

## HH Shaikh Nasser receives wrestling world champion

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His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, HM the King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, has lauded the landmark achievement of Bahraini wrestler Akhmed Tazhudinov, who bagged a gold medal at the World Wrestling Championships 2023 in Belgrade in the men's freestyle 97kg category and booked a spot at the Paris Olympic Games 2024.

HH Shaikh Nasser was speaking while receiving wrestling world champion, Tazhudinov, in the presence of His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Supreme Council for Youth and Sport First Deputy Chairman, General Sports Au-



HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa and other officials with Akhmed Tazhudinov, centre, at the reception

thority Chairman and Bahrain Olympic Committee President.

HH Shaikh Nasser congratulated Tazhudinov on his historic exploits, praising his distinguished performance, which enabled him to achieve impressive results with wins against notable

names, and confirm his readiness for the Paris Olympiad.

His Highness also commended HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad's efforts and support for various sports, including combat ones, which have made a quantum leap.

He paid tribute to the Bahraini Bahraini Combat Sports Council and the Bahrain Wrestling Federation for their efforts to prepare Bahraini athletes for external sporting competitions, wishing them continued success.

## Bangladesh name Najmul captain for third New Zealand ODI

AFP | Dhaka

Bangladesh on Sunday named batsman Najmul Hossain Shanto captain for the third one-day international against New Zealand and brought several senior players back.

Mushfiqur Rahim, Mehidy Hasan Miraz, Taskin Ahmed, and Shoriful Islam join Najmul for the must-win contest at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Dhaka on Tuesday.

New Zealand are leading the three-match series 1-0 thanks to their 86-run win in the second match on Saturday, the side's first win against Bangladesh in the country in nearly 15 years.

The first match was washed out by rain.

The Kiwis last beat Bangladesh in their own backyard in October 2008.

They then lost the next two series in 2010 and 2013, respectively, by 4-0 and 3-0.

Over that period, New Zealand's only ODI victory in Bangladesh came against South Africa in the 2011 World Cup quarter-final.

Bangladesh rested Liton Das, Tamim Iqbal, Khaled Ahmed, Soumya Sarkar, Mustafizur Rahman, and Tanzim Hasan, who all played in the second match against New Zealand.

Regular captain Shakib Al Hasan did not play any part of the series.

# Race fans set for ultimate track thrills

Bahrain International Circuit offers adrenaline-pumping activities with Orange Media Open Track and Track Experiences

● **First Orange Media Open Track day to be held 6 October**

● **Track Experiences thrills to first be available on 7 October**

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Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) announced yesterday details for the new season of the hugely popular Orange Media Open Track and Track Experiences, both of which are scheduled to kick off in the next two weeks and continue until March of next year.

As part of BIC Season-Launch Week, "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East" continues to drum up excitement and give motor racing fans the opportunity to mark their calendars and plan for the circuit's most thrilling fan experiences.

Orange Media Open Track is one of the most popular driving activities for speed lovers at BIC. It gives participants the chance to take their very own cars or motorbikes out for a spin along the world-renowned Sakhrir track, while pushing them to their limits within a safe and controlled environment.

Track Experiences, meanwhile, offers adrenaline-pumping drives and passenger rides in three ultra-quick cars, including the Renault Clio Cup and the



Drivers take part in the Orange Media Open Track

Radical SR1 and SR3.

Both the Orange Media Open Track and Track Experiences are part of BIC's fantastic array of activities for the general public to enjoy.

More information on all that is on offer is available on [bahraingp.com](http://bahraingp.com) or by calling the BIC Hotline on +973-17-450000.

### Orange Media Open Track

In Orange Media Open Track, a huge variety of cars, supercars and sports bikes are regularly seen hitting the tarmac at BIC, and those taking part certainly get to satisfy their need for an adventure.

BIC holds Orange Media Open Track activities both during daytime hours and at night.

This season, there will be nine Orange Media Open Track days, beginning on 6 October. The oth-

er dates are 10 and 24 November, and 15 December this year; as well as on 13 January; 3, 15 and 17 February, and 8 March in 2024.

BIC has also scheduled four Orange Media Open Track nights for participants to enjoy the spectacle of driving under BIC's bright, state-of-the-art floodlights. These will be available on 29 December, 26 January and on 16 and 29 March.

The cost of an Orange Media Open Track day activity, when booked in advance, is BD82,500 for the full day, BD55 for the half day and BD22 for a single session. Prices for booking on the day itself are BD93,500 for the full day, BD66 for the half day and BD27,500 for a single session.

For Orange Media Open Track nights, booking in advance costs BD99 for the full night, BD71,500 for the half night and BD33 for a



Clio Cup cars in action during Track Experiences

single session. On the evening itself, the full night price is BD115,500, the half-night cost is BD82,500, and the single-session price is BD44.

Instructor sessions are also available at an extra cost, while additional drivers and passengers can also participate for a fee.

Driver etiquette is of ultimate importance in every Orange Media Open Track activity, so there is no close or aggressive overtaking permitted. Overtaking is by invitation between corners and driving is monitored, with poor or dangerous driving being dealt with swiftly by officials.

### Track Experiences

The excitement is non-stop at BIC and Track Experiences offers some of the most engaging drives and passenger rides that

will get the heart racing.

Fans can get an awesome introduction to the high-octane world of motorsports in the Clio Cup Experiences, where they can step into a 1.6 litre, Turbocharged Renault Clio Cup sportscar either for a drive or a passenger ride. The driving experience takes the participant onto the track behind a professional instructor in a lead-follow manner, while the passenger experience requires those taking part to simply buckle up and enjoy the rush!

Supreme thrills can also be enjoyed in the Radical SR1 Driving Experience, which is ideal for amateurs and racers alike as the car's 185bhp engine roars like no other. Interested participants are required to complete a Clio Cup Drive in order to take part in this activity. In the Radical SR3

Passenger Experience, fans will be taken from zero to 100kph in about 3.4 seconds, making for a memorable number of laps around the circuit.

There will be eight days in which to enjoy BIC's Track Experiences this season. These are on 7 and 28 October, 18 November, 9 and 30 December, 20 January, 10 February and 9 March.

The price for the Clio Cup Driver Experience is BD121 and the Clio Cup Passenger Experience is BD27,500. For the Radical SR1 Driver Experience, the cost is BD132 while the Radical SR3 Passenger Experience is BD38,500.

For more information on the Orange Media Open Track, Track Experiences, or other events and activities at BIC, visit [bahraingp.com](http://bahraingp.com) or call the BIC Hotline.

## Ajax-Feyenoord to be replayed without crowd: federation

AFP | The Hague

The remaining 35 minutes of the 'Klassieker' between Ajax and Feyenoord will be played Wednesday behind closed doors, the Dutch football federation said, after the referee abandoned this weekend's match due to flares fired onto the pitch.

The KNVB association said it had been guided by the principle that in such cases "a match should preferably be decided on the field... the match must then be resumed as soon as possible."



Players react after game is paused after flares land on the pitch

Dutch giants Ajax were 3-0 down after 55 minutes on Sunday, as their bitter rivals from Rotterdam humiliated them in

front of their home fans, taking an unprecedented first-half lead.

Some of the hardcore Ajax

fans lobbed flares onto the turf at the Johan Cruyff arena in Amsterdam. The game had already been suspended twice and the referee had no choice but to abandon the match.

The violence spilled out of the ground, as furious Ajax fans smashed the entrance to the stadium and fought running battles with mounted police armed with tear gas to disperse the crowd.

The rescheduling of the match sparked immediate anger from Ajax and from FC Volendam, who were supposed to be playing Ajax that night.

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