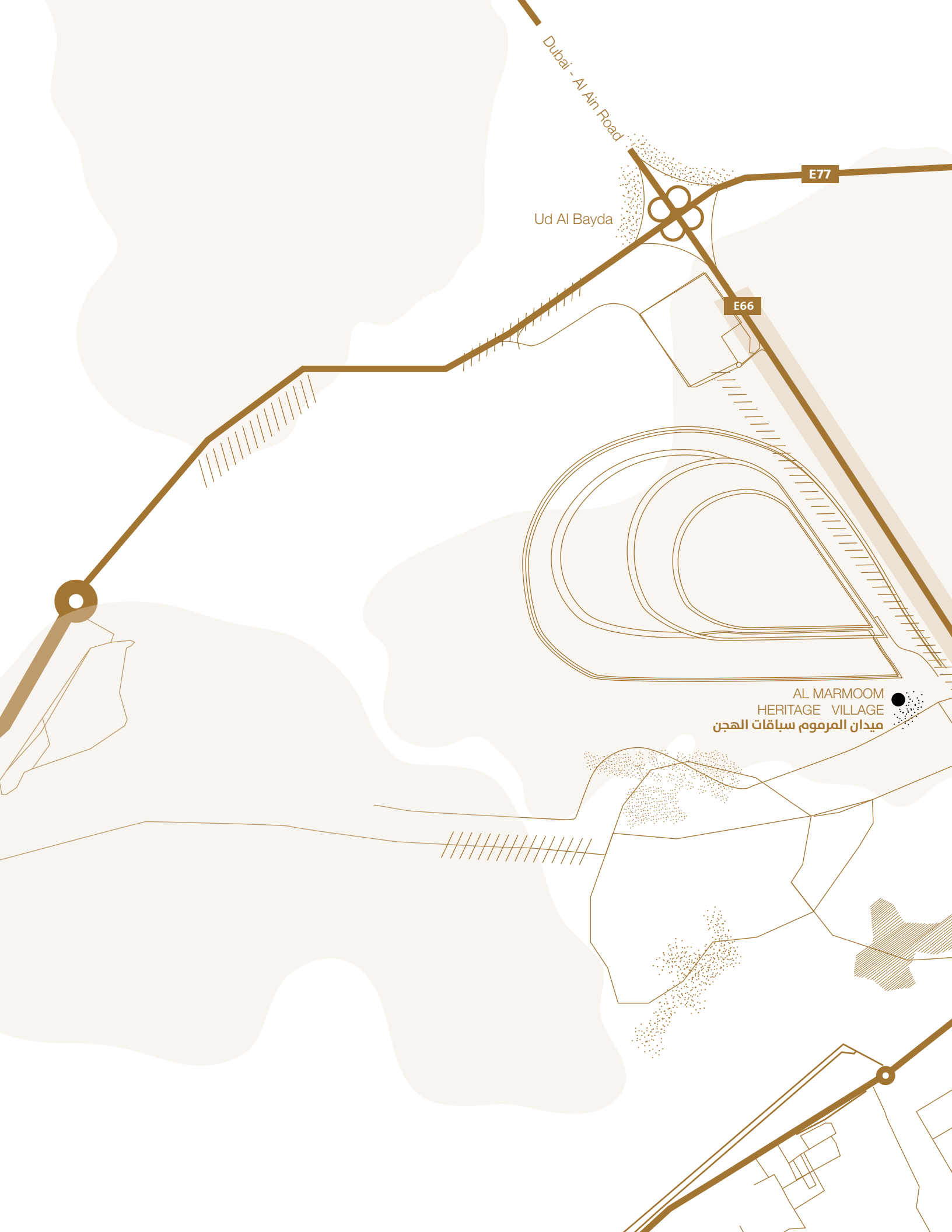


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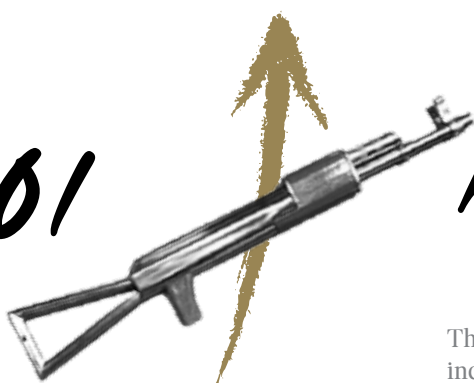
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TIMELINE

2001



YOULLAH

One of the oldest Fazza championships and the one most deeply connected to the national identity, this event was launched in 2001. It is regarded as one of the most acclaimed championships dedicated to national identity and popular heritage in the entire region, with a mission to instill these values in the hearts of Emirati youth.

2002



Mohammed Bin Rashid Falconry Cup

The championship features a series of diverse challenges, including Youlah, Saktoun rifle shooting, swimming, poetry recitation, the heritage challenge, and camel racing. These events enhance a sense of belonging and showcase heritage-based skills in a competitive atmosphere that unites participants from across the nation.

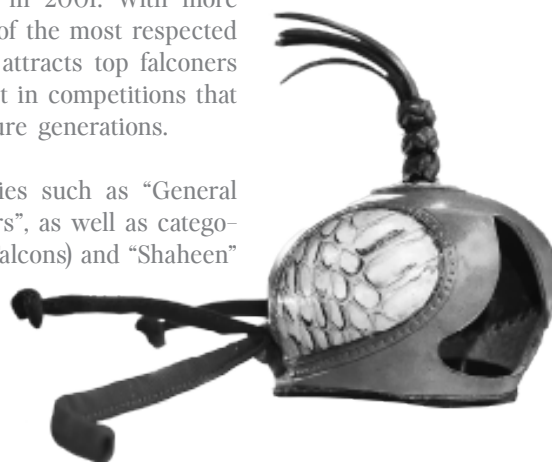
This championship stands out as an international platform that brings together elite falconers from around the world to compete at the highest levels of professionalism. It is supported by substantial prize offerings and advanced sports infrastructure.

2001

TELWAH

The Fazza Championship for Falconry (Telwah) is one of the first specialized falconry tournaments, launched in 2001. With more than two decades of history, it remains one of the most respected falconry events in the region. Each year, it attracts top falconers from across the UAE and beyond to take part in competitions that honor tradition and help preserve it for future generations.

The championship includes several categories such as "General Owners", "General Open", "Sheikhs", "Juniors", as well as categories based on falcon types like "Hur" (Saker Falcons) and "Shaheen" (Peregrine Falcons).



2003

SAKTOUN

This is one of the largest shooting championships in the world, attracting over 2,000 participants from various nationalities. Only the traditional "Saktoun" rifle is used in the competition, a heritage firearm chosen to preserve the traditional spirit of the sport. The championship features several competitive categories, including "Juniors", "Senior Participants", "Men", and "Plate Shooting", reflecting the diversity of skills and the strength of participation. It stands out as one of the premier events celebrating precision and focus as part of the UAE's sporting heritage.



2007

SALUKI

Launched in 2007, this event is one of the region's most acclaimed championships and is notable for its extensive Gulf participation. The championship also draws a massive following and large crowds, owing to its immense significance and widespread popularity among enthusiasts of this heritage sport.

The championship is organized using the latest technology, reflecting a strong commitment to developing heritage sports while preserving their authenticity.

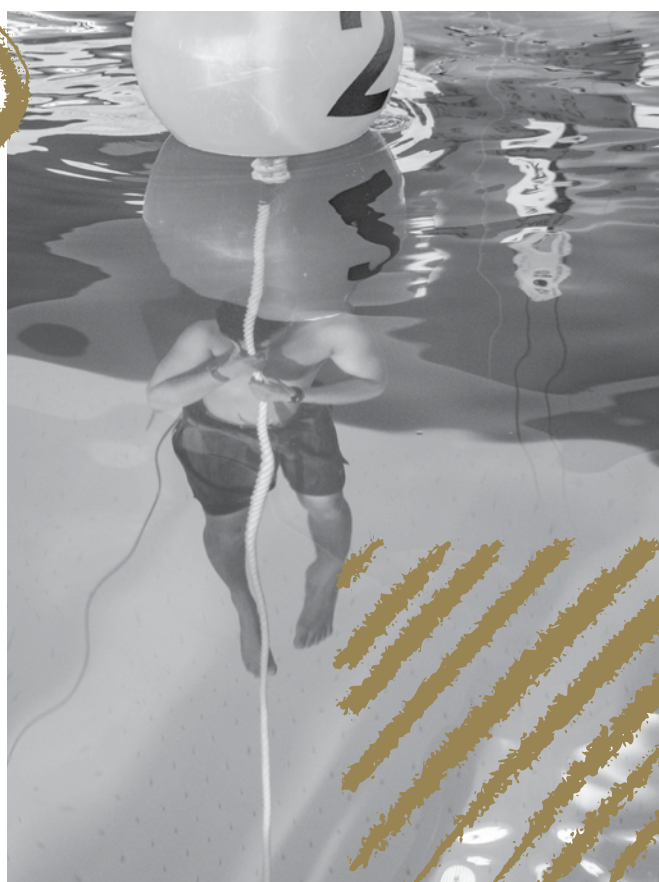


2006

FREEDIVING

This historic championship, launched in 2006, revives the traditional practice of pearl diving passed down from our ancestors. Participants compete using the same traditional methods without any modern equipment or assistance.

The championship has gained wide international recognition, attracting strong participation from across the globe. It serves as a unique platform that celebrates heritage and highlights freediving as both a global art form and a refined athletic skill.



TIMELINE

2015

CAMEL MARATHON

This is one of the premier heritage races linked to the sport of camel racing. Inaugurated in 2015, it draws extensive participation from across all the country's emirates and spans all age groups.

The marathon plays a key role in deepening the bond with one of the most vital symbols of the national heritage: the camel. It also sends a powerful message about the enduring connection of Emirati society to the sport of camel racing.



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2024

ARDAH

The Ardah Championship has a huge following of people who love and are passionate about camels, as it's one of the true heritage sports in the Gulf region.



The event brings in camel owners and everyone interested in the different sports involving them, all because of what Ardah stands for, a traditional and cultural heritage that shows the deep connection between people and camels in our local culture. The judging follows a set of rules based on the historic and long-held traditions and customs of this event. Two marks go to the mount's complete gear and how uniform the team's mounts look together. Three marks are for the riders' start, the "Haffah ala al Matiya." And five marks are for how well the mounts stay in formation ("lazmah") along the scoring line, with one point awarded for every 20 meters.

ZAMMT



The Al Zammt Championship continues the tradition of heritage camel competitions and attracts strong participation from camel owners and enthusiasts.

It aims to strengthen the bond with camels as an authentic national symbol deeply rooted in the history and identity of the region's people.

