



Bahrain's delegation sails on a boat during the opening ceremony of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games

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♦ he Paris Olympics was inaugurated with a groundbreaking opening ceremony along the iconic River Seine yesterday

Departing from tradition, over 7,000 athletes embarked on a six-kilometer journey aboard 85 boats, transforming the Seine into a spectacular passage for the Games' grand entrance.

Prior to the opening ceremony, French President Emmanuel Macron had guaranteed attendees an unforgettable spectacle, promising a vibrant celebration that embodies France's bold vision for the Games and showcases its rich cultural tapestry.

The 2024 Olympics will feature an array of star athletes poised to captivate global au-

LeBron James leads the US basketball team, eyeing his 17th gold medal.

Gymnast Simone Biles seeks redemption from Tokyo, while British tennis icon Andy Murray bids farewell to his Olympic

Spanish legend Rafael Nadal anticipates a thrilling doubles match alongside Wimbledon champion Carlos Alcaraz, and Italy's Marcell Jacobs defends his title in the iconic 100m



Lady Gaga performed an iconic French cabaret classic at the Paris Olympics opening ceremony Friday. The appearance of the US pop star was kept under tight wraps by organisers, but rumours that she might perform spread after she was spotted in the French capital



Athletes from the delegations from India, Indonesia, and Iran sail in a boat past

Nadal injury doubt for Olympics, says coach Moya

 ${f R}$ afael Nadal has suffered a Nadal returned to tennis this year after a lengthy absence said on Thursday.

champion is scheduled to play Portugal's Nuno Borges. in the singles and in the men's doubles alongside rising star and fellow Spaniard Carlos Alcaraz at Roland Garros.

"He had some discomfort day after partnering yesterday (Wednesday) morn- Alcaraz in the douing," Moya told Spanish radio. bles.

"In the afternoon he was If Nadal more limited and before it got defeats worse he decided to

The 38-year-old Nadal did not train on Thursday, which Moya said was "the most responsible thing to do".

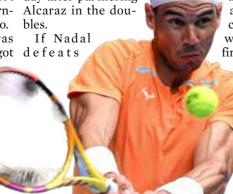
"Don't force it at the moment and see if he recovers well," he added. "We

Rafael Nadal

will see what condition he's in Fucsovics, he would set up a tomorrow and Saturday."

The 14-time French Open last weekend before losing to

He is scheduled to face Hungarian Marton Fucsovics in the singles first round on Sunday, the



possible second-round meeting with old rival Novak Djokovic.

"I can't guarantee anything, ticipation at the Paris Olympics with a hip injury, reaching his neither that he won't play or in doubt, his coach Carlos Moya first ATP final since winning the he will play," said Moya. "At 2022 French Open in Bastad the moment he needs to rest, undergo treatment.

"He is obviously very excited to play these Olympics. It has been something marked on

his calendar for years. "He is a born competitor and wants to play singles and doubles. He's very excited about the doubles with Alcaraz. It will be the first time they have played together and it will be something historic

for Spanish tennis." Nadal is a twotime Olympic champion, having won singles gold in Beijing in 2008, and doubles gold at the 2016 Rio Games along-

side Marc Lopez.

Raw meat': British team hit out at Olympic Village food

AFP | London

France may be the home of haute cuisine but the British team have been less than impressed about the food on offer at the Paris Olympic village, especially "raw meat".

Britain have brought in an extra chef as a result and complained about a shortage of the right food at the $village, \ and \ the \ quality \ of \ \ \textbf{IOC President Thomas Bach at a salad}$ what's on offer, English media reported.

Olympic Association chief ex- take back for dinner. ecutive, told the Times that the that "a dramatic improvement" was needed.

Some British competitors many athletes stay. have headed off to Team GB's



bar at the Olympic Village

base elsewhere in the city to get Andy Anson, the British fed and pick up packed meals to

"There are not enough of cerfare at the village in the French tain foods: eggs, chicken, cer- L'Equipe on Wednesday quoted capital "is not adequate" and tain carbohydrates," Anson said a firm responsible for catering of the apparently disappointing as saying that it was aware of offering at the village where issues, including a shortage of

"And then there is the quality crease supplies.

of the food, with raw meat being served to athletes."

Anson called the food problem "the biggest issue at the moment" and said the added chef was to cater for the extra demand at their so-called performance lodge.

A Team GB spokesman told AFP on Friday, hours before the opening ceremony, that things were looking up.

"I think the latest update is that we understand the situation is improving and being attended to by Paris 2024," he said.

French sports newspaper eggs, and was working to in-