

# Shaikh Ebrahim wins Breef title



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Royal  
Endurance  
Team rider and  
Al Zaeem Stable member  
Shaikh Ebrahim bin  
Mohammed Al Khalifa was  
yesterday crowned champion  
of the Breef National Day  
Endurance Championship.

The event was held at  
the Bahrain International  
Endurance Village in Sakhir.  
It was organised by the  
Bahrain Royal Equestrian and  
Endurance Federation (Breef).

Supreme Council for Youth  
and Sport chairman, Bahrain  
Olympic Committee president  
and Royal Charity Organisation  
(RCO) chief Shaikh Nasser bin  
Hamad Al Khalifa honoured  
Shaikh Ebrahim for his fine  
victory.

Shaikh Nasser was on hand  
to present the event's winners  
their prizes, as was Supreme  
Council for Youth and Sports  
first deputy chairman and  
Bahrain Athletics Association  
president Shaikh Khalid bin  
Hamad Al Khalifa.

Shaikh Ebrahim completed  
the 120-km ride on his steed  
Kalharabi Katar in a total time  
of four hours 54 minutes 19  
seconds. He raced with an average  
speed of 24kph.

Fellow-Royal Endurance  
Team member and Victory  
Stables rider Jaafar Merza was  
the runner-up. He finished the  
race in a total time of 04:55:10.  
Riding Sandine Phoenix, Merza  
had a similar average speed as  
that of the victor.

Third place went to Mansoor  
Al Khalidy, who is a member  
of Al Khalidiya Stables.

He claimed the final podium  
place after completing the race  
distance in a time of 04:57:16  
on his steed Derrom Sabre with  
a speed of 24kph.

The championship also witnessed  
the participation of  
Emirati rider Sheikh Khalifa  
bin Sultan bin Khalifa Al



■ The top three  
alongside Shaikh  
Nasser and other  
officials during the  
awarding ceremony

Nahyan, who performed well  
following the constant directives  
of Shaikh Nasser.

Shaikh Nasser, who is also  
the Breef honorary chairman,  
expressed his appreciation for  
the wide participation of riders,  
which contributed to the overall  
success of the championship. He  
said that it reflected the high  
technical levels of local contests,  
and assured that organising such  
races has a big role in discovering  
new talents and further developing  
current riders.

Shaikh Nasser also expressed  
his appreciation for the effort of  
the championship's organising  
committee and for their continuous  
dedication to observing the race  
throughout its different stages.

The participation of riders  
from various GCC countries  
was lauded by Shaikh Nasser,  
who asserted that their presence  
added to the quality of the race.

Meanwhile, Shaikh Khalid,  
who is also the Al Khalidiyah  
Stables leader, thanked Shaikh  
Nasser for his support to all  
the riders during the race, as  
he consistently encouraged  
participants to give their best



■ Shaikh Ebrahim  
celebrates his victory  
as he nears the finish  
line of the race

performance.

Speaking after his victory,  
Shaikh Ebrahim expressed his  
happiness in achieving the coveted  
title.

Shaikh Ebrahim commented:  
"I am glad for this great  
accomplishment among tough  
competition from other riders.  
This victory adds to the gains

achieved by Al Zaeem Stables  
in previous championships."

Shaikh Ebrahim praised  
Shaikh Nasser for his continuous  
support, saying: "It was the  
main motivation for team  
members to compete hard all  
through the five stages and it  
resulted in achieving the top  
positions."

Sheikh Khalifa of the UAE  
stated that endurance races in  
the kingdom have gained great  
popularity, and said that he  
expects even more to come  
for Bahraini equestrian sports  
under the command of Shaikh  
Nasser.

Elsewhere yesterday,  
Spanish rider Mikel Calahorra  
completed the international  
qualifying race, held as part  
of yesterday's National Day  
Championship and covering a  
distance of 80km.

Calahorra expressed his  
happiness to participate in the race,  
which was only the second  
endurance ride of his career.

Calahorra will now join  
the Bahrain Royal Endurance  
Team from the next race  
onwards.

#### Results

**First Stage (30km):** 1 Mansoor Al  
Khalidy, 01:11:46, 25kph

**Second Stage (30km):** 1 Jaafar  
Merza, 01:12:25, 24kph

**Third Stage (25km):** 1 Mansoor  
Al Khalidy, 01:07:24, 22kph

**Fourth Stage (20km):** 1 Mansoor  
Al Khalidy, 00:52:40, 23kph

**Fifth Stage (15km):** 1 Shaikh  
Ebrahim bin Mohammed Al Khalifa,  
00:28:23, 32kph