2024



→ 2025



HADDAD

The Al Haddad Championship is a unique new addition to the world of hunting and falcon racing sports in the country, and it shows the great care for the heritage connected to the way our ancestors lived.

The championship sees people taking part from all over the country, a true sign of the deep-seated passion for this authentic sport.

This contest takes its inspiration from the true heritage of falconry and is all about the bird's natural skills in tracking prey in an open environment. This competition isn't just about speed, but about the bird's skill in the chase, its ability to swerve, and to catch the prey, all judged by careful rules that are just like a real hunt.



ARDHA WOMEN

This event was held for the very first time in the country, making it a historic moment for the Fazza Championships. When women take part in Ardah, it's not just about being present in a traditional sport; it's a message of pride in our identity and of the role women play in keeping our heritage safe.

The round saw wonderful participation from people inside the country and from abroad, and it showed a real passion and a true desire to look after our heritage.



A TRULY SPECIAL EDITION OF THE... FAZZA CHAMPIONSHIP FOR FALCONRY

For over two decades, the Fazza Championship for Falconry (Telwah) has continued to achieve one milestone after another through a heritage gathering that brings together elite falconers and the finest birds from both the UAE and beyond. This year, the championship broke records with the participation of more than 5,000 birds and a distinguished group of professional falconers from across the country and the region. A total of 76 rounds were held, each filled with excitement and intense competition, all in pursuit of reaching the winners' podium.

As always, the Fazza Championships team at the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center delivered one of the most advanced editions of the Fazza Championship for Falconry. This year's event was held at the Center's new, state-of-the-art facility in the Al Habab area, equipped with the latest technologies and world-class infrastructure. This marks a significant step forward in ensuring the sustainability of this championship, which remains one of the UAE's most prominent heritage events.



A World-Class Sanah

To provide an exceptional experience for both participants and spectators, a new “*Sanah*” [racing corridor] was built at the new premises of the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center, constructed to international standards and ranked among the best in the region and the world. It was executed with the utmost professionalism to achieve its main purpose: offering the ideal environment for falconer and falcon alike to perform at their very best. Weather effects on the Sanah are virtually eliminated, and the site has been outfitted with the latest technology to ensure the highest accuracy of timings and results.





MOHAMMED BIN RASHID FALCONRY CUP

A Legacy of Glory

For the third year in a row, the Fazza Championships department at the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center presented the Mohammed bin Rashid Falconry Cup. The event is considered one of the largest championships when it comes to the sport of falcon racing, not just in the country, but in the whole region.



A Heritage for Every Generation

This event reflects the prestigious status of this authentic heritage sport, which continues to attract top falconers from across the Emirates and beyond.

This championship is one of the top events in the world of falconry because of the special meaning it holds and how it represents our true Emirati heritage. We saw more than 5,000 birds and more than 800 falconers take part, making this the biggest event of its kind ever for local and regional competitions in this sport. Organizing the championship under the name “Mohammed bin Rashid Falconry Cup” is a contin-

uation of the pride that this historic Emirati sport holds in every falconer's heart. It holds a special symbolic meaning that reflects the amazing support from His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, for our heritage sports. This support isn't just financial; it's also about creating a perfect setting for the people of our nation to compete in a spirit of camaraderie and respect. This makes the brotherly bonds between participants stronger and pushes them to be their very best.

Mohammed bin Rashid bin Mohammed bin Rashid

Honors the Champions of the Mohammed bin Rashid Falconry Cup



Team “Al Nif” Takes Home the Grand Prize “M7,” Dubai Team, and Al Marri Shine in “Elite” Finals

The “*Elite and Cup*” competitions brought together some of the toughest rounds of the Mohammed bin Rashid Falconry Cup. Organized by the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center at its grounds in Al Habab, this year’s event was a renewed edition, full of challenge and competition. It featured prize money of over 23 million dirhams and a huge turnout of local and regional participants.

Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum crowned the top three winners in each of the six rounds of the Mohammed bin Rashid Falconry Cup’s Elite and Cup competitions. These falconers, along with more than 20 falcons, had achieved the highest results throughout the championship, standing out among a field of elite competitors. he cer-

emony was attended by a number of distinguished guests, including HE Faris Mohammed Al Mazrouei, Advisor at the Presidential Court; HE Matar Hamed Al Neyadi, the UAE Ambassador to Kuwait; HE Rashid Mubarak bin Markhan Al Ketbi, Deputy CEO of the HHC; Rashid Harib Khusouni, Director of Fazza Championships; and Dumaithan bin Suwaidan, Head of the Tournament’s Organizing Committee.

Al Nif, Al Khaili, and Al Ketbi Victorious in Cup Rounds

High anticipation surrounded the “Cup” competitions of the Mohammed bin Rashid Falconry Cup, the most coveted prize in the sport with one million dirhams awarded for each round.

The rounds included the

- Sheikhs Cup (Farkh category),
- General Open Cup,
- General Owners Cup (Farkh category).

In the Sheikhs Cup round for the Farkh category, the “Al Nif” team triumphed, securing first place. Their bird, “*Hailman*,” clocked a time of 18.409 seconds, clinching the 500,000-dirham prize. The “M7” team captured both second and third places, with “S359” at 18.448 seconds earning 300,000 dirhams, and “*Al Muhalhal*” at 18.468 seconds earning 200,000 dirhams.

Victory in the General Open Cup round, Farkh category, went to *Ghadir bin Ghadir Al Ketbi*, whose bird “Limited” clocked a winning time of 18.153 seconds. *Abdullah Khalfan Al Qubaisi* followed with a strong performance, securing both second and third place with his birds “28I” (18.202s) and “*Hacker*” (18.388s). The competition was equally intense in the General Owners category, where *Mubarak Matar Al Khaili* clinched the top spot with his bird “II,” finishing in 18.491 seconds. He was followed by *Abdel Aziz Abdullah Al Kindi*’s bird “*Al Muheet*” in second place at 18.529 seconds, while *Khalifa Sultan Al Hafri*’s “*Hab Reeh*” took third with a time of 18.650 seconds.

The Elite Rounds

In the high-stakes Elite rounds, with a total prize pool of 1,350,000 dirhams, the “M7” team delivered a dominant performance in the Elite Sheikhs round (*Jirnas*), claiming both first and second place. “*Rimah*” won with a time of 14.529 seconds, followed by “T139” at 14.997 seconds. The “F3-S” team’s bird “B64” took third at 15.024 seconds. The victory in the Elite General Open round (*Jirnas*) went to the Dubai team, whose bird “*Tejouri*” finished in 14.929 seconds. Falconer *Abdullah Khalfan Al Qubaisi* placed second with “I8” (15.186s), while *Humaid Mohammed Al Tayer*’s “*Bayan*” secured third (15.238s).



In the Elite General Owners round (*Jirnas*), *Rashid Suhail Al Marri* clinched first place with “*Nashmi*” in 15.377 seconds. *Ghadir Mohammed Al Mansoori*’s “*Eqab*” was second at 15.446 seconds, and *Juma Abdullah Al Falahi*’s “T4” finished third at 15.618 seconds.



Juniors: A Transgenerational Legacy

A showcase of promising talent, the Juniors category at both the Fazza Championship for Falconry and the Mohammed bin Rashid Falconry Cup drew extensive participation from the nation's youth. These young competitors demonstrated remarkable skill in falcon racing, a clear reflection of their passion for preserving and promoting this Emirati heritage.

This category marks a critical turning point in ensuring the sport's enduring legacy, cre-

ating a new gateway for the next generation to enter this authentic field and contribute to its future.

The two championships featured a packed field of over 400 birds from the two Tabou'a categories, competing across 16 rounds divided equally between them. This presented an incredible opportunity for emerging talents to make their mark, hoping to add their names to the list of winners in the championships to come.



Dumaithan bin Suwaidan
Chairman of the Tournament's Organizing Committee

The Hope for the Future

Dumaithan bin Suwaidan, *Chairman of the Tournament's Organizing Committee*, underscored the significance of the Juniors category, calling it “a fundamental part of ensuring the legacy of the sporting and cultural heritage for our nation's youth.” He continued, “*We are proud to see our creative young people competing in this prestigious championship. It aims to transmit the cultural heritage of falconry to new generations and provide a platform for them to sharpen their skills and deepen their understanding of the sport's importance to our history and civilization.*”

He added that the championship is more than just a sporting contest.

“It is a major social and cultural event that strengthens our national identity and preserves authentic Emirati heritage,” he explained. “Supporting our youth in this sport is a vital investment in the future. Through this championship, we aim to inspire a spirit of competition and creativity in the juniors and encourage them to continue practicing a sport that is part of our deep-rooted history.”

Fazza Championship for Al Hadad

Exceptional Success, Unprecedented Turnout

775 Birds Vie for Championship Title

The qualifying rounds for the Fazza Championship for Al Hadad saw a massive field of more than 775 birds competing. The event, run by the Fazza Championships department at the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center and held in the Al Ashoush area, was split into morning and evening sessions to better accommodate the falconers and ensure peak performance. In a large and unprecedented turnout, 73 birds qualified for the finals.

Khalifa bin Mejren, Chairman of the Tournament's Organizing Committee, hailed this edition's exceptional success. "The Fazza Championship for Al Hadad succeeded on every front," he stated, *"from the sheer number of participants to the high technical skill and intense competition on display. We saw extensive participation from all age groups, which reflects the deep interest of Emirati society in heritage sports and the enduring momentum this championship holds."*

