

## F1 Bahrain Grand Prix preparations discussed



The officials at their meeting

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Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture Minister Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak received Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) Chief Executive Shaikh Salman bin Isa Al Khalifa.

The ministry's Undersecretary

Shaikh Mohammed bin Ahmed Al Khalifa was present.

The meeting discussed the circuit's preparations to host Bahrain's Formula 1 race.

The minister praised BIC's role in serving sports and promoting Bahrain's achievements and reputation regionally and internationally.

He expressed the ministry's readiness to cooperate with the BIC and provide all necessary support for hosting various sporting events, including Formula 1.

Shaikh Salman expressed appreciation to the ministry's efforts to coordinate the upcoming grand prix.

## Large number of entries for GPIC tennis

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Bahrain Tennis Club (BTC) has received a total of 160 entries for the upcoming 34th GPIC Tennis Championships, including players from the US, South Korea, the Netherlands, Jordan, Russia, India, Pakistan, Egypt and the Philippines.

The tournament will commence on 3 November and registration will be open until 27 October.

There are a number of competition categories for players, including the men's super singles, men's super doubles, men's singles, men's doubles, men's over-45 singles, men's over-45 doubles, men's over-55 singles, men's over-55 doubles,

women's singles and women's doubles.

For those who are interested in joining the tournament, registration can be done through Google forms on BTC's Instagram and Facebook accounts, on the BTC website or at the club reception.

For more information, call BTC on +973-17729561.

## EK Kanoo Drag and Drift Nights back at BIC

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Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) is bringing back one of its most widely participated events this evening with the Ebrahim K Kanoo Drag and Drift Nights.

The popular double-header returns to "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East" offering speed enthusiasts the opportunity to take their very own cars or motorbikes and push them to their limits down BIC's world-class quarter-mile drag strip, or power slide around BIC's exciting Vehicle Dynamics Area.

There is also the option for participants to enjoy both experiences, making for twice the thrills in one action-packed event.

Today's Ebrahim K Kanoo Drag and Drift Nights takes place from 6pm until 11pm.

The BIC strip is highly regarded as one of the best in all of drag racing, and it is a part of the prestigious Worldwide Network under the banner of the U.S.-based National Hot Rod Association (NHRA). It set to light up with head-to-head battles all through the evening.

BIC's Vehicle Dynamics Area boasts a specially configured layout at BIC's car park for the drifters. Surrounded by safety barriers, it is one of the largest open tarmac areas in Bahrain



Drifting action from a previous event (File photo)

and an ideal location for drifting enthusiasts to showcase their skills.

Both the drag and the drift can be enjoyed for a single fee of BD11. Participation in just the drag racing or just the drifting costs BD8.

Registration for participants will be done on site from 5pm. Those who would like to experience the drag or drift as a passenger can get into a participant's car for an additional BD4,500.

Spectators can purchase tickets online at BIC's official website bahraingp.com for BD2 apiece to watch all the action. Tickets for children aged 12 and below are BD1 each.

In addition to the Drag and Drift, also available on Monday night is BIC's most adrenaline-pumping passenger ride, the Dragster Experience, also known as "the Fastest Ride on Earth!"

Fans will have a chance to get a taste of pure speed as they are taken from zero to 100kph in just one second while seated in a Top Dragster. The Dragster Experience is available at BD44 for the first passenger while the second passenger can get 50 per cent off.

For more information on the Ebrahim K Kanoo Drag and Drift Nights, visit bahraingp.com or call the BIC Hotline on +973-17-450000.

# Is BRAVE CF 63 the home to a Super Welterweight unofficial "grand-prix"?

Ismail Naurdiev to face Marcin Bandel for the BRAVE CF Super Welterweight title this Wednesday

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Brave Combat Federation fans will be spoilt for choice when BRAVE CF 63 rocks the Kingdom of Bahrain on October 19th. An electric card will include two huge Super Welterweight bouts as number-two ranked Ismail Naurdiev faces number-three ranked Marcin Bandel for the vacant title, while the main card features a duel between number-four ranked Kamal Magomedov fight number-five ranked Olli Santalahti for further honors in the division.

