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Formula 1 kicks off 2023 season with thrilling F1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2023 at Bahrain **International Circuit** in Sakhir | **P12**





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Bahraini film wins award at **Russian festival**

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The "Sheikh Al Tan-weer" (Shaikh of Enlightenment) film continued clinching international prizes, the latest of which was the "Best Director" award granted to its Director, Eva Daoud, by HALO International Film Festival, held in Saint Petersburg, Russia.

The film, produced by the Shaikh Ebrahim bin Mohammed Al Khalifa Centre marking its 20th anniversary, was praised by the festival's jury, and appreciated by the audience.

Sponsored by the Economic Development Board (EDB), Batelco, and the Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company (GPIC), the film depicts places as memories of nations.

It reflects the vision of the centre and its management that there are no dilapidated houses, but rather homes whose people have stopped loving them.

Al Qaeda confirms top figure killed in Yemen strike

AFP | Dubai

l Qaeda yesterday con-Afirmed the death of a senior figure in the jihadist network's Yemen branch in a suspected US air strike last month, SITE Intelligence Group reported.

Security and local government sources told AFP on Wednesday Hamad bin Hamoud Al Tamimi had been killed, identifying him as a top leader of Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), which Washington regards as among the group's most dangerous branches.

Tamimi, who is also known as Abdel Aziz Al Adnani, died in a drone strike on February 26 that targeted his residence in war-torn Yemen's northern Marib province, according to the statement reported by SITE, which monitors jihadist websites.

The statement identified him as a "media official" who "previously managed external operations in the group.

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HRH Prince Salman hails Bahrain Grand Prix 'success'

The success of the 2023 Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix is a testament to the Kingdom's capability to host international sporting events and reflects His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's aspirations.

This was emphasised by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, as he attended yesterday the event, where he toured the Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) track to meet with fans and review preparations for the race.

this year's attendees and comrain and their contribution to the uty Chairman of the Supreme Bahrain Olympic Committee, the Isa bin Salman Charity Ed-number of senior officials.



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister attends the Bahrain Grand Prix yesterday

HRH Prince Salman welcomed Kingdom's continued success.

His Royal Highness was ac- Chairman of the General Sports Hamad Al Khalifa, the Chair- Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman mended the efforts of Team Bah- companied by the First Dep- Authority, and President of the man of the Board of Trustees of bin Hamad Al Khalifa, and a

Council for Youth and Sports, His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin ucational Charitable Trust, His

'Incredible race'

Sell-out crowd witnesses F1 spectacle at BIC; Verstappen wins first Bahrain GP title

- Record-breaking 36,000 race day crowd
- 99,500 spectators attend weekend events
- Over 10,000 tourists travel to Bahrain

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ahrain International Circuit (BIC). The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East", announced yesterday a record sell-out crowd for the final day of the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2023.

nessed another incredible Group CEO Stefano Domenicali race under the lights

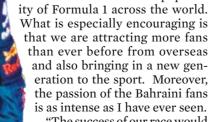
> total of 99,500 attending over the weekend. Comment-

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Verstappen

victory

celebrates his



"The success of our race would not be possible without the support of so many. I offer a particular thanks to Formula 1 and the

FIA for everything that they do for the sport. I also thank the teams, Bahrain Motor Federation, marshals and all those who have supported us to deliver the spectacle of F1."



The 36,000 spectators who wit- HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister is joined on the grid ahead of the Bahrain Grand Prix by FIA president Mohammed Ben Sulayem, left, and F1

in Sakhir was the conclusion of the 2023 Gulf Air Bahrain highest single day Grand Prix, BIC chairman Arif Rahimi attendance in the said: "I congratulate Max Verstappen race's 19-year on his first ever victory in Bahrain, for history, with a what was an incredible race under the stars of Sakhir.

"Our sell-out crowd over the weekend reflects the incredible popular-What is especially encouraging is that we are attracting more fans than ever before from overseas and also bringing in a new generation to the sport. Moreover, the passion of the Bahraini fans

A section of the crowd at BIC's sold-out Main Grandstand last night treated to an incredible festival of mo- to deliver the show for fans. torsport and entertainment, creating

the Middle East.

of the racing weekend, fans have been team at BIC, who have worked tirelessly

"As the dust settles on our 2023 race, lifelong memories for those who have we are already looking towards the future. joined us at the Home of Motorsport in Next year represents a landmark 20th anniversary for us as a circuit and our "To deliver an event of this nature in- involvement in F1. For that, we plan to volves the support of all of Team Bahrain step it up another year for our fans with BIC Chief Executive Shaikh Salman and I thank all those who have worked a special celebration. We look forward bin Isa Al Khalifa said: "Over the course so hard. I offer a particular thanks to my to welcoming everyone again next year."