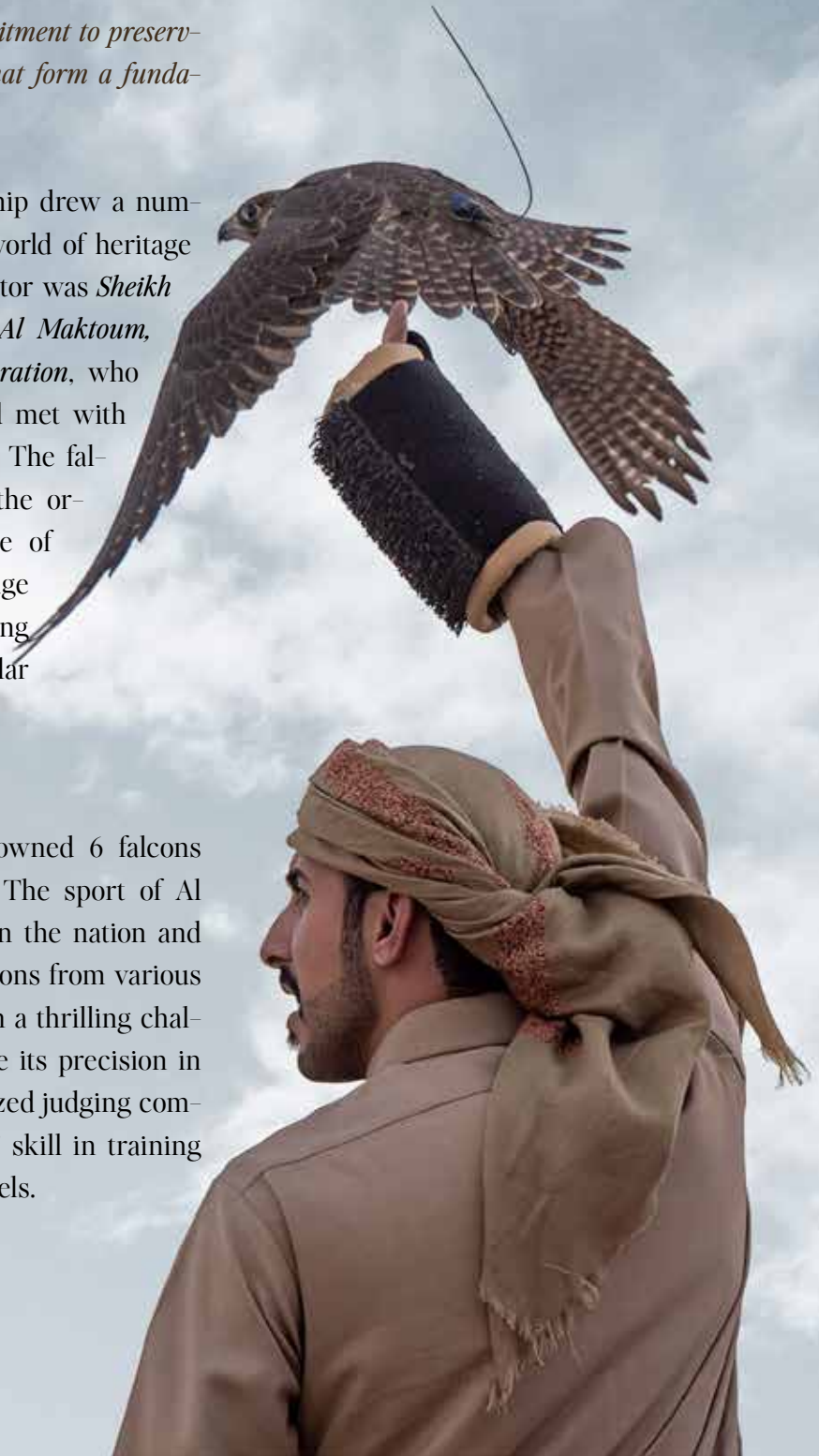


Rashid Harib Khusouni, *Director of the Fazza Championships Department* at the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center, commented on the event's success. *"This year, we focused on providing state-of-the-art techniques and technology for both the judging and the live broadcast,"* he said, *"which helped deliver an unparalleled experience for participants and the public alike. The extensive participation from across the Emirates is also a testament to the collective commitment to preserving the heritage and cultural legacy that form a fundamental part of our national identity."*

Over its three days, the championship drew a number of prominent figures from the world of heritage sports and gatherings. A notable visitor was *Sheikh Ahmed bin Mohammed bin Hasher Al Maktoum, Chairman of the UAE Shooting Federation*, who took in a portion of the events and met with many falconers from every emirate. The falconers lauded the high quality of the organization, praising the pivotal role of the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center in supporting and solidifying heritage championships and popular heritage.

Crowning the Champions

The championship competitions crowned 6 falcons that successfully made 'the catch.' The sport of Al Hadad is a premier heritage sport in the nation and the Arabian Gulf at large, pitting falcons from various categories against homing pigeons in a thrilling challenge. Each falcon must demonstrate its precision in catching the pigeon before a specialized judging committee, a testament to the falconers' skill in training their birds to peak performance levels.







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FAZZA CHAMPIONSHIP FOR YOULAH

The Arena of Champions Beats with the Spirit of the Nation and Its Heritage

In front of a large and enthusiastic crowd at Al Meydan Fort in the Heritage Village of Al Marmoom, the 24th edition of the Fazza Championship for Youlah and the 20th season of the Al Meydan TV program officially kicked off. A new generation of competitors is now vying for the coveted “Kas Al Marayel”.

The Al Marmoom arena unveiled a stunning new look this year, drawing inspiration from the UAE’s local marine environment. This move highlights the championship’s significant evolution and is a testament to the Organizing Committee’s efforts. Numerous

changes were made to present the event in its best possible form and to create the perfect stage for performers to deliver their finest Youlah displays. These continuous efforts are aimed at elevating a championship that is already the most prominent in the Fazza season calendar, organized by the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center in line with its strategy to entrench and raise awareness of authentic Emirati heritage in all its forms.

Bringing a rich array of competitions to a wide audience, Al Meydan 20 is broadcast live on Sama Dubai TV and Al Oula Radio 107.4 FM.



The program, hosted by Rashid Harib Khusouni, Director of the Fazza Championships Department at HHC, features events rooted in the nation's popular and national heritage. The lineup includes Youlah, judged by Khalifa bin Sa-ba'en and performed to the song "*Dirgham*" (lyrics by HE Abdullah Hamdan bin Dalmook, CEO of HHC; vocals by Mehad Hamad; composition by Fayez Al Saeed). Other events include the poetry recitation challenge, judged by poet Saad bin Marzooq Al Ahbabi, as well as shooting, swimming, camel racing, and the "Heritage" challenge. The overarching Fazza Championship for Youlah stands as one of the oldest and most popular events of its kind. It was launched on the directives of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, driven by his commitment to preserving the ancient cultural heritage linked to feelings of celebration, pride, and honor, as part of his unwavering efforts to promote and solidify the national identity.



The Youlah Challenge:
The Art of Skill and Balance



The Swimming Challenge:
A Display of Strength and Fitness



The Heritage Question:
An Examination of Knowledge



Poetry Recitation:
The Beauty of Eloquence, the
Majesty of Performance



Saktoun Rifle Shooting:
Precision and Speed Under
Pressure



Camel Racing: The Spirit of the
Challenge



ZAYED AHMED AL MARRI CLAIMS “KAS AL MARAYEL”

Al Meydan Final Celebrates National Identity

Amid a warm, fraternal gathering celebrating the heritage of the United Arab Emirates, a new champion was crowned. His Excellency Abdullah Hamdan bin Dalmook, CEO of the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center, along with his Deputy, Rashid Mubarak bin Markhan Al Ketbi, Secretary-General of the UAE Falcon Racing Federation, awarded the title of champion of the 24th Fazza Championship for Youlah and the 20th season of the Al Meydan program to Zayed Ahmed Al Marri. Both events are organized by the Fazza Championships Department at the Hamdan Bin Mohammed

Heritage Center.

Al Marri, representing Dubai, secured his victory over competitor Khaled Saleh Al Minhali of Abu Dhabi in a gripping finale, winning 60 to 50. The high-stakes episode kept viewers on edge until the last challenge: a live camel race at the Al Marmoom racetrack, held in partnership with the Dubai Camel Racing Club. While Al Minhali led for most of the race, Al Marri surged ahead in the final meters, earning 20 decisive points that turned the tide in his favor and clinched the win at the finish line.

AL MANSOORI – “BEST YUWHEEL”

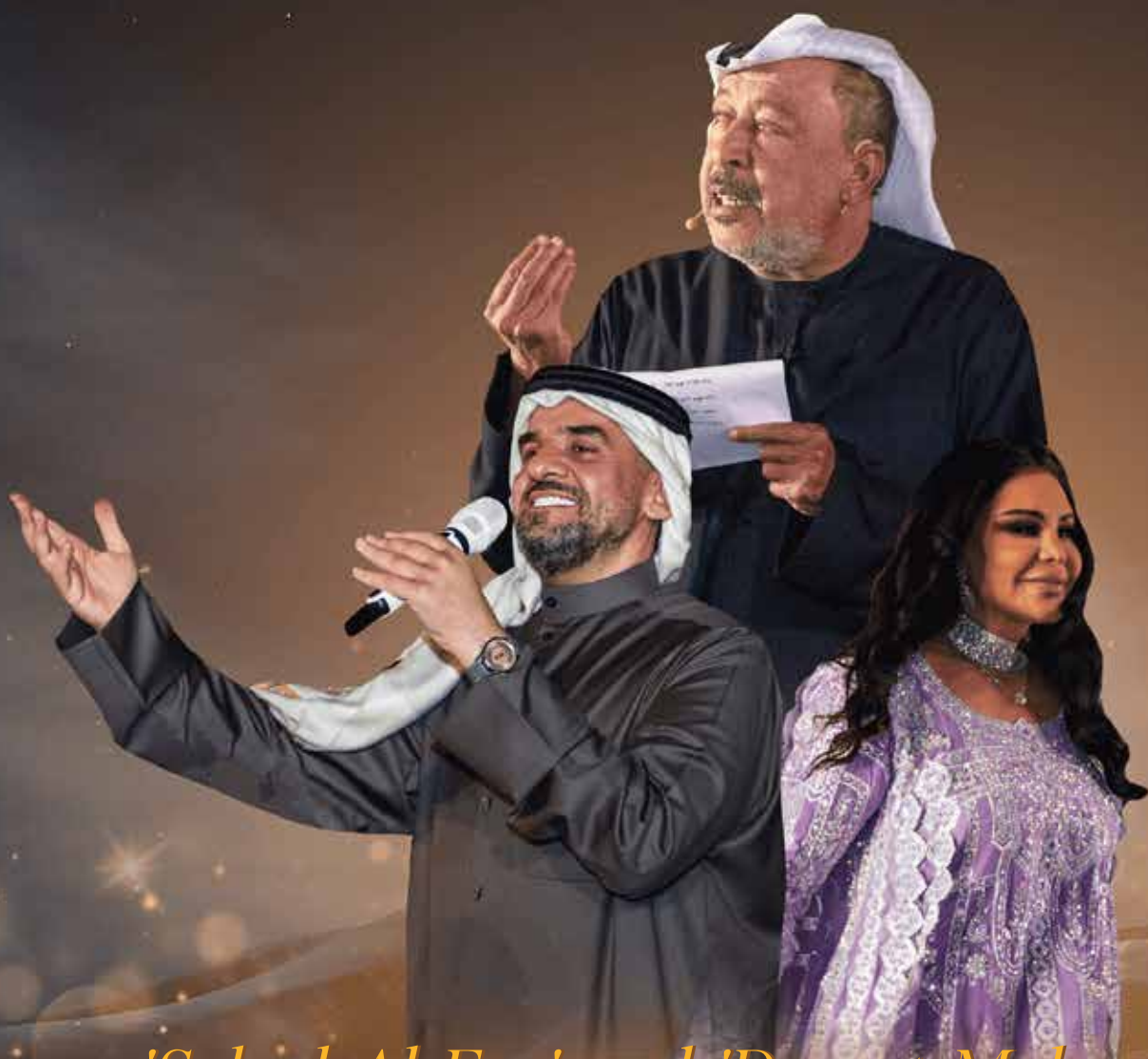


The “Best Yuweel” award was presented to Maktoum bin Taraf Al Mansoori, who was honored for his exceptional commitment, cooperation, and sportsmanship. Expressing his pride in his participation this season, he thanked his supporters for their encouragement during his injury and vowed to return to compete for the title.

