

HH Shaikh Khalid hails successful BRAVE 33 in Jeddah



HH Shaikh Khalid along with one of the winners at the event.



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Under the patronage of HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports and President of Bahrain Olympic Committee, BRAVE 33 took place yesterday at Prince Abdullah Al Faisal GYM in Jeddah.

HH Shaikh Khalid was present during the event and watched all the bouts, cheering the 22 fighters, representing 15 countries from across the globe who featured in the event. The championship also witnessed the attendance of many MMA enthusiasts.

On this occasion, HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa hailed the historic relations tying Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, stating that they have been constructed by both countries' rulers on a strong base stemmed from the brotherhood links, the geographic depth as well



Fighters in action at BRAVE 33 in Jeddah.

as common destiny.

"Such ties have been further strengthened thanks to the constant support and sponsorship from HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and his brother the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the King of Saudi Arabia," HH Shaikh Khalid said.

"Both countries have been keen on cementing those ties across all fields in order to preserve the national gains that positively reflect in making further progress and prosperity," he added, describing Saudi Arabia as the elder sister and the heartbeat of the Arabian Gulf and the safety valve of the Arab and Islamic nations for its pioneer role in supporting links and defending the issues of the Islamic and Arab nations.

Furthermore, HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa expressed his utmost happiness at having Jeddah playing host to BRAVE 33, stating that this underscores its position as one of the main hubs for important events in the Middle East.

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The event was aired by many English and Arab channels, including Abu Dhabi Sports TV channel.

OIC rejects interference in member states' affairs

Jeddah

The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) has affirmed that the preliminary rulings issued by the Saudi Criminal Court regarding the case of the murder of citizen Jamal Khashoggi were implemented in line with the judicial procedures in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Saudi Press Agency (SPA) reported.

In a statement, OIC Secretary General, Dr Yousef bin Ahmed Al Othaimeneh disclosed that these rulings must be respected and no one has a right to interfere in the internal affairs of the member states.

The OIC stressed its firm principles of the necessity of non-interference in the internal affairs of the member states in accordance with the 3rd provision of the 1st Article of the OIC Charter.

The family and friends of murdered journalist Jamal Khashoggi has already welcomed the speedy resolution to the trial as a court in Riyadh sentenced five men to death for the killing in the Saudi consulate last September.

"Today we have been granted justice as the children of the deceased, Jamal Khashoggi," tweeted Salah Khashoggi.

"We affirm our confidence in the Saudi judiciary at all levels, that it has been fair to us and that justice has been achieved.

"The legitimacy of the judiciary is based on two factors -fairness and the speed of the litigation process to ensure that injustice and delaying tactics were avoided."

Anti-chemical weapon stances stressed at key committee meeting

Manama

The National Committee on the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons Development, Production, Use and Stockpiling and their Destruction held its 10th meeting headed by the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr Shaikha Rana bint Isa bin Daij Al Khalifa with the participation of the members of the Committee representing the relevant ministries and government bodies.

Dr Shaikha Rana welcomed the members of the Committee,

praising the efforts exerted by all members of the Committee to meet the Committee's objectives and obligations.

During the meeting, the Committee reviewed the outcomes of participating in the Twenty-Fourth Conference of the States Parties of the Chemical Weapons Convention held in The Hague, Netherlands, during the period 25-29 November 2019.

The annual National Committee on the Prohibition Chemical Weapons Development, Production, Use and Stockpiling



Dr Shaikha Rana chairs the committee meeting.

and their Destruction for 2019, which will be presented before the Cabinet, was also reviewed. The Committee also discussed the Scientific Research Award

which is about to be launched by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in collaboration with the University of Bahrain next year. The award aims to develop

the spirit and mastery of scientific research among university students in the Kingdom of Bahrain as well as enhance research fields related to the prohibition

of chemical weapons and spread awareness regarding this matter.

They also shed light on the participation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the The United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament which helped the participants gain legal and diplomatic experiences in the field of disarmament and enhance the Kingdom's achievements in this field as well as many other benefits.

The committee also presented its workshops for 2020 as well as its plan to be followed by other authorities next year.



The Filipino Creatives Bahrain under the auspices of the Philippine Embassy in Bahrain held a general meeting as part of their preparation for their art exhibit in the March 2020. This art exhibit is anticipated to be the biggest and most challenging event the art group has organised. The talented visual artist group of Filipinos will work in collaboration with Bahraini artists and other international artists who share their passion for visual arts. The art exhibit is entitled "CROSSCURRENT" which means a fusion of arts and culture as shown through their work of arts. This event aims to spread inspiration and message to everyone that art knows no boundaries. It can be shared by all regardless of their race, colour, beliefs and culture.



Dr Praveen Kumar, Cardiologist, Royal Bahrain Hospital, addressed BCICAI members and families on the subject "Care for your Heart" and shared vital information on the precautions and life style habits to be followed to prevent cardiovascular diseases. Speaker CA Tanmay Kelkar, expert on Canada real estate and tax matters provided useful information to the audience on Canada settlement, real estate and taxation aspects for immigrants.