no say in Medical error cases, says Ministry

## NHRA panels follow international standards

● Panels are supervised by NHRA's chief executive

● Committees may seek input from hospital staff, experts

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Hospitals in the Kingdom have no role in medical error investigations, Health Ministry has confirmed. The Health Ministry has clarified that hospitals have no say in how medical error cases are examined. The National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA) alone holds discretion through its investigation committees, which operate independently of government hospitals.

In a written reply to MP Jameel Mulla Hassan, who asked about the role of public hospitals and health centres, the ministry explained that NHRA panels follow international standards rather than internal hospital policies when issuing findings.

Medical-error files are handled by NHRA's technical committees on professional and ethical errors. These committees review patient complaints, inspection reports, employer notifications, and court referrals. Each committee is supervised by NHRA's chief executive and includes NHRA specialists as well as practising health professionals with relevant experience. Outside experts may also be invited, and temporary sub-committees can be formed for specialised investigations.

The committees operate under the oversight of the Supreme Council of Health but retain full independence. While they may seek input from staff at any health institution, such experts serve in a personal capacity, not as hospital representatives. Government hospitals cannot remove committee members or influence the investigation process.

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## Step in for a spin

# Human washing machine on sale in Japan

AFP | Tokyo, Japan

After wowing World Expo visitors, a human washing machine is now on sale in Japan, a company spokeswoman said yesterday.

Users lie down in the pod, close the lid and get cleaned like clothes in a washing machine -- but without the spin -- while music plays.

A prototype of the device, called the human washer of the future, attracted long queues at the six-month Expo that



The Mirai Human Washing Machine at the Osaka Expo

wrapped up in Osaka in October after welcoming over 27 million people.

Made by Japanese firm Science, the device is an update of a product displayed the last time Osaka hosted the event, in 1970.

"Our (company) president was inspired by that as a 10-year-old boy at the time," Science spokeswoman Sachiko Maekura told AFP.

The machine "not only washes your body but also your soul," she added, while also monitoring users' heartbeats and other vital signs.

After a US resort company contacted Science to see if the prototype would be commercialised, the firm decided to produce it for real.

A hotel in Osaka bought the

first machine and is preparing to offer the service to hotel guests, the spokeswoman said.

Other customers include Yamada Denki, a major consumer electronics retail chain in Japan, which hopes the machine will draw people to visit its outlets, she said.

"Because part of the appeal of this machine is rarity, we plan to produce only about 50 units," Maekura said.

Local media reported that the retail price will be 60 million yen (\$385,000)

220 fils (includes VAT)



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