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This has become a world to which we must learn to adapt: a concrete reality, often unpredictable, ready to test us and suddenly change our lives. This is exactly what happened between 27 February and 1 March, when a series of events - the military attack on Iran and the resulting closure of international airspace affecting the entire Persian Gulf area - threatened to change all of our plans. We are in Al Ali, a city about 150 km from Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates, where the fourth edition of an ECAHO-affiliated Class A morphological show, the "Al Shiraa International Arabian Horse Show 2026" is taking place.



Fortunately, today we can say with absolute certainty that the organisation of the Al Shiraa show, led by Chairman Her Highness HH Sheikha

Fatima Bint Hazza Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, demonstrated an extraordinary level of excellence. Together with her highly professional staff, she has managed a critical situation with great competence, ensuring that the competition dedicated to our beloved PSA horses was completed and that all participants returned safely to their respective destinations around the world.

Among the most important members of staff, we would like to mention H.E. Mohamed Ahamed Alharbi, Chairman, together with Mrs Antonia Bautista, Stud Manager at Al Shiraa Arabians, Mr Mumtaz Faiz Allaf, Mrs Lulua Al Mansoori, Mr Ebrahim Basheer and Mrs Samantha Kettle, who managed the work of all of us media representatives with great professionalism.

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HH Sheikha Fatima Bint Hazza Bin Zayed Al Nahyan is a figure of great international importance, a woman deeply committed to numerous institutional and cultural activities. She is the Chairwoman of the Fatima Bint Hazza Cultural Foundation, Chairwoman of the Fatima Bint Mubarak Ladies Sports Academy, as well as Owner and Founder of Al Shiraa. On this occasion, She personally oversaw the event, availing Herself of the collaboration of highly experienced and reliable professionals.

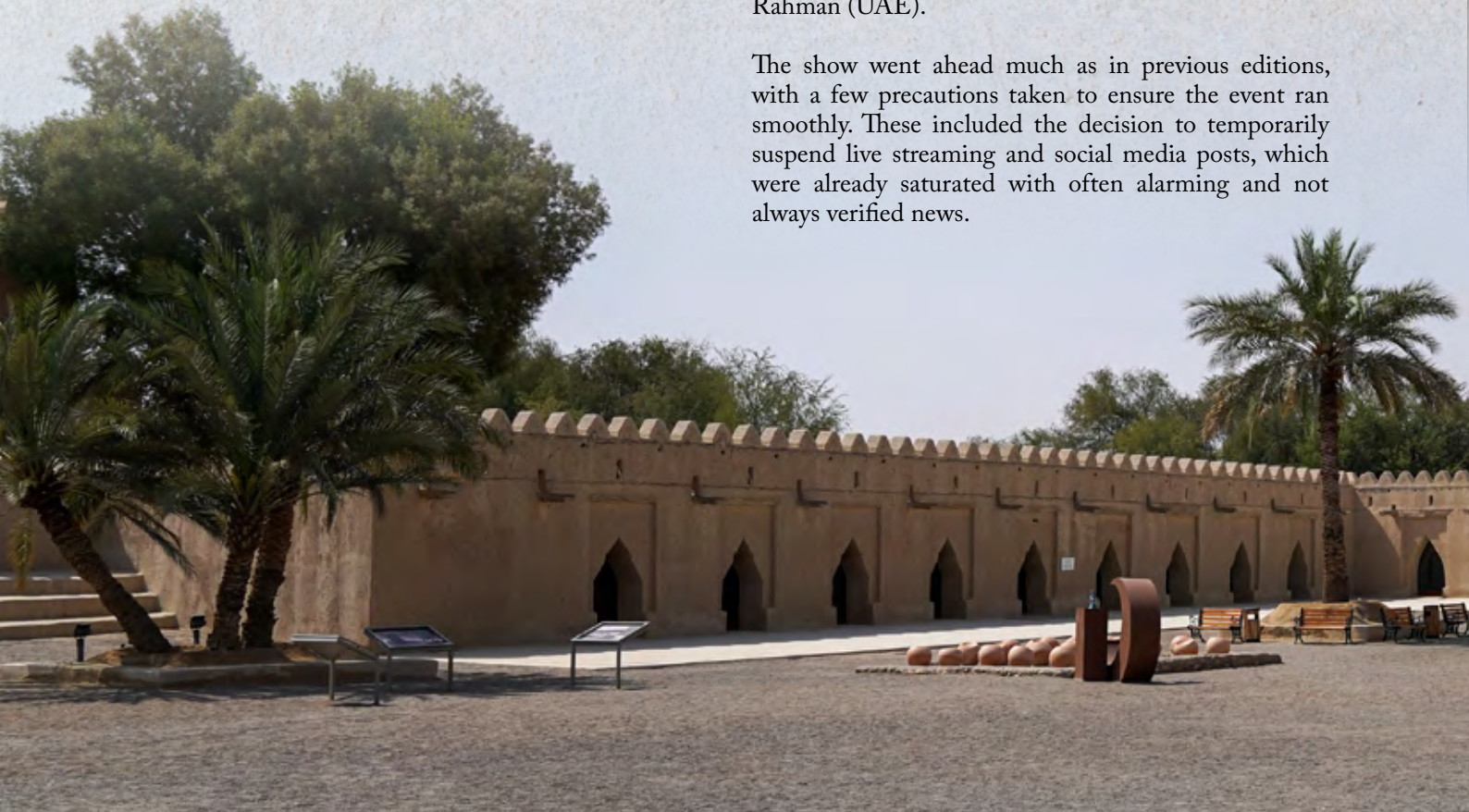
Moving on to the strictly professional aspect - the reason we were asked to report and document the event in our magazine - we have noticed that due to the high number of entries numerous international judges were invited - and this already gives an indication of the success of this eagerly awaited show: Mr Ali Shaarawi (Egypt), Mr Abderrazak Himdani (Morocco), Mr Christopher Lowe (United Kingdom), Mr Jonas Salzmann (Kuwait), Mr Klaus Beste (Germany), Mr Lucas Gozdziński (Poland), Mrs Maria Ferraroni (Italy), Mrs Anna Stojanowska (Poland), Mr Eric Gear (France), Mrs Irina Stigler (Russia), Mr Santi Fornieles (Argentina) and Mr Urs Aeschbacher (Switzerland).