A SPECIAL APPEARANCE



The episode also featured several former “Al Meydan” champions in a showcase performance that highlighted the deep cultural significance of this treasured heritage.



'Saleel Al Ezz' and 'Durrat Mohammed'

Star Emirati artists Ahlam Al Shamsi and Hussain Al Jassmi delivered a very special evening on the Al Meydan stage, located at the Dubai Camel Racing Club in Al Marroom. The performances were part of their long-standing participation in the Fazza Championship for Youlah. Ahlam Al Shamsi performed 'Durrat Mohammed,' a song with lyrics by HE Abdullah Hamdan bin Dalmook and music by Ahmed Al Harmi, dedicated to Her Highness Sheikhha Hind bint Maktoum bin Juma Al Maktoum, wife of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai. Goodwill Ambassador Hussain Al Jassmi gave a bril-

liant performance of his song 'Saleel Al Ezz,' with lyrics by HE Abdullah Hamdan bin Dalmook and music by Fayez Al Saeed, as a tribute to His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai. The final episode also featured poet Saif Al Saadi, who recited his poem 'Sheikh Al Muruwat,' celebrating his love for the homeland, the wise leadership, and His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, and Chairman of the Executive Council of Dubai.

THE GOLDEN FAZZA CUP

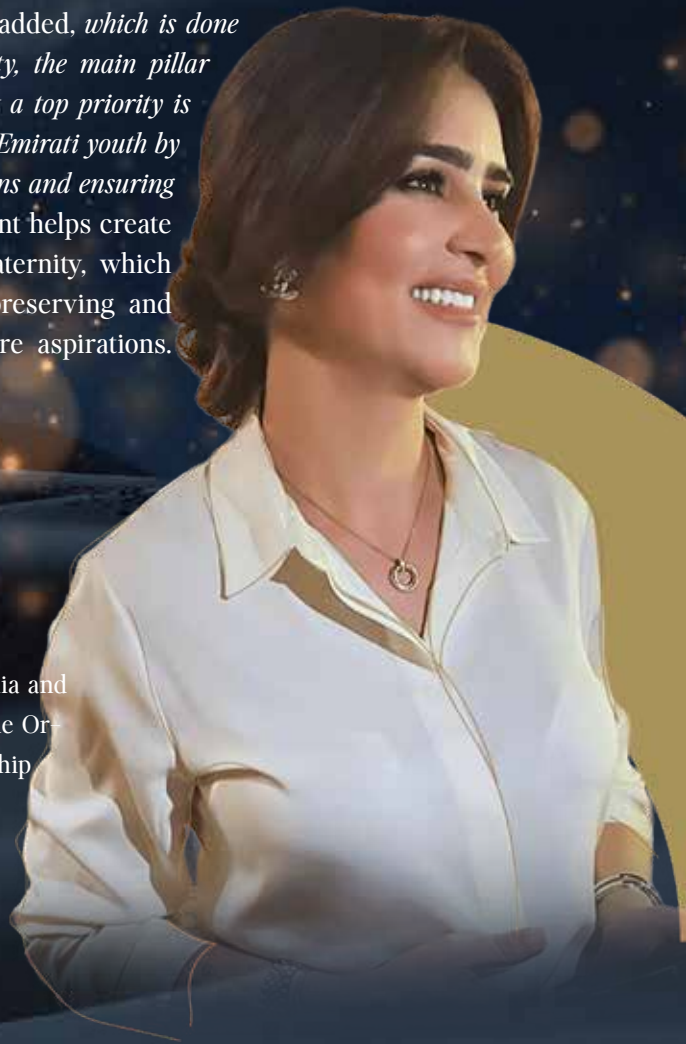
A Platform for the Nation's Youth

Nathalie Joseph Awadissian, Director of Radio Stations, Director of Media and Corporate Communication, and Head of the Organizing Committee for the Championship at the Hamdan bin Mohammed Heritage Center, highlighted the Fazza Cup's pivotal role as “an important starting point in the journey of strengthening the Emirati national identity” by embedding the culture of popular heritage among the nation's people.

She explained that the championship is a vital platform offering participants the chance to connect with their heritage and uphold its timeless values. *“The championship aims to achieve a fundamental principle: entrenching the authentic culture of the UAE,”* Awadissian added, *which is done by strengthening the bonds of community, the main pillar of the nation's progress. She stressed that a top priority is “entrenching the national identity among Emirati youth by instilling heritage values in new generations and ensuring their continuity.”* She noted that the event helps create an atmosphere of cooperation and fraternity, which contributes to national progress by preserving and developing heritage in line with future aspirations.

Nathalie Joseph Awadissian

Director of Radio Stations, Director of Media and Corporate Communication, and Head of the Organizing Committee for the Championship





FAZZA CHAMPIONSHIP FOR SAKTOUN RIFLE SHOOTING

A Draw for Elite Shooters

The Fazza Championship for Saktoun Rifle Shooting brought an intense atmosphere of competition and challenge to the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center's field in Al Ruwayyah. A diverse field of over 2,000 shooters, spanning all ages and many nationalities, competed in categories for men, women, junior

men, junior women, and senior participants, in addition to the Plate Shooting championship. The championship ceremonies kicked off in the presence of key officials, including HE Abdullah Hamdan bin Dalmook, CEO of HHC; Brigadier (R) Mohammed Obaid Al Muhairi, Chairman of the Tournament's Organizing Committee; and Rashid Harib Khusouni, Director of the Fazza Championships Department.



Record Turnout Sees Over 2,000 Shooters Compete

Brigadier (R) Mohammed Obaid Al Muhairi, Chairman of the Tournament's Organizing Committee, praised this year's edition, stating, "The record numbers we've seen this year, both in participation and on the shooting field, are a testament to the ongoing success of the Fazza Championship for Saktoun Rifle Shooting and its power to draw the region's best shooters." "The Fazza Shooting Championship enjoys im-

mense popularity at the local and Gulf levels," Al Muhairi added, "thanks to its commitment to the highest standards in organization and judging. We use state-of-the-art techniques and means to ensure the event lives up to its prestigious name, a factor that has been directly reflected in the scale of participation."

STRONG SHOWING FOR UAE FEMALE SHOOTERS



An intense rivalry unfolded in the Fazza Championship for Saktoun Rifle Shooting for Women, with competitors from the UAE and the Sultanate of Oman vying for the top 3 spots. In the Women's category, Oman's Hind Khamis Al Maqbalia clinched first place with an impressive score of 79, hitting the "X" mark five times. The UAE's Aisha Saif Al Darei took second with a score of 78 (2 'X's), followed by Oman's Ghasia Ahmed Al Darei in third, also with 78 (2 'X's) after a tie-breaker.

The Junior Women's competition saw Oman's Balqees Salem Al Maamari take the top honor with a score of 75 (4 'X's). The UAE's Baynah Khalid Al Minhali secured second place with 75 (2 'X's), while Oman's Balqees Salem Al Dar'eia placed third with a score of 74 (3 'X's).

Rashid Harib Khusouni, Director of the Fazza Championships Department at the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center, highlighted the

championship's role as "an important milestone for developing women's skills in the field of shooting." He noted that women receive great support and care across the various Fazza championships.

'We are committed to providing an ideal competitive environment,'

he said, pointing to the Center's efforts to provide all necessary means for achieving peak performance while maintaining the required privacy for participants.

Al Khasouni affirmed that this year's edition saw exceptionally strong and distinguished competition. "The narrow margins between the top finishers reflect the development of skills and the rising technical level of the participants," he stated. "It also shows the championship's importance in motivating women to excel in this heritage sport."





SHEIKH AHMED BIN HASHER CROWNS

Champions at Fazza Saktoun Shooting Event

A thrilling conclusion to the Fazza Championship for Saktoun Rifle Shooting, organized by the Fazza Championships department, capped off an exceptional edition at the Al Ruwayyah shooting field in Dubai. The event saw a massive field of over 2,000 contestants from numerous nationalities, reflecting the deep appeal of this ancient heritage championship and cementing its status as a premier sporting event in the region.

The "Plate Shooting" category was a showcase of Emirati talent, with the nation's shooters delivering an exceptional performance that highlighted local dominance in such competitions. The finals kicked off with the Men's Target Shooting, where Omani shooter Thabit Salem Jadad clinched first place with a score of 79 (6 X's), edging out his compatriot Mohammed Hamad Al Musharrafi, who fin-

ished second with 79 (4 X's). Mana Ahmed Jadad of Oman took third with 79 (3 X's) after a tie-breaking shoot-off was required to settle the scores for several positions.

Plate Shooting Competitions

In the dynamic Plate Shooting competition, a format that requires competitors to run to their weapon before aiming at the targets, the UAE clinched the top spot. The duo of Ahmed Khalid Al Kaabi and Mohammed Hilal Al Kaabi secured first place amidst stiff competition from teams from the Sultanate of Oman. The Omani teams of Ibrahim Al Kalbani and Saeed Al Qaidi, and Majid Saeed Al Kalbani and Hazza Salem Al Kalbani, took second and third place, respectively.

The winners of the Men's Targets and Plate Shooting competitions were crowned by Sheikh Ahmed bin Mohammed bin Hasher Al Maktoum, Chairman of the UAE Shooting Federation. The ceremony was attended by HE Abdullah Hamdan bin Dalmook, CEO of HHC; Rashid Harib Khusouni, Director of the Championships Department at the Center; and Brigadier (R) Mohammed Obaid Al Muhairi, Chairman of the Tournament's Organizing Committee.

The Chairman of the UAE Shooting Federation lauded the vital and prominent role played by the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center in supporting heritage sports in the UAE, particularly in the field of shooting. He noted that the Center has effectively raised awareness about the importance of the nation's cultural and sporting heritage. It has also been instrumental in organizing events and activities that help preserve these ancient traditional sports.

'The Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center is one of the pioneering institutions in supporting and solidifying heritage sports,' said Sheikh Ahmed bin Hasher.

'Shooting, in particular, has long been linked to our history and culture. The initiatives launched by the Center have been crucial in promoting and supporting this legacy by providing specialized platforms for shooting, along with events and competitions that blend sport with heritage. This is a direct reflection of the wise leadership's vision for preserving and promoting our cultural identity on all fronts.'

