



Winners of 2019 Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Academy Shooting Championship pose for a group photo with the Kuwait Shooting Club officials.

Kuwait Shooting Club holds prize-giving ceremony

Under the sponsorship of the Board Director of Kuwait Shooting Club and the President of Kuwait and Arab shooting federations Engr Duaj Khalaf Al-Otaibi, the Kuwait Shooting Club held a ceremony at Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Olympics Shooting Complex in honor of the winners of 2019 Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Academy Shoot-

ing Championship.

In his statement, Engr Al-Otaibi said this is the first batch of shooters graduating from the academy this year.

He affirmed the keenness of Kuwait Shooting Club to organize several championships for various age groups, and honor the winners of these

championships.

Engr Al-Otaibi also highlighted the club's keenness to hold free shooting practice programs for them at Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Olympics Shooting Complex, adding that the amateur championships of Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Academy is part of the Kuwait Shooting Club's plan.

Mahrez strike sinks Nigeria

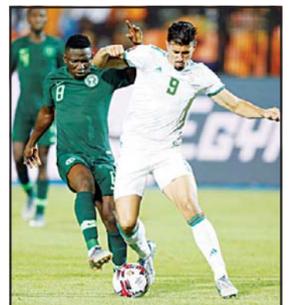
Algeria into Nations Cup final

CAIRO, July 15, (RTRS): Algeria forward Riyad Mahrez's stunning free kick in stoppage time gave Algeria a 2-1 win over Nigeria in a tense Africa Cup of Nations semifinal played in a volatile atmosphere.

It was a goal from the moment it left Mahrez's left foot as he stepped up and bent his shot into the far corner to leave goalkeeper Daniel Akpeyi helpless and send Algeria to their first final since 1990 – the only time they won the tournament.

Algeria, who face Senegal in Friday's final, dominated the first half and should have had more than a 1-0 lead to show for it, courtesy of a William Troost Ekong own goal.

Nigeria equalised out of the blue midway through the second half with a



Nigeria's Oghenekaro Etebo (left), and Algeria's Baghdad Bounedjah fight for the ball during the Africa Cup of Nations semifinal soccer match between Algeria and Nigeria at Cairo International Stadium in Cairo, Egypt on July 14. (AP)

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penalty for handball converted by Odion Ighalo, his fourth goal of the tournament, after a lengthy VAR review.

There were ugly scenes in the crowd as bottles were thrown after the equaliser.

"We were 1-0 up, good in the game and this decision of the VAR, of the penalty ...they scored and we have this free kick and we scored, so we are very, very happy because to be in the final of Afcon is unbelievable."

Nigerian worries about their shaky defence were fully justified.

In Algeria's first serious attack, Akpeyi dived to stop a cross, missed and the ball bounced into striker Baghdad Bounedjah's hip at the far post but rebounded wide.

He then made a hash of punching clear a Mahrez cross and Ismail Benacer's goal-bound shot was blocked by a defender.

Nigeria had further narrow escapes and, although they had a chance when Ighalo shot just wide from the edge of the area, it was only a respite and they went behind in the 40th minute.

Mahrez got free on the right and crossed into the middle where the ball hit Troost Ekong and flew into the net.

Nigeria saw more of the ball after halftime – possibly because Algeria sat back – but never really threatened until they were handed a lifeline by VAR.

Oghenekaro Etebo's shot appeared

Rakhimov 'resigns' from troubled AIBA

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, July 15, (AP): Businessman and alleged drug trafficker Gafur Rakhimov has resigned as president of the International Boxing Association after his tenure played a role in the body being stripped of the right to organize the Olympic boxing events.

The Uzbekistani became interim president of AIBA in January 2018 and was officially elected president 10 months later.

That was despite opposition from the International Olympic Committee, which pointed to United States sanctions against Rakhimov. The US Treasury has accused him of involvement in drug production and heroin trafficking. Rakhimov denies any wrongdoing and is trying to have the sanctions lifted.

to hit Aissa Mandi's hand but the referee waved play on until, at the next break in play, he consulted the video officials and pointed to the spot.

Nearly four minutes after the incident, Ighalo sent goalkeeper Rais Mbolhi the wrong way in the 72nd.

Chinese diver Chen claims 3rd world title in 10-meter synchro

Wang and Shi dive flawlessly to win women's event

GWANGJU, South Korea, July 15, (AP): Chinese diver Chen Aisen won his third straight world championship title by partnering with Cao Yuan in the men's 10-meter platform synchronized diving event Monday.

China took its overall tally at these swimming world championships to seven golds in the diving events as Wang Han and Shi Tingmao finished first in the women's 3-meter springboard synchronized event.

Chen and Cao earned 486.93

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points to beat silver medalists Aleksandr Bondar and Viktor Minibaev of Russia, who finished with 444.60. Tom Daley and Matty Lee of Britain took bronze with 425.91 points.

Chen, a double Olympic champion, has now won world championship gold in the event with three different partners. He won his first title with Lin Yue in 2015 and then teamed up with Yang Hao in 2017.

For Cao it was his second gold at Gwangju as he also won the men's 3-meter springboard synchro event



China's Cao Yuan and Chen Aisen compete in the men's 10m platform synchro final at the World Swimming Championships in Gwangju, South Korea on July 15. (AP)

on Saturday. Earlier, Wang and Shi dived flawlessly to win the women's event with 342.00 points.

Melissa Citrini Beaulieu and Jennifer Abel of Canada won silver with 311.10 points while Paola Espinosa Sanchez and Ismail Hernandez Torres of Mexico took bronze with 294.90.



Wang Han (left), and Shi Tingmao of China hold their gold medals after competing in the finals of the women's 3-meter springboard synchronized diving competition at the World Swimming Championships in Gwangju, South Korea on July 15. (AP)

Ex-world champion Whitaker dies after being hit in Virginia

RALEIGH, North Carolina, July 15, (RTRS): Former US world champion Pernell "Sweet Pea" Whitaker has died after being hit by a vehicle in Virginia

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Beach, Virginia, according to police. He was 55.

Whitaker was a world champion in four divisions – WBC lightweight, IBF light welterweight, WBC welterweight and WBA light middleweight. He retired in 2001 after compiling a 40-4-

1 record including 17 knockouts and later worked as a trainer.

A member of the International Boxing Hall of Fame, Whitaker was named boxer of the year by Ring magazine in 1989. He also won an Olympic gold medal in 1984.

Whitaker was pronounced dead at a Virginia Beach intersection on Sunday night after police were called to the scene of an accident, a police report said.

The driver of the vehicle remained at the scene and the accident is still under investigation, police added.



In this April 12, 1997 file photo, Oscar De La Hoya and Pernell Whitaker (right), exchange punches during their WBC Welterweight Championship fight at Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas. (AP)

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