But is there perhaps more to this than what meets the eye? Have the BRAVE CF matchmakers produced a Super Welterweight Grand Prix, with two semi-final bouts - if you may - under the guise of a 'title fight' and a 'number-one contender' matchup?

It's only rankings on paper that separate these four gladiators as they're all equally ready to fight for a title shot with all of them coming off a win. Naurdiev is riding a two-fight win streak with one of those wins coming against the number-one ranked Nordic Middleweight, Santalahti who lost via unanimous decision to the 'Austrian Wonderboy' at BRAVE CF 54.

In his next bout, Naurdiev produced an emphatic TKO victory over Kyrgyzstan's Bekten Zhebekov at BRAVE CF 59, and then cut a memorable promo demanding a shot at the title. He



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now lines-up against Poland's Bandel who has not set a foot wrong in the 175-pound division with two BRAVE CF wins in as many fights as he looks to make it a hat-trick and the perfect run to the golden strap.

Earlier in the evening, the dangerous Magomedov take on

## BRAVE CF 63: two title fights and a truly global fight card



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Brave Combat Federation has truly cemented itself as

the Finn, Santalahti. Number four-ranked Magomedov made a big statement in his BRAVE CF debut last November when he beat Russia's Vitaly Tverdokhlev via armbar within one minute of the first round. The Gladius Gym athlete is riding high on confidence post that fight not only because of the result

the most-international mixed martial arts promotion on the planet. The brand is home to athletes from every corner of

but also due to the fact that he signed with BRAVE CF off the back of a successful Titan FC Welterweight Championship bout reiterating his quick rise in the BRAVE CF rankings.

Magomedov is unbeaten in his professional career and one more win almost guarantees a shot with the winner between

### BRAVE CF 63 Fight Card

**Vacant Super Welterweight world title fight**

Ismail Naurdiev (Austria) vs Marcin Bandel (Poland)

**Bantamweight world title fight**

(C) Brad Katona (Canada) vs Gamzat Magomedov (Bahrain)

**Super Welterweight fight**

Kamal Magomedov (Russia) vs Olli Santalahti (Finland)

**Featherweight fight**

Nemat Abdrashitov (Kyrgyzstan) vs Marcos Vinicius Costa (Brazil)

**Catchweight 77kg fight**

Abbas Khan (Pakistan) vs Michael Reali (Italy)

the globe and in August this year Germany became the 28th nation to host the brand, confirming BRAVE CF as the most-travelled mixed martial arts brand in the world - a milestone indicative of BRAVE CF's commitment to spreading the sport around the globe.

This week, in the first installment of the iconic 2022 Kombat Kingdom series, BRAVE CF will show-off its huge international flavor and global footprint once again as ten athletes from three continents (America,

Asia and Europe) and eight different regions (Middle East, North America, South America, Western Europe, Eastern Europe, Nordic Europe, Central Asia, Subcontinent) descend upon Bahrain's Khalifa Sports City Arena in hopes of glory.

BRAVE CF 63 will truly be an international spectacle considering that not one nation will be represented twice on the card as twelve athletes from twelve different nations fly their flags on an epic fight card.

Naurdiev and Bandel. He will first have to deal with BRAVE CF 2021 'Fight of the Year' recipient, Santalahti. For "The Amazing", it could be the perfect opportunity for him to break Magomedov's unbeaten streak and shoot himself to a title fight.

Should both Santalahti and Naurdiev win their respective

fights on the night, it could set up the ultimate rematch and the perfect opportunity for the Finn to avenge his loss against the Austrian. In truth, any combinations between four of the best Super Welterweights on the planet means an electric fight. Roll-on Wednesday evening!