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Bahrain up against world's best in military endurance event

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THE second World Military Endurance Championship, under the patronage of the Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, will kick off today at the Dubai International Village.

The Bahrain Military Endurance Team, led by chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sport (SCYS) and President of Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, will compete against 25 international military teams.

Other members of the team are Abdulrahman Al Zayed, Mansoor Al Khalidi, Isa Hazza and Raed Mahmood.

Shaikh Nasser and First Deputy Chairman of SCYS and Chairman of Bahrain Athletic Association Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa personally observed the process of the veterinary examinations, which was conducted by a specialised committee from the International Federation for Equestrian Sports (Fédération internationale de l'équitation, FEI) yesterday.

Tough

The second edition of the championship is considered to be among the toughest international endurance competitions in the world where the riders are expected to highlight their skills in their bids to win the title.

The Military Sports Federation Secretary Colonel Dawood Hussein Al Mane'a expressed his optimism, saying that the team is looking forward to achieve the best results in the championship, following the lead of team captain Shaikh Nasser.

Shaikh Nasser, Shaikh Khalid and Bahrain Royal Equestrian and Endurance Federation (BREEF) President Shaikh Faisal bin Rashid Al Khalifa attended the opening ceremony of the championship, which was held under the auspices of Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum.

The title of the first edition of the championship was won by Shaikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum last year when it was held in Bahrain in line with the National Day celebrations.

The World Military Endurance Championship will include four stages covering the distance of 120 kilometres, namely the first stage 40 km, second stage 40 km, third and fourth stages for 20 km each.




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