Heritage Gatherings

His Excellency Abdullah Hamdan bin Dalmook, CEO of the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center, expressed his high appreciation for the steadfast support and presence of the UAE Shooting Federation, represented by Sheikh Ahmed bin Mohammed bin Hasher Al Maktoum, in the Fazza Saktoun Shooting Championship calendar. "The Center's support extends beyond just the sport of shooting," bin Dalmook stated.

'It also encompasses comprehensive support for heritage gatherings that celebrate the Emirati popular heritage. We cherish our strategic partnership with the UAE Shooting Federation and look forward to further cooperation to achieve our shared goals in promoting the national heritage.'

The CEO also issued an invitation to the nation's youth to participate in the Center's activities. He noted that such engagement is vital not only for preserving heritage sports, but also for cultivating a community spirit that reflects unity and belonging to this great legacy.



Sheikh Ahmed bin Mohammed bin Hasher Al Maktoum

UAE SHOOTING FEDERATION SAKTOUN CHAMPIONSHIP

• *Al Qaidi Claims Men's Targets' Title*, • *Al Yamahi Wins Women's Category*



An atmosphere thick with rivalry and competition brought the second edition of the citizens-only "*UAE Shooting Federation Saktoun Championship*" to a close. The championship, announced by Sheikh Ahmed bin Hasher Al Maktoum, Chairman of the UAE Shooting Federation, and organized by the Fazza Championships department at HHC's Al Ruwayyah shooting field in Dubai, was a standout edition. It drew over 200 competitors, both men and women, from across the country's various emirates. Also, the high caliber of competition was evident in the impressive scores and razor-thin margins recorded in both categories.



The finals delivered one of the most intense competitions for the Emirates' shooters. Ayesha Salem Al Qaidi clinched the title of the championship's second edition, with Naaman Saif Al Darei securing second place and Saeed Mohammed Al Mehrezi taking third.

In the Women's category, Maryam Ahmed Al Yamahi claimed the championship title. Sheikha Ali Al Marzouqi finished in second place, while Fatima Mohammed Al Ketbi placed third.

The champions, both men and women, were crowned by Sheikh Ahmed bin Mohammed bin Hasher Al Maktoum, Chairman of the UAE Shooting Federation. The ceremony was attended by HE Abdullah Hamdan bin Dalmook, CEO of HHC; Brigadier (R) Mohammed Obaid Al Muhairi, Chairman of the Tournament's Organizing Committee; and Talal Hindy, Executive Director of the UAE Shooting Federation.

The championship's closing also saw the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center recognized for its outstanding efforts in entrenching the national identity and its prominent contributions to reviving and supporting authentic heritage sports.



HE Abdullah Hamdan bin Dalmook, CEO of HHC, praised the UAE Shooting Federation's role in establishing the event, calling it a "strategic partner" in the Fazza Saktoun Shooting Championships.

'The Federation's support for this championship is a crucial step toward strengthening the status of shooting in the country,' he said.

'It showcases our joint commitment to developing this traditional sport and ensuring its sustainability. Together, we work to provide a distinguished competitive environment, which in turn inspires the nation's youth to participate and excel in a sport that is part of our cultural heritage.'



The CEO of the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center concluded his remarks by highlighting the powerful partnership. *"The cooperation between the Center and the Federation in these events reflects a synergy of efforts between national bodies to revive and develop the country's sporting heritage,"* he said.

3 Badges

Inspired by the incredible engagement from the shooters and the remarkable scores recorded at the championship, Sheikh Ahmed bin Mohammed bin Hasher Al Maktoum, Chairman of the UAE Shooting Federation, announced a personal initiative. He has launched three new badges for men and women in recognition of the shooters' impressive skill and outstanding performance.

Second Edition of Fazza Ardha Cup Concludes

'Al Khawarah' Posts Top Time in 'Fazza Sword for Zammt' Championship

The second edition of the "Fazza Ardha Cup" and "Fazza Sword for Zammt" championships, run by the Fazza Championships department at HHC, has drawn to a close. The events were held to coincide with the His Highness the Crown Prince of Dubai Camel Festival 2025 at the Dubai Camel Racing Club in Al Marmoom.

The qualifying rounds saw extensive participation, drawing competitors from the local level and across the Gulf region, particularly from the Sultanate of Oman. A massive crowd of enthusiasts and fans of the heritage sport was in attendance.

Criteria

Judging for the championship is based on a set of criteria steeped in the event's historical and time-honored traditions and customs. Competitors are awarded two marks for the mount's complete gear and team uniformity, three marks for the riders' start ("the Haffah ala al Matiya"), and five marks for the mounts' formation ("lazmah") in the scoring zone.

The "Al Qutaiti" Brothers Claim Ardha Title

The final rounds of the Fazza Ardha Cup saw intense competition and exceptionally high scores. The contest was so close that the judging committee had to rerun some rounds to break ties and determine the final outcome. Abdullah Khamis Al Qutaiti and Ali Khamis Al Qutaiti emerged as the champions, with second place going to Waddah Abdullah Al Qutaiti and Mohammed Humaid Al Masoudi. The duo of Musab Amer Al Saeedi and Muath Amer Al Saeedi secured third place.







Fazza Sword for Zammt

In the second season of the rounds-based "Fazza Sword for Zammt" championship, Khalifa Fadel Al Maqbali claimed first place aboard the mount "*Al Khawarah*." He was followed by Khalifa Al Owaisi in second aboard "*Jabbarah*," while Mahmoud Khalid Al Hosani took third place aboard "*Al Shaibah*."



The Women's Ardah

For the first time in the UAE, the Al Marmoom racetrack hosted the inaugural Open Women's Ardah Round, a landmark moment in the nation's heritage sports. To ensure participants were well-prepared, the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center organized dedicated training sessions led by experts in the field, under the direct supervision of the Center's CEO. The championship drew broad participation from multiple nationalities. The Emirati duo Hamda Abdullah Hamdan and Noura Al Zaabi claimed the championship title. German participants Jessa Igling and Annie Rudi finished second, while Marina Banshanka of Belarus and Maryam Suhrorody of the United States secured third place.



The first-place winners were crowned by His Excellency Abdullah Hamdan bin Dalmook, CEO of HHC, and Ali Saeed bin Saroud, Executive Director of the Dubai Camel Racing Club. The ceremony was held in the presence of Rashid Harib Khusouni, Director of the Fazza Championships Department at the Center.

Abdullah Hamdan bin Dalmook: The Championship Strengthens the Camel's Social Standing

'The large attendance and following the championship drew from all the emirates and neighboring countries allows us to see the deep-rooted bond between the camel and the region,' said HE Abdullah Hamdan bin Dalmook, CEO of the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center. 'The camel is intrinsically linked with the Arabian Gulf countries and serves as a symbol for them. Through the Fazza Ardah Cup, we celebrate this bond here on the soil of the United Arab Emirates, which is in itself an honor to the camel and its importance.'

'We at the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center believe these events are more than just sports; they are an opportunity to revive long-standing Emirati customs and traditions that reflect society's bonds with the land and environment,'

His Excellency added.

'We look forward to the continuation of these distinguished events, which strengthen the status of popular heritage and heritage sports.'

Concluding his remarks, the CEO said,

'Heritage sports like Ardha and camel racing are an integral part of the UAE's identity and culture. They are not just competitions or mere sporting events, but practices that represent the life of our ancestors and a long history of work, and they help transmit the values of courage, patience, and cooperation to future generations.'



Wide Participation

For his part, Rashid Harib Khusouni, Director of the Fazza Championships Department at HHC, praised the work of all parties who contributed to the championship's success. He credited the high standards of criteria, judging, and technology used in the event for the increased participation turnout. Al Khasouni also extended a special thanks to the Dubai Camel Racing Club for providing the veterinary staff responsible for doping tests.

Analytical Studio

Comprehensive live coverage of all qualifying and final rounds was broadcast on the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center's YouTube channel. A first for the sport of Ardah, the championship also featured an analytical studio with a panel of experts on camels and their sports from the UAE and the Sultanate of Oman.

Best Time

The championship's best time was set by the mount "Al Khawarah," clocking 41.666 seconds over 500 meters. This performance propelled Khalifa Fadel Al Maqbali to victory in the second edition of the "Fazza Sword for Zammt." Describing the win as "a great achievement and a true honor," Al Maqbali said,

'We thank the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center for this great, fraternal Gulf gathering. We dreamed of championships like this that celebrate our popular and ancient heritage. We came from the Sultanate of Oman just for the honor of participating, but God blessed us with the championship title.'



FAZZA CHAMPIONSHIP FOR FREEDIVING "HAYARI"

The World Celebrates Emirati Heritage

Now in its 18th edition, the Fazza Championship for Freediving "Hayari" continues to embody the time-honored Emirati heritage. It stands as one of the most prominent sporting events that recreates the traditional diving skills once practiced by ancestors in the depths of the seas on their quest for pearls.

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This annual event is a key fixture in the heritage championships agenda organized by the Fazza Championships department at HHC. For the third straight year, the competition is being held at "Deep Dive Dubai," the world's deepest swimming pool, drawing an elite field of local, Gulf, and international specialists in this highly challenging sport.

The event's appeal continues to bring together top professional and amateur athletes from the UAE and abroad, all united by a shared passion for freediving and the spirit of challenge linked to the Gulf's maritime legacy.

In a participation first of its kind, His Excellency expressed his pride in the attendance of Eisa bin Abdullah Al Rashidi from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, a contestant from the People of Determination. HE affirmed that this inspiring presence embodies the very spirit the Fazza Championships department seeks to instill in all its events.

Al Rahoumi said,

'We are excited to present an exceptional edition of the championship at its world-renowned location, "Deep Dive Dubai," one of the top sporting and tourist destinations globally. As the world's deepest swimming pool, this venue represents a new challenge for the participants. It also provides a state-of-the-art environment perfectly suited to the demands of this sport, which relies on precision, focus, and endurance.'