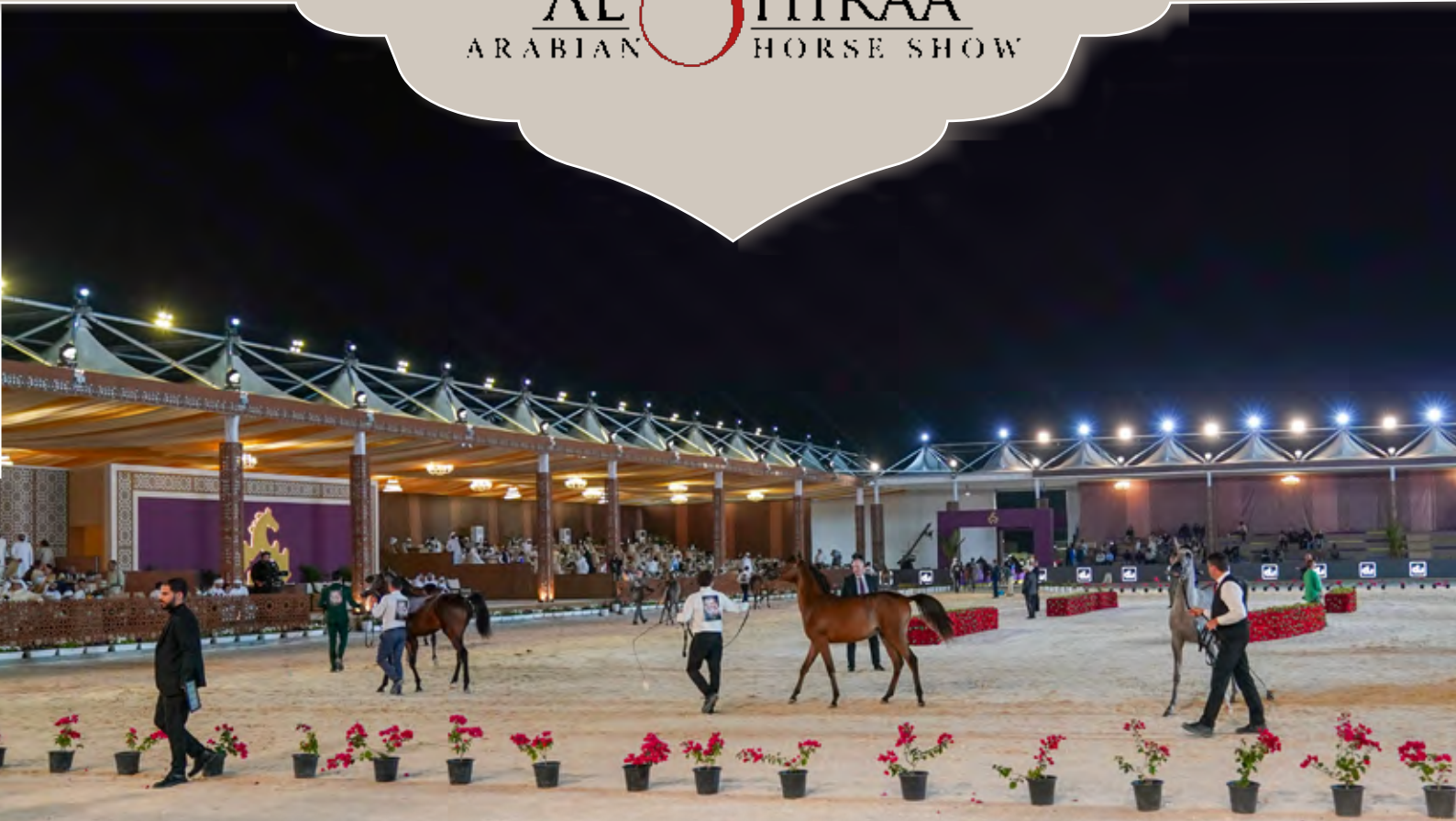
Mr Hamdan Alharbi served as Show Manager on the show's technical committee, assisted by Mr Eidha Almenhali as Assistant. The official voices of the show were Mr Mohamed Abu Baker for Arabic and Mr Eric Blaak for English. Mr Jassem Al Hadad and Mr Peter Hegemann took turns in the ring.

