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Manama, Nov 8 (BNA) -- Ahmed Al Dossary won the Qualifying Endurance Race for 80km held yesterday at the Bahrain International Endurance Village in Zallaq.

The event was the opening round of the national endurance racing season, and it was held in the presence of Supreme Council for Youth and Sports Chairman, Bahrain Olympic Committee President and Bahrain Royal Equestrian and Endurance Federation (BREEF) Honorary President Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, who followed all the three stages of the race.

Rashid Al Rowaie came second overall, while Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa finished in third place.

In the first stage which covered a distance of 30km, Al Ruwaie on his horse Jamal from Al Zaeem Stables came first with a total time of 1h 12m 26s in an average speed of 24kph.

Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak on his horse Happy from Al Zaeem Stables came second with a total time of 1h 13m 12s with an average speed of 24kph, while Al Dossary on his horse Khamon from Al Zaeem Stables came third with a total time of 1h 13m 52s with an average speed of 24kph.

The second stage was also with a distance of 30km, and Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak came first with a total time of 1h 14m 06s with an average speed of 24kph.

Al Rowaie came second with a total time of 1h 15m 11s with an average speed of 23kph, while Al Dossary came third with a total time of 1h 14m 10s with an average speed of 24kph.

The third and last stage of the race was over a 20km distance, and Al Dossary came first with a total time of 41m 03s with an average speed of 25kph. Al Rowaie came second with a total time of 41m 29s and an average speed of 25kph, while

Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak came third with a total time of 41m 50s with an average speed of 25kph.

On this occasion, Shaikh Nasser assured that the opening endurance ride of the season was very strong in all stages, and what made it strong was the participation of Bahrain's finest riders from start to finish.

Shaikh Nasser expressed his delight with the entry of many young riders, which confirms that endurance riding in the kingdom is capable of producing a fine field of stars, riders who will be able to continue their march of progress.

Shaikh Nasser noted that BREEF has planned for years to ensure the entry of young participants in endurance races.

He said that the next races will see stronger competition from the stables.

He expressed his satisfaction with the results achieved by the participants at the opening race of the season.

Al Dossary explained that taking the win in the season's opening race makes him proud, especially since all the other stables and riders were seeking to win as well. He praised the significant role of each member of his team management in