DISTINGUISHED FINALE FOR FAZZA "HAYARI" FREEDIVING CHAMPIONSHIP

Emirates Dominates Juniors Category

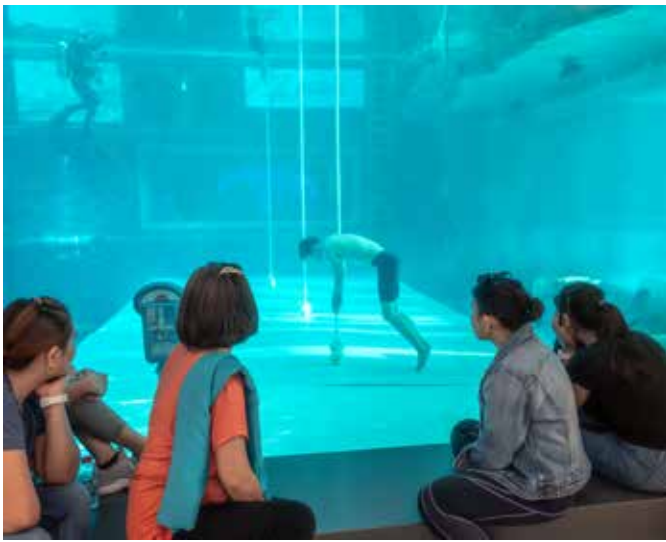
Record Field of 84 Competitors from 21 Nations

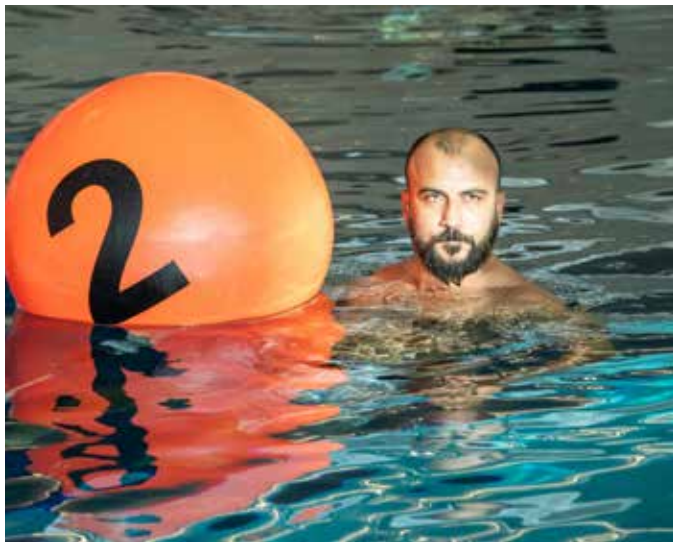
Special Round for Nationals Planned for Next Edition

A thrilling conclusion marked the 18th edition of the Fazza Championship for Freediving "Hayari," held in an atmosphere of intense challenge and exceptional performances from elite divers worldwide. The event, hosted at "Deep Dive Dubai," the world's deepest swimming pool, was a record-breaking edition with an unprecedented 84 contestants from 21 countries. Organized by the Fazza Championships department at HHC, the event drew a notable attendance and sparked intense competition.

In the Professionals category, Serbia's Branko Petrović successfully defended his title, holding his breath underwater for an incredible 8:41 minutes. He was followed by Mateusz Malina of Poland in second place (8:18) and Goran Čolak of Croatia in third (8:15).

In the Nationals and GCC category, top honors went to Oman's Ibrahim Salem Al Sulaitini, who won with a time of 7:21 minutes. Kuwait's Hassan Ali Al Sharrah took second at 6:32 minutes, while the UAE's Abdullah Salem Al Mansoori secured third place with a time of 6:17 minutes.





An Emirati Sweep

The Juniors category for Nationals and GCC Countries saw a clear sweep for the UAE, with its athletes claiming all three top spots. Mansour Abdullah Al Yaarabi took the top honor with a time of 2:44 minutes. He was followed by Ali Mohammed Al Marzouqi in second place at 2:19 minutes, and Ahmed Mohammed Al Marzouqi in third at 1:54 minutes.

A Social Objective

His Excellency Abdullah Hamdan bin Dalmook, CEO of the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center, announced a significant new initiative for next year's edition: a special round exclusively for UAE citizens. He described the new round as a "qualitative addition with an important social dimension," designed to deepen the connection with local and popular heritage. It also aims to encourage the nation's people to actively participate in heritage sports that embody the depth of our civilization and authentic traditions.

'We at the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center believe that preserving cultural legacy isn't just about organizing events,'

the CEO added. "It is embodied by creating genuine opportunities for community participation and ex-

panding the base of those who practice heritage sports. That is what we are working on through this initiative and other programs that promote the national identity."

Bin Dalmook also highlighted that a key takeaway from this edition was the impressive results posted by the UAE's junior competitors. *'This confirms, beyond any doubt, the strength of our rising generation of divers and showcases the sustainability of this ancient heritage sport, which is an authentic part of the Emirati identity,'* he said.

He concluded his remarks by emphasizing the focus on youth. "We believe that investing in our juniors is the cornerstone for ensuring this legacy continues. That is why we are committed to creating an ideal environment to hone their skills through development programs and competitions that meet the highest international standards."

The championship culminated with the awards ceremony, where Rashid Harib Khusouni, Director of the Fazza Championships Department at HHC, and HE Hamad Ahmed Al Rahoumi, Chairman of the Tournament's Organizing Committee, crowned the winners. The ceremony was attended by HE Abdullah Hamdan bin Dalmook, CEO of the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center.

A GLOBAL STANDING

Rashid Harib Khusouni, Director of the Fazza Championships Department, expressed his delight with the tremendous success of the 18th edition of the Fazza Championship for Freediving (Hayari). He noted its success both in its organization and its extensive international participation, calling it '*a reflection of the championship's elevated status on the map of global heritage sports.*'

Concluding his statement, Al Khasouni extended his thanks and appreciation to all entities that contributed to the event's success. Chief among them were Dubai Police, the Dubai Corporation for Ambulance Services, and all the organizing teams, in addition to the divers "who delivered stellar performances and were the finest ambassadors for their countries in a championship we are proud has become one of the most prominent heritage events on a global scale."

Rashid Harib Khusouni

Director of the Fazza Championships Department





SALUKI CHAMPIONSHIP

A Legacy of Success in its 18th Edition

Now in its 18th edition, the Saluki Championship, organized by the Fazza Championships department at HHC, continues its successful run. This year's event showcased remarkable skill levels and intense competition among participants.

The championship remains a major draw as one of the region's most prominent popular heritage sports, attracting a notable attendance each year and serving as a beacon for competitors vying for a spot on the podium.

Professional Organization

The Organizing Committee was committed to providing numerous facilities to ensure a seamless and comfortable experience for participants. All necessary means were made available to complete procedures easily, either in person or through the "F3" Fazza Championships smart app. This streamlined approach was instrumental in drawing participants from various locations, especially from GCC countries, which in turn contributed to the championship's large attendance.





EXTENSIVE GULF PARTICIPATION MARKS THE EVENT

Nasser bin Dalmook Al Ketbi Commands "Professionals" Categories
Al Mansoori and Al Nuaimi Shine in "Amateurs"

The 18th edition of the "Saluki Championship" drew to a close with a series of six challenge-filled competitions. This year's championship was marked by unprecedented rivalry in the rounds for both professionals and amateurs. This is a testament to the extensive preparations by the owners, who train their Salukis year-round with the goal of claiming titles and raising their performance levels, all before a massive crowd of spectators at the Al Marmoom racetracks.

The Professionals' Rounds

Nasser Obaid bin Dalmook Al Ketbi dominated the Professionals' rounds, sweeping first place in three separate contests. His wins included the 1000m Male Saluki round with "Billy Driver" (59.86s), the 1000m Female Saluki round with "Andy" (58.86s),

and the 2000m Male Saluki round with "Tamam" (2.04 min). Meanwhile, victory in the 2000m Female Saluki round went to Saif Hamad Al Shamsi, whose Saluki "Zawba'ah" clocked a winning time of 2.03 minutes.

The Amateurs' Rounds

The Amateurs' two rounds featured a stunning performance by Amer Mohammed Al Mansoori, who executed a clean sweep of the 2000m Female Saluki round. He claimed all three top spots with "Gharaah" (2.035 min), "Lahtha" (2.041 min), and "Suyouf" (2.047 min).

In the 2000m Male Saluki round, Mansour Salem Al Nuaimi claimed victory with "Al Montaher" in a time of 2.39 minutes. Amer Mohammed Al Mansoori took second place with "Casper" (2.05 min), while Majed Khalid Al Muhairi finished third with "Moaned" (2.06 min).

The champions were officially honored by Rashid



Harib Khusouni, Director of the Fazza Championships Department at HHC, and Juma Al Muhairi, Head of the Saluki Championship's Technical Committee, in a ceremony attended by a number of committee members.

A Large and Passionate Following

Juma Al Muhairi, Head of the Championship's Technical Committee, expressed his delight with the great success of this year's event, affirming that this edition saw "a significant evolution in all aspects of organization and participation."

He added, *'The 18th edition was one of the most outstanding Saluki tournaments in the championship's history, witnessing extensive local and Gulf participation that indicates the high status of this heritage sport.'*

Al Muhairi continued, noting the massive turnout from the local and Gulf public. "What truly sets the Saluki championship apart is its immense popularity, not just locally, but across the Gulf in general," he said. *'The large crowd reflects the great interest in this heritage sport, which has become a part of our region's sporting culture.'*

He pointed out that this edition has once again proven the importance of heritage sports in preserving cultural identity and encouraging communication between generations. He concluded by commending the incredible work of the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center in its efforts to ensure the Saluki Championship remains one of the region's premier heritage sporting events.





NATIONAL DAY CAMEL MARATHON

*A Celebration of Heritage,
A Platform for Identity*



Leading up to the main race, the Fazza Championships department at HHC continued to stage the National Day Camel Marathon at the Al Marmoom racetrack. Run with a system of preliminary rounds, the event has become a major community occasion, bringing together the people of the UAE to celebrate their ancient heritage and deepen their social and cultural bonds.

The Marathon has become a vibrant arena that breathes new life into the relationship between the nation's people and the camel, a bond that was part of daily life in the past and stands as a symbol of authentic culture. It also aims to support heritage gatherings and revive a spirit of cooperation and communication between generations, through a spectacle that highlights the value of the UAE's local heritage.

This year's edition saw a remarkable turnout from the Juniors category, a clear sign of the new generation's growing interest in this heritage sport. The race used a preliminary rounds system to build up to the final, all before a massive crowd of camel enthusiasts and fans.

A National Message

'The National Day Camel Marathon represents a national message that goes beyond the boundaries of sport,' said His Excellency Abdullah Hamdan bin Dalmook, CEO of the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center. 'It solidifies the concept of cultural sustainability and strengthens our connection to our roots, all taking place within a heritage gathering that builds pride in the Emirati identity and inspires future generations to hold fast to their cultural legacy.'



Al Rashdi Claims Marathon Title, with Al Mansoori and Al Nuaimi on the Podium Just Three Seconds Separate the Top Three Finishers

The National Day Camel Marathon, organized by the Fazza Championships department at HHC at the Al Marmoom racetrack, successfully reinforced the stature of camel racing as an integral part of the UAE's cultural heritage. The event reflects a deep commitment to preserving this historical legacy and promoting it for future generations.

A thrilling 11-kilometer race saw Omair Abdullah Al Rashdi clinch the top spot aboard *"Shaheen"* with a

time of 16.34 minutes. Just seconds behind, Ahmed Rashed bin Saroud Al Mansoori took second on *"Maghzel"* (16.36), and Khalid Ali Al Nuaimi placed third on *"Dhari"* (16.37), a testament to the intense competition and incredibly close finish.

