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FINAL DRAW



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Asia's best 24 teams gathered at the magnificent Katara Opera House in Doha, Qatar, to discover their Group Stage opponents on 11 May 2023.

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Adding to the grandeur of the ceremony, a star-studded cast of Asian football luminaries from across the AFC's five zones lent a helping hand to the chief draw conductor, AFC General Secretary Datuk Seri Windsor John.



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The Official Logo of the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ was revealed at the Final Draw at the Katara Opera House.

OPENING CEREMONY

A DAZZLING START TO THE
GRANDEST EVER AFC ASIAN CUP™



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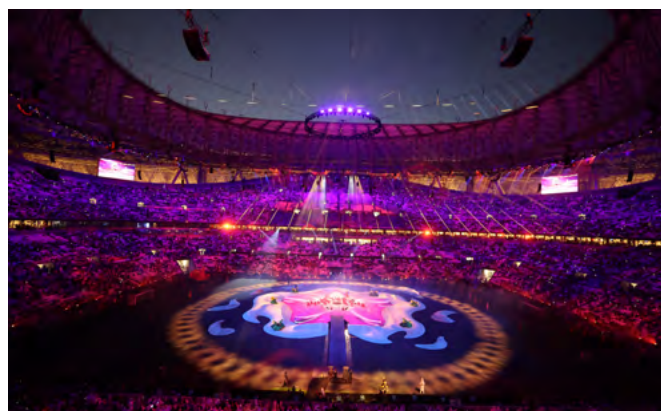
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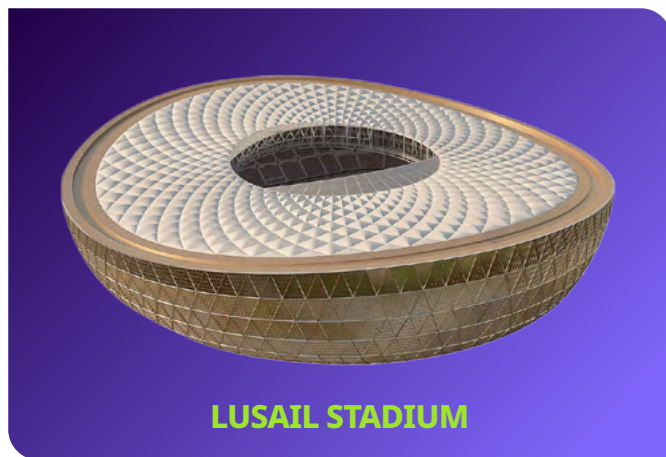


Celebrating the spirit of camaraderie shared across the diverse cultures of Asia, hundreds of talented performers came together to bring to life a theatrical performance of The Lost Chapter of Kelileh & Demneh, based on the ancient fable of the same name.

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LUSAIL STADIUM

