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Double success for Royal Team

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BAHRAIN's Royal Endurance Team put on a spectacular show in winning both international endurance races in Normandy, France yesterday.

Under the leadership of Royal Team captain Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa and Al Khalidiya Stables leader Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Ghazi Al Dossary raced to first place in the gruelling 125-kilometre ride.

The Bahraini squad then doubled the reason to celebrate, as Mohammed Khatri powered to victory in the 90km race.

The results were a fine continuation of the Royal Team's excellent form in Europe recently and second win in a row in an event in France. The Bahrainis were also previously victorious in the Lignieres Endurance Horse Ride.

Shaikh Nasser expressed his pride in the Royal Team's achievement, which illustrates the high level of the kingdom's riders. Shaikh Khalid was also proud of the Royal Team's accomplishments. He said that the two victories confirmed the riders' status among the world's best.

In the five-stage 120km ride, Al Dossary triumphed in a time of six hours 26 minutes 25 seconds.

Withdraw

Shaikh Nasser also took part but had to withdraw after the second stage due to injury after falling off his horse.

The event's medical team were quick to respond to the incident and they transported Shaikh Nasser immediately to the closest medical centre for treatment, and it was found that the Royal Team captain had sustained injuries to his hands, but none were serious.

The other Bahraini riders to compete in the ride were Yaqoob Hammadi, Abdulrahman Saad, Ali Busafer, Raed Mahmood, Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa and Shaikh Ebrahim bin Mohammed Al Khalifa.

In the 90km ride, Khatri triumphed in 5:07:05. Hussain Nayef was the other Bahraini taking part in the race.