The champions were honored in a ceremony attended by HE Abdullah Hamdan bin Dalmook, CEO of HHC, and Ali Saeed bin Saroud, Executive Director of the Dubai Camel Racing Club.



Al Oula: An Emirati, Heritage, and National Station

An Emirati, national, and heritage-focused station, Al Oula was launched in 2014 on frequency 107.4. Guided by its slogan, "From you and for you," it affirms its deep-rooted heritage mission and a vision firmly planted in the foundations of Emirati society. Stemming from the belief that heritage is the bedrock of the present and the vision of the future, and a key pillar for strengthening and transmitting national identity, Al Oula was established by the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center. It serves as a dedicated media platform to continue the journey of reviving heritage and passing it between generations through the voice of the nation, the Emirati dialect, and specialized, heritage-themed topics.

The station's unique appeal lies in its contemporary approach, engaging topics, and up-to-the-minute coverage, all driven by its vision, simplicity, and closeness to the community. Al Oula is staffed by an elite team of young Emirati talent and a group of distinguished media professionals who have made their mark on the local scene.

Our Programs



Min Dakhel Al Bait

A social program that delves into real-life family issues from Emirati society, it aims to raise awareness, strengthen family bonds, and offer solutions in line with local values while highlighting initiatives that support the family.



Ramsiyat Al Arab

This program tackles timely topics like artificial intelligence, digital currencies, and real estate, comparing them to their historical counterparts to highlight development and the digital transformation.



Sabah Al Oula

Connecting citizens with government entities, this national platform provides daily coverage, hosting officials to raise awareness and positivity.



Dafater Bin Sulaiman

A Ramadan poetry show featuring a dialogue between Hamad Al Shamsi and his father, poet Saif bin Sulaiman. The program presents Emirati poems that capture the spirituality of the Holy Month.



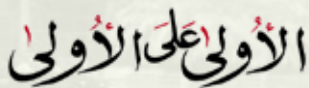
Eyal Al Bilad

A national talk show reflecting the interests of the nation's youth, it shines a light on their achievements and promotes identity and career happiness through motivating and inspirational segments.



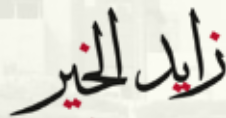
Ghabayeb

This program introduces the Emirati marine environment, including its unique vocabulary and stories, with the goal of connecting youth to their maritime heritage.



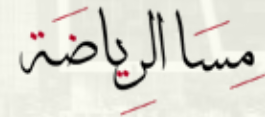
Al Oula ala Al Oula

A cultural and heartfelt program presented by Hessa Al Osaily where listeners share human experiences. The show also features book summaries from the Hamdan Center's library, "from memory" segments, and a message encouraging reading and Emirati heritage.



Zayed Al Khair

A daily program on Al Oula Radio, sponsored by "Beit Al Khair Society" and "Dubai Charity," this show offers a way for donors to support charitable projects and humanitarian cases.



Masa Al Reyadha

This sports show analyzes matches, brings listeners the pulse of the stadiums, and interacts with the audience, presenting the reality of local sports and the latest news.

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DUBAI DATES



In a distinguished heritage gathering, "Dubai Dates" welcomed an elite cadre of the nation's most prominent figures over the course of its run. The guest list included Their Excellencies, as well as a large number of community notables and intellectual and media leaders from the country's various emirates.

This diverse and high-level official attendance, which ranged from government officials to heads of national institutions and local community representatives, embodied a spirit of solidarity and a collective interest in Emirati heritage. It was also a clear reflection of the growing prestige that this annual event by the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center has earned, positioning it as one of the most significant cultural and social platforms in the nation. "Dubai Dates" is far more than a competitive event focused on the palm tree; it is a comprehensive national occasion with a profound emotional and cultural

dimension. Dignitaries in attendance were keen to participate and interact with the various events and pavilions that defined the palm tree's historical status in the Emirates and its foundational role in shaping sustainability and food security for decades.

These visits demonstrated a deep appreciation from the nation's leadership for the importance of heritage. They also showed a commitment to spotlighting the palm tree's symbolism as a foundational element of the national identity and an active partner in shaping the Emirati value system. Once again, "Dubai Dates" proved to be more than just a seasonal occasion. It has emerged as an annual forum where national memory intersects with modern development, and where the palm tree, the leader, and the citizen meet in a dialogue of loyalty, giving, and belonging.

Dubai Categories	General Categories
Largest Date Bunch	Largest Date Bunch
Khalas	Khalas
Nukhba (Elite)	Nukhba (Elite)
Home Palm	Home Palm
Khnaizi	Bu Ma'an
-	Helwat Dubai
-	Government Entities' Palm
-	Al Nadr Cup (The Rare Cup)

KASS TAMRAT AL BAIT (THE HOME DATE CUP)

- ◆ Eligibility: Open to home palms only.
- ◆ Submission: One variety per household.
- ◆ Condition: Dates must be fully ripe and dry.
- ◆ Presentation: Dates must be individual, with no additives such as anise, saffron, cardamom, or nuts.
- ◆ Weight: 2 kg.
- ◆ Packaging: As desired.
- ◆ Drying: Use of advanced home drying machines is allowed.

Ineligible Varieties:

Medjool	Fard	Sag'ai	Sukkari	AlNagl
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Judging Criteria

Size and Uniformity	Quality and Taste	Purity	Free from Fungal Infections
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A Visit Beyond Place, A Memory Inscribed

Abdullah bin Dalmook: 'The visit and grant from HH the Crown Prince of Dubai are an extension of the leadership's vision to support everything that reinforces the national identity'

In a significant visit, His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence, and Chairman of the Executive Council of Dubai, graced a portion of the "Dubai Dates" events, organized by the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center. During his tour, His Highness was briefed on several of its sections.

In a gesture of profound support, His Highness announced a grant of one million dirhams for the participants. This generous act serves as a tribute to their role in reviving and preserving the national heritage and comes in the context of His Highness's enduring support for the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center's efforts, strengthening the continuity of events that serve heritage and community alike.

During the tour, His Highness was accompanied by His Excellency Abdullah Hamdan bin Dalmook, CEO of the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center, and the

Center's department directors. His Highness was presented with a detailed explanation of "Dubai Dates," covering the event's sections dedicated to the palm tree, the importance of its support, and its societal impact.

His Excellency Abdullah Hamdan bin Dalmook expressed his profound thanks and appreciation to His Highness the Crown Prince of Dubai. He affirmed that the generosity, support, and encouragement of His Highness are not new, but an extension of the leadership's steadfast approach to supporting all that reinforces the national identity.

"The visit of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed is a great honor for us, and his generous grant represents a powerful incentive for all participants and organizers," His Excellency stated. "His Highness's directives are the very compass that guides us at the Center, determining our priorities and opening new horizons for development and innovation in the service of heritage."



Bin Dalmook added,

'The palm tree is a part of the Emirati soul, and His Highness's presence among us clearly shows the leadership's interest in this rich legacy and its dedication to passing it on to future generations in the best possible way. Through these events, we at the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center continue our role of showcasing the authentic cultural identity of Dubai and the United Arab Emirates. We are guided by the directives of the Crown Prince of Dubai and committed to a comprehensive vision that safeguards heritage and builds for the future.'



Dubai Dates; A National Platform Uniting Leaders and Celebrating Identity

Serving as a national platform, "Dubai Dates" welcomed an elite group of prominent national figures throughout the event. The attendees included Their Excellencies, a large number of community notables, and intellectual and media leaders from across the Emirates.

This varied official attendance, which ranged from government officials and heads of national institutions to local community representatives, was a

testament to the spirit of solidarity and community interest in Emirati heritage. It also highlighted the growing prestige of the annual event, which is organized by the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center and has become one of the nation's most vital cultural and social platforms.

"Dubai Dates" is more than just a competitive event about the palm tree; it is a comprehensive national event with deep emotional and cultural significance.



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These visits demonstrated a deep appreciation from the nation's leadership for the importance of heritage. They also showed a commitment to spotlighting the palm tree's symbolism as a foundational element of

the national identity and an active partner in shaping the Emirati value system.

Once again, "Dubai Dates" proved to be more than just a seasonal occasion. It has emerged as an annual forum where national memory intersects with modern development, and where the palm tree, the leader, and the citizen meet in a dialogue of loyalty, giving, and belonging.



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CAMEL TREK

THE ELEVENTH EDITION OF *THE CAMEL TREK*

A Tribute to the Legacy of Our Ancestors



“Sustaining this trek for 11 consecutive years is a tribute to the legacy of our ancestors and an embodiment of the authentic values of our glorious past. This ensures the heritage of the camel lives on in the hearts of the people of the UAE for generations to come.”

– Abdullah Hamdan bin Dalmook

The 11th edition of the Camel Trek has reached its destination in Dubai, completing a grueling 13-day, 680-kilometer journey on camelback. The international caravan, featuring 33 participants from 17 different nationalities, traversed the sand dunes of the UAE desert.

Setting off from the Arada region in the Empty Quarter, participants journeyed on camelback amidst the sand dunes. Their route took them through several key waypoints, including: *Tal Moreeb*, South Shah, the Arabian Oryx Reserve '*Bab bin Madhiya*', the Arabian Oryx Reserve '*Al Khour*', *Al Da'isiyyah*, South Al Qou', North Al Qou', *Al Thaqibah*, and Butais. From there, the caravan pressed on towards *Al Khaznah*, *Al Ajban*, and *Saih Al Salam*, ultimately arriving at the Heritage Village in Global Village.

The caravan, led by HE Abdullah Hamdan bin Dalmook, CEO of the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center, commenced its journey with a noticeable increase in participants in its 11th edition.

"The high demand for participation gave us the advantage of choosing the most prepared and capable individuals to take on this challenging trek," he said. "This journey celebrates the camel as one of the most important pillars of our national heritage and a lifeline for the entire Arabian Gulf region."

'It is a social message we offer to everyone who resides in our nation,' His Excellency added, *"strengthening the connection with this heritage symbol that had a profound impact in shaping many of the details and the history of this region."*

A Decade of Discovery:

Still Counting and Exploring the Wonders of the Emirates

128

Stops Along the Way

6500

Kilometers

50

Nationalities

211

Participants

MOHAMMED BIN RASHID MEETS THE CAMEL TREK CARAVAN

Abdullah Hamdan bin Dalmook:

'A meeting that brings great inspiration and energy for years to come'



His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, met with the participants of the "Camel Trek" at Saih Al Salam in Dubai's Al Marmoom Reserve as they neared the end of their journey. The meeting came after a continuous 13-day trek across the UAE desert, starting from the Arada region in Abu Dhabi and culminating at the Heritage Village in Global Village.

