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## Arabian Horse Championship

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Under the patronage of their Majesties King Abdullah and Queen Rania of Jordan, the Middle East Championship took place from the 17th of September until the 19th at the Royal Stables in the breath taking Al Hu'mar area which stands just 10 KM from Amman.

ith the participation of over 200 horses representing more than 30 stables from Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Jordan, the show witnessed a very exciting competition of top Arabian horses bred in the Arab region and in western countries, registered in the Middle East Stud book.

The Middle East championship is the brain child of Her Royal Highness Princess Alia Bint Al-Hussein, the Royal Jordanian Equestrian Federation President and the Royal Jordanian Arabian Horse Association President. This annual event started in the early 90's witnessing yearly improvement and is getting more international recognition world-wide.

The championship was co-organised by the Royal Stables and the Royal Jordanian Equestrian Federation. Judges and disciplinary committee members were from the UK, Italy, France, Germany, New Zealand, Switzerland and Spain.

Major classes of the championship were equally won by The Royal Stables, Royal Jaffar Stables (Jordan), King Abdul Aziz Arabian Horse Centre and AL-Khaldia Stud (Saudi Arabia) which is a regular participant in the yearly show.

The crowd included International Arabian Horses experts from Syria, Lebanon, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Iran, France, Spain, Germany and Switzerland, as well as Jordanian Equestrian horse Experts, breeders and lovers who enjoyed the three day shows. HT

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Mr. Bassam Anzarouti from Syria with Hakim Jaffar owned by the Royal Jaffar stud.



HRH Princess Alia with guests at the prize coremony.



GoGa owned by the Jordan Royal stables.