

HH Shaikh Nasser hails HH Shaikh Khalid's efforts



HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa and His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa at the meeting
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His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs and President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports commended the efforts of His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of the General Sports Authority and President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee and the working party, praising the accomplishments made recently by the Bahraini clubs, including the first-place victory

of Manama Club in the West Asia Super League and Al Najma Club's triumph in the 25th Asian Men's Club League Handball Championship.

HH Shaikh Nasser's remarks came while chairing the first meeting of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports after its restructuring, in the presence of His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, and Their Highnesses and Excellencies members of the Council.

At the beginning of the meeting, His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa welcomed the new members, congratulating them on their appointment to the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports,



Officials attend the meeting

and wishing them all success in their national mission. His Highness also thanked the previous council members who performed their duties to the fullest and contributed to the development of the youth and sports sectors.

His Highness praised the National Youth Empowerment Strategy, which covered the most important pillars of youth work and priorities aimed at developing the role of young people through a number of projects that sharpen their skills.

His Highness hailed the new "Masari" (My Path) project, which provides promising opportunities for young people to learn, increase their knowledge, find job opportunities for

youth, and support the education system in the Kingdom of Bahrain. Besides, His Highness explained the details of the project and the participating countries in the student exchange and educational missions for young people.

The council was briefed on the latest developments of the existing projects of the Ministry of Youth Affairs, which will be implemented during the current period, especially the Youth City 2030 project, honouring the contributors and participants in the project. It also reviewed the project's details, the identity of the city, and the workshops that will be organised for the young people of the two categories benefiting from the project.

Broad revives England's victory bid as Khawaja holds firm for Australia



Nathan Lyon celebrates with team-mates after taking the wicket of Joe Root

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England's Stuart Broad took two late wickets to pile pressure on Australia as the opening Ashes Test at Edgbaston headed for a dramatic finish.

Australia were making steady progress at 78-1 in pursuit of a victory target of 281 when veteran paceman Broad removed both Marnus Labuschagne and Steve Smith -- the world's two top-ranked Test batsmen -- to leave the Ashes holders 89-3.

At stumps yesterday, the World Test champions were 107-3, still needing a further 174 runs to win on Tuesday's final day.

Usman Khawaja, who ended his decade-long wait for an Ashes hundred in England with 141 in Australia's first-innings 386, was 34 not out.

And that meant the left-handed opener was set to become only the second Australian, after Kim Hughes against England at Lord's in 1980, to bat on all five days of a Test.

Kyrgios withdraws from Wimbledon warm-up Halle tournament



Nick Kyrgios

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Australian Nick Kyrgios said he "tried everything" to be fit after withdrawing from the Wimbledon warm-up tournament in Halle yesterday due to a knee issue.

The 28-year-old, who lost the 2022 Wimbledon final in four sets to Novak Djokovic, had surgery to repair a meniscus injury in his left knee in January.

"I tried everything here in Halle to be fit over the past few days, but I had to make the decision to pull out," Kyrgios said yesterday.

"When I play, I want to put in a performance like I did here last year when I was in the semi-finals, but that just wasn't possible," the Australian added.

Kyrgios, ranked 31, had been due to take on Italian Lorenzo Sonego on Tuesday morning in the German grass-court tournament, one of the most important lead-up events for Wimbledon, which begins on July 3.

Kyrgios complained of restricted movement after his first-round loss to Wu Yibing in Stuttgart earlier this month.

Manama to play in FIBA Intercontinental Cup

Champions of first-ever FIBA West Asia Super League get invite for global event, to be held in Singapore

● This year's FIBA Intercontinental Cup set for September 21 to 24

● Official draw for tournament's preliminary group stage set for today

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Bahrain's Manama Club, as first-ever champions of the FIBA West Asia Super League (WASL), are set to compete in the 33rd FIBA Intercontinental Cup.

This was confirmed yesterday by global basketball's governing body, the International Basketball Federation (FIBA).

This prestigious competition, which is also known as the FIBA Club World Cup, is endorsed by FIBA and the NBA.

This year's event is scheduled to be held September 21 to 24 in Singapore, and a Bahraini team is set to take the hardwood in the competition for the first time.

Manama are one of six professional basketball clubs in the fray. The others are Basketball Champions League winners Telekom Baskets Bonn from Germany, Basketball Champions



Manama players celebrate their victory in the FIBA WASL final with His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa on Saturday (File photo)

League Americas winners Sesi Franca from Brazil, Basketball Africa League champions Al Ahly from Egypt, Chinese Basketball Association representatives Zhejiang Golden Bulls, and the NBA G League Ignite.

According to FIBA, Manama have received an invitation to complete the six-team line-up, having won the FIBA West Asia Super League.

The official draw for the tournament takes place today at the ArtScience Museum in Singapore.

International basketball stars Vlade Divac from Serbia, Yi Jianlian from China and Ian Mahinmi from France will be present.

All three men have represented their countries at the FIBA Basketball World Cup over the

years, with Divac winning the competition twice.

At the draw, teams will be divided into two groups for the FIBA Intercontinental Cup's preliminary round. Each team will have two games in this group stage, with those fixtures taking place between September 21 and 23.

At the end of this stage, a last day of competition will be held



Manama are one of six clubs from around the world taking part. The others are the Telekom Baskets Bonn from Germany, Sesi Franca from Brazil, Al Ahly from Egypt, Zhejiang Golden Bulls from China and the NBA G League Ignite from the US

on September 24, with the top teams from their respective groups squaring off in the final.

There will also be a game for third place between the teams that were runners-up in the groups, while the teams that were ranked third will battle to determine fifth place on the event's final ranking.

Manama captured the gold medals in the inaugural edition of the FIBA WASL after defeating Kuwait SC 67-59 in the final of the FIBA WASL Final Eight, which was held in Dubai.