In a significant gesture, His Highness gave his personal staff to the trek leader, HE Abdullah Hamdan bin Dalmook, CEO of the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center. He was also briefed on the trek's progress, learning that its diverse group of 33 participants from 17 different nationalities had covered 680 km through the UAE desert. The participating nations were: United Arab Emirates, France, Italy, Hong Kong, United Kingdom, Russia, Germany, Austria, India, China, Colombia, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Canada, Ireland, Poland, and Saudi Arabia.

An Inspiring Meeting

Commenting on the meeting with His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, bin Dalmook affirmed that His Highness's "sound and inspiring vision and directives are the cornerstone behind the Camel Trek's sustainability, now in its eleventh edition." He noted, *"From the very beginning, His Highness laid a firm foundation for spreading the values of tolerance and love among all residents of the UAE through initiatives that reflect a spirit of coexistence. This makes the Camel Trek a living example of heritage's ability to unite people from different backgrounds for a common purpose: to celebrate authenticity and take pride in our national identity."*

"His Highness's meeting will remain a pivotal moment in the Camel Trek's 11-year journey and in our own mission to highlight Emirati heritage," he concluded. "He provides us with an endless source of energy. This trek, developing sustainably thanks to unlimited support, is a testament to His Highness's profound commitment to

preserving Emirati heritage and enhancing its global status. This success reflects his vision's impact in linking the past with the present, and his constant guidance toward developing initiatives that celebrate heritage and strengthen national belonging for all residents of the UAE."



Incense and Saffron

A festive atmosphere of flowers, incense, and saffron filled the Heritage Village at Global Village as a military band played popular chants to welcome the Camel Trek team. Crowds gathered from different areas to greet the participants after their 680-km journey on camelback. In a fraternal atmosphere brimming with team spirit, the participants were honored and presented with certificates of appreciation.



A New World

The air was thick with emotion as the village bustled with the families, relatives, and friends of the participants, who had spent 13 days in the UAE desert.

For Tunisian Kauther Ben Hmeda, a Dubai resident of 20 years, the journey was transformative. "The story began when a friend told me about it, and I decided to take on this unique experience," she said. "The trek was a little

difficult at first. The camel is your companion on this long journey, and I had to learn how to interact with it and build a relationship of trust and understanding. It was a strange feeling to be in the heart of the desert, far from everything familiar. With every step, you feel as if you're discovering a new world."



Inner Peace

For Mohammed bin Hisham Aref of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the trek's most beautiful moments were found in the absolute quiet. "There is nothing but the sound of the sand and the rustle of the camels' feet," he said, "and it's a sound that gives you a sense of inner peace amidst the stunning nature. In those moments, I discovered the depth of the heritage; I lived its history, its culture, and its customs." He acknowledged the difficulties. "The journey is full of challenges, but with time they become part of the experience's enjoyment. Every moment teaches you something new about yourself and your endurance. This trek taught me the value of patience and contemplation. It gave me a chance to step away from the noise of daily life and connect with nature and history in a way I never imagined."



Camel Trek Marathon Featured in Zayed Grand Prize

• 53 Competitors from 28 Nations • Emirati Hamda Abdullah Hamdan Takes the Lead

In conjunction with the Sheikh Zayed Festival, the Events Department at the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center presented three rounds of the Camel Trek Marathon. The race was held at the Al Wathba Camel Racetrack as part of the prestigious Zayed Grand Prize competitions.

The 2-kilometer race, divided into three categories of Individual Weight and Open Weight for men and women, drew 53 contestants. This was a field of experienced residents of the UAE, who have previously taken

part in a number of periodic marathons organized by the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center, including a recent preliminary at Al Marmoom, as well as the Camel Trek itself. The international field comprised 28 different nationalities, with participants from: Brazil, Netherlands, Belarus, Hong Kong, Korea, Austria, India, Egypt, Tajikistan, Colombia, Canada, Tunisia, Spain, Britain, America, Russia, Austria, Poland, Philippines, Belgium, Luxembourg, China, France, Estonia, Italy, Germany, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates.

In the Individual Weight category, victory went to Emirati Hamda Abdullah Hamdan aboard "*Sarab*." Her compatriot Maryam Mohammed Al Zaabi finished a close second on "*Al Rasasi*," while China's Alexis Hu took third on "*Al Mail*."

The Men's Open Weight title was claimed by France's Mohammed Ammehidar on "*Al Abyad*." Russia's Ivan Kovalenko placed second on "*Al Hadda*," followed by Britain's Harry Fiston in third on "*Shaheen*."

France's Sabrina Bouvier took top honors in the Women's Open category with "*Al Tay*." She was followed by Tunisia's Kauther Ben Hmeda on "*Hamloul*" in second, and Britain's Allison Wrigley on "*Musaihan*" in third.

The first-place winners were crowned by HE Abdullah Mubarak Al Muhairi, Director General of the Camel Racing Federation and Acting Director General of the Abu Dhabi Heritage Authority, in the presence of HE Abdullah Hamdan bin Dalmook, CEO of HHC. Bin Dalmook praised the significant and sustained interest in camel racing, a sport that now attracts wide segments of society keen to uphold the traditions of their ancestors. He lauded the outstanding organization and the immense efforts made to ensure the success of the festival, which he noted carries the noblest meanings and gratitude for the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, wishing everyone success. "All thanks are due to the festival organizers for their generous invitation," he added. *'And our thanks are also extended to the Camel Racing Federation for their tireless efforts to entrench this ancient heritage sport.'*

The School of Zayed

Emirati Hamda Abdullah Hamdan secured first place in the Individual Weight category after a tough competition.

'This victory has many national meanings, as it was achieved at the Al Wathba racetrack and as part of the Sheikh Zayed Festival,' she said. 'We have long considered him our role model and the school from which we learn. I dedicate this win to everyone who has helped me preserve this heritage that I cherish, from my family who instilled in us a love for this great national symbol, to the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center for its constant contributions to preserving our national identity.'



"Al Labsah Racetrack" Hosts the Camel Trek Marathon During the Mohamed bin Zayed Camel Racing and Mazayna Festival

The Events Department at the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center took part in the 14th edition of the His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Camel Racing and Mazayna Festival, staging two rounds of the Camel Trek Marathon at the Al Labsah Racetrack in Umm Al Quwain.

The 2-kilometer race drew a diverse field of 38 contestants residing in the UAE, divided into men's and women's categories. A truly international lineup, the event featured 25 different nationalities, with participants from: Britain, America, Russia, Austria, Belarus, Philippines, Brazil, Belgium, Mexico, India, Hong Kong, Tajikistan, China, France, Netherlands, Spain, Estonia, Italy, Germany, Belgium, Poland, Australia, Egypt, Canada, and the United Arab Emirates.

In the Women's category, victory went to China's Alexis Hu aboard the mount "Dubai Alaber," with a time of 3:24:46 minutes. Meanwhile, the men's title was claimed by Britain's Alexander Oswald on the mount "Hamroun," with a time of 3:47:39 minutes.

The champions were crowned by HE Abdullah Mubarak Al Muhairi, Director General of the Camel Racing Federation and Acting Director General of the Abu Dhabi Heritage Authority. The ceremony was attended by HE Abdullah Hamdan bin Dalmoock, CEO of HHC, and Rashid Harib Khusouni, Director of the Fazza Championships Department.

The CEO of the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center affirmed that the Center's participation in the Mohamed bin Zayed Festival carries great significance. *'It reflects a strategic vision that translates the Center's goals of preserving and promoting authentic Emirati heritage,'* he said.

"Our participation in this festival is an extension of the Center's founding message," His Excellency said, *"which is to strengthen the national identity and document our intangible cultural heritage, especially the sport of camel racing, a fundamental part of our history and cultural system."*

The CEO of the Hamdan Center clarified his great pleasure in being present at the Umm Al Quwain racetracks. He stated that the Center is always keen to be present at events that contribute to preserving and highlighting heritage. *'The Mohamed bin Zayed Camel Racing Festival is not just a sporting race,'* he added. *'It is an important cultural platform that attracts interested people from all age and community groups. It also promotes awareness of this heritage sport's importance, which contributes to passing it on to future generations.'*





Held During the Crown Prince of Dubai Camel Festival 2025

• *Sixth Camel Trek Marathon Concludes* • *42 Competitors from 27 Nations, with Gold for the USA and France*

The sixth edition of the Camel Trek Marathon, organized by the Events Department at the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center, culminated in its main race at the Dubai Camel Racing Club in Al Marmoom. The event is held annually in accordance with the directives of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence, and Chairman of the Executive Council of Dubai.

The main race, split into Individual Weight and Open Weight categories, featured 42 contestants. This was a seasoned group of UAE residents, all of whom had previously participated in the two preliminary races last November and December, in addition to taking part in this season's Camel Trek or prior ones. The highly international field comprised 27 different nationalities, with participants from: Britain, America, Russia, Egypt, Poland, Czech Republic, Luxembourg, China, France, Jordan, Brazil, Philippines, Estonia, Saudi Arabia, Austria, Italy, Germany, Hong Kong, Canada, Netherlands, Colombia, India, Mexico, Belgium, Australia, Tunisia, and Tajikistan.

France's Audrey Derflinger clinched first place in the Individual Weight category race. Britain's Rachel Stratton finished a close second, with China's Alexis Hu taking third.

In the Open Weight category, the top spot was claimed by American Joshua Kolapo. He was followed by Celine Jouns of France in second place and Leonie Valentijn of the Netherlands in third.

The champions were crowned by His Excellency Abdullah Hamdan bin Dalmook, CEO of the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center, in the presence of several members of the Dubai Camel Racing Club and a large crowd of the heritage sport's followers and fans.

The CEO of the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center affirmed that the event's continued staging, with its preliminary stages and now the main race for the sixth straight year, is a clear sign of its sustainability. "This heritage gathering," he noted, "is a celebration of one of the pillars of the UAE's national heritage."

'The number of participants in the camel races is seeing a steady increase, which is something we have worked on since these marathons were launched,' His Excellency added. 'Great thanks are due to everyone who contributed to the success of this event, especially the Dubai Camel Racing Club, our permanent partner in preserving the nation's heritage.'





WATHIQATI



Launched by the Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Center in December 2014 under the directives of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, the Wathiqati initiative aims to preserve and document the UAE's national heritage. Its goal is to serve as a robust historical reference for future generations.

The initiative aligns with the vision of His Highness that preserving and documenting the nation's heritage is a national responsibility in which all entities, from government bodies to community members, must participate. "Wathiqati" is open to everyone, whether official entities or individuals, to contribute to the preservation of old documents, collectibles, and all materials of historical and heritage value.



