

Royal inspiration

Winfred Yavi hails HM King's support in historic Olympic win

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Bahrain's pride Winfred Yavi has credited her historic victory in the 3,000 metres steeplechase at the Paris Olympics to the unwavering support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Speaking to Bahrain News Agency (BNA), Yavi expressed deep gratitude, and acknowledged that the encouragement from HM the King and the royal family played a pivotal role in her journey to winning gold and breaking the Olympic record.

She extended her heartfelt thanks to His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of HM the King for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs and Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS), and His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the First Deputy Chairman of the SCYS, Chairman of the General Sports Authority (GSA), and President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee.

Appreciation

She also expressed her appreciation for the Bahrain Olympic Committee and the Bahrain Athletics Association, whose unwavering support was instrumental in her success.

Yavi described her achievement as "an Olympic dream come true."

She broke the Games' record with an astounding time of 8:43.25. This achievement sur-



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passes the previous record of 8:58.81 set by Russia's Gulnara Galkina in 2008.

Her tears during the victory ceremony were a reflection of the overwhelming support she received throughout her journey.

Support

"A huge thanks to my coach and athletic team, my family, and of course, the fans. Their support means the world to me,"

she said. Reflecting on her preparations, Yavi attributed her historic victory to a blend of hard work, teamwork, and a positive mindset.

She shared that the biggest challenge during the race was avoiding getting boxed in by competitors, a hurdle she overcame by taking the lead and pushing towards the finish line.

Recalling the race's final moments, Yavi described passing

Ugandan Peruth Chemutai, who won silver with a national record time of 8:53.34, as "incredible."

Strong finish

She said, "I knew I had a very strong finish, and my goal was to make a move, attack the barrier, and keep going until I saw the finish line."

Looking to the future, Yavi sent an empowering message to young athletes: "Believe it and everything is possible, as long as you keep moving."

She also declared her intention to defend her title, stating, "I'll keep doing my thing and come back to defend my title in the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics."

Bahrain, UK hold talks about Palestinian issue

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His Excellency Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs, received a telephone call from Rt Hon David Lammy, Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs of the United Kingdom.

During the call, the minister congratulated the secretary of state on assuming his new duties and wished him continued success.

Dr. Al Zayani said he was keen on meeting with the secretary to further discuss enhancing the longstanding relations between the two countries.

The two sides highlighted the historic Bahrain-UK cooperation, within the framework of the strategic dialogue.

Cooperation

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H.E. Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani

the ongoing Arab and international efforts to achieve a ceasefire, protect civilians in accordance with international law, facilitate humanitarian aid to the Palestinian people, secure the release of hostages and detainees, and mitigate tensions to uphold regional security and stability.

They also discussed the revival of the peace process to reach a political solution for the Palestinian-Israeli conflict based on the two-state solution.

Joint Security Committee meeting



Lieutenant General Theyab bin Saqer Al Nuaimi, the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) Chief of Staff chaired the Joint Security Committee meeting. The meeting discussed means of developing cooperation between the BDF and security agencies in the Kingdom. Lieutenant General Tariq bin Hasan Al Hasan, Chief of Public Security, and Lieutenant General Shaikh Abdulaziz bin Saud Al Khalifa, the National Guard Staff Director, attended the meeting.

Labour Ministry quality services



The Ministry of Labour has successfully renewed its ISO 9001:2015 certification, the international standard for quality management systems, following a comprehensive external audit that covered all sectors of the ministry. This reflects the ministry's commitment to implementing global quality standards across its operations. The ISO 9001:2015 certification is an international standard that evaluates productivity efficiency and the adherence of institutions to quality management systems, thereby contributing to the continuous improvement of work quality within the ministry.

Jet ski accident

The Coast Guard successfully rescued two individuals following the capsizing of their jet ski in the marine area near Khorfasht. The Ministry of Interior confirmed via the X platform that both individuals are in good health.



Major South Muharraq housing plan approved

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MP Hamad Al Doy has announced that the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning has recently approved the detailed plan for the South Muharraq area, known as "Riya District", and its extensions.

The plan includes a significant area dedicated to various housing programmes, which are expected to serve the residents of the area and address some of the outstanding housing requests in Muharraq.

Al Doy revealed to our sister newspaper Al Ayam that three different housing plans will benefit the residents.

These include the "Riya District" project, another project located in the second district specifically targeting the existing old housing buildings, which will be demolished and redeveloped for different housing programmes, and a third project extending until 2026, initiated under the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa as part of the Muharraq Old Town Development Project.

This project will include 300



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housing units built in the old architectural style and will be distributed to residents.

Al Doy clarified that the land allocated for these housing projects falls geographically within the first and second districts of Muharraq Governorate.

Hope

He expressed hope that the Ministry would allocate a portion of these lands to residents of the first and second districts, particularly addressing the long-standing housing requests of the people of Muharraq.

He highlighted that the existing area in the Busaiten apartments is sufficient for approximately 80 housing units.

If the surrounding area allocated to the Ministry is added, it is expected to be enough to fulfill hundreds of housing requests, especially through the housing unit distribution program or other alternative housing programmes.

Al Doy emphasised that the outstanding housing requests from residents of the second district in Old Muharraq are numerous, exceeding 1,000 requests.

Similarly, the requests from residents of the first district are close to that number, indicating a total of over 2,000 requests.