This year, the panel of Disciplinary Commissioners (DC) consisted of Dr Gianpaolo Teobaldelli (Italy), Mr Obada Ahmad Zabadi (Saudi Arabia), Mr Salem Al Khatheri (UAE), Mr Hamed Al Harthi (UAE), Mr Ibrahim Alobeidii (UAE) and Dr Habib Gul Zia Ur Rahman (UAE).

The show went ahead much as in previous editions, with a few precautions taken to ensure the event ran smoothly. These included the decision to temporarily suspend live streaming and social media posts, which were already saturated with often alarming and not always verified news.



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Despite everything, the event went ahead as planned: 228 horses competed in the classes held on 27 and 28 February and qualified for the final championships on 1 March.

And now we come to the most eagerly awaited moment: the medal ceremony. The first gold medal in the yearling fillies category went to “RDS NOURAH” from Ajman Stud. Silver went to “D BADEEAH” from Mohammad Tareq and bronze to “AL ARYAM ALDHAFRA” owned by G.H. Sheikh Yas Bin Hamdan Bin Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayyan. We continued the championship with the Junior fillies, and it was Gold ‘SQ GHANDOURA’ from Hanaya Arabian Stud that also won the bronze with ‘D NAFAYES’. In this regard, I would like to add that there were many horses from Europe this year, as the organisation covered the transport costs for the pure pleasure of hospitality.

Let’s return to the silver medal won by ‘WOJOOD AL BAHYA’ from Ras Al Khaimha Horse Stud. In the last championship for senior females, the gold medal went to ‘BINT AL ELEAH FN’ owned by Mr. Fawaz Jafar Elmi Nabulsi. Silver went to ‘AL ARYAM ALDHANNA’ owned by G.H. Sheikh Yas Bin Hamdan Bin Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayyan, while bronze went to ‘MANAR AL ZOBAIR’ owned by Shaikh Abdalla Khalid Abdulla M. Althani.

We resumed the championships involving the males in a relaxed atmosphere, starting with the Yearlings, where the Gold Medal went to ‘MAHBOUB AL ZOBAIR’ owned by Sheikh Ghanim Abdullah Mohammed Ali Al Thani, who also won Silver in this category with ‘MNADY AL ZOBAIR’. The bronze medal went to ‘AJ HAJES’ by Ajman Stud. In the Junior category, ‘ASAM EKL SAID’ won the gold medal again for Hanaya Arabian Stud. ‘AJ RABDAN’ owned by Ajman Stud won the silver medal. The bronze medal went to ‘MZ ADEEB’ by Khalifa Abdulla Mohammed Thani Al Nuaimi. As always, the Stallion Championship was the most awaited moment, with the gold medal to ‘D SHARAR’ owned by Dubai Stud. Silver went to another great male from the Hanaya Arabian Stud stable, ‘EKS SIRAJJ’. ‘AL ARYAM SHAKLAAN’ owned by Al Aryam Arabians was awarded the bronze medal. Now, as usual, I leave you with the photos taken by our photographer Antonio Caracciolo.



