

Shaikh Khalid hands gold to Shaikh Hamdan

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International Equestrian Federation (FEI) Group VII Chairman Shaikh Khalid Bin Abdulla Al Khalifa presented the Individual Gold medal to Dubai Crown Prince Shaikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum the winner of the recent 160-km Endurance Race at the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games 2014 in Normandy, France. Shaikh Hamdan (eight hours eight minutes and 28 seconds) riding Yamama meaning 'Little Dove' in Arabic took gold after completing the gruelling 160km race over varied terrains including grass lands, roads, rivers and beaches. Shaikh Khalid pointed out that the UAE team entered the competition as defending champions after claiming the World Equestrian Games title in 2010 in Kentucky as well as two World Endurance Championship titles in 2008 (Malaysia) and 2012 (Great Britain).

The FEI Group VII Chairman recalled that the previous World Champion title at the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games was held by Shaikh Hamdan's father, the Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum. Marijke Visser (8:19.07) of the Netherlands riding the UAE-owned Laiza de Jalima took silver and Qatar's Abdulrahman Saad Al Sulaiten (8:56.23) riding Koheilan Kincso the bronze medal. The team event was won by Spain Taking gold, France the silver and Switzerland bronze.

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