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Yearling Fillies



GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION **RDS NOURAH**

RDS ARMANI X MY FAIR ROSE-D
B: EIAD AND AMIRA SAFADY - O: AJMAN STUD



**SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION
D BADEEAH**

D NAWWAF X D DANAT

B: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD - O: MOHAMMAD TAREQ MOHAMMAD ALHASAN



**BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION
AL ARYAM ALDHAFRA**

AL ARYAM HASHEEM X AL ARYAM ALDHANNA

B/O: H. H. SHEIKH YASS BIN HAMDAN BIN ZAYED BIN SULTAN AL NAHAYYAN

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Junior Fillies



GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION SQ GHANDOURA

SQ SAGER X MISS ENZO RLC
B: ALSAQAN ARABIAN HORSE STUD -O: HANAYA ARABIAN STUD



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION WOJOOD AL BAHYA

AJ MARZAN X AJ WAFAA
B: AJMAN STUD - RAS AL KHAIMAH ARABIAN HORSE STUD



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION D NAFAYES

D SERAJ X D DANAT
B: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD - O: HANAYA ARABIAN STUD

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Senior Mares



GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION BINT AL JALELAH FN

SRA MOLTO BELLO X AL JALILA FN
B: FAWAZ AL NABULSI - O: FAWAZ JAFAR ELMI NABULSI



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION AL ARYAM ALDHANNA

RAOUD AL BIDAYER X AL ARYAM BASMA

B: AL ARYAM ARABIANS - O: H. H. SHEIKH YASS BIN HAMDAN BIN ZAYED BIN SULTAN AL NAHAYYAN



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION MANAR AL ZOB AIR

EXXALT X STAR OF AL ZOB AIR

B/O: SHEIKH ABDULLA BIN MOHAMMED ALI ALTHANI

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Yearling Colts



GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION MAHBOUB AL ZOBAIR

S.M.A.MAGIC ONE X JR BELLA SORPRESSA

B: SHEIKH ABDULLA BIN MOHAMMED ALI ALTHANI - O: SHEIKH GHANIM ABDULLAH MOHAMMED ALI AL THANI



**SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION
MNADY AL ZOBAIR**

TM ITAIPU X NOUWAYDRA AL ZOBAIR
B/O: SHAIKH SULTAN MOHAMED ABDULLA M.A.ALTHANI



**BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION
AJ HAJES**

AJ RADMAN X AJ HEYAM
B/O: AJMAN STUD

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Junior Colts



GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION ASAM EL SAID

EXAGON OS X RANIYA OS
B: AXEL MÜNZ - O: HANAYA ARABIAN STUD



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION
AJ RABDAN

AJ NAWASH X AJ AMANDARI
 B/O: AJMAN STUD



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION
MZ ADEEB

D SERAJ X QR ANDREA
 B/O: KHALIFA ABDULLA MOHAMMED THANI AL NUAIMI

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Senior Stallions



GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION D SHARAR

D SERAJ X FT SHAELLA
B/O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD



**SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION
EKS SIRAJJ**

IBN FARID X EKS BINT HELWAH
B: ELKASUN FARMS - O: HANAYA ARABIAN STUD



**BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION
AL ARYAM SHKLAAN**

EXCALIBUR E.A. X AL ARYAM SHAKEERA
B/O: AL ARYAM ARABIANS

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THE JUDGES



Mr. Christopher Lowe



Mr. Lucas Gozdziński



Mr. Abderrazak Himdani



Mrs. Irina Stigler



Mr. Klaus Beste



Mr. Urs Aeschbacher



Mrs. Maria Ferraroni



Mr. Jonas Salzmänn

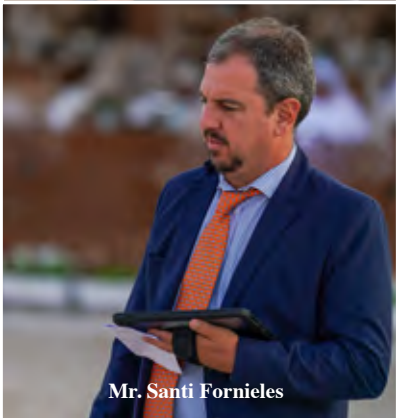




Mr. Ali Shaarawi



Mr. Eric Gear



Mr. Santi Fornieles



Mrs. Anna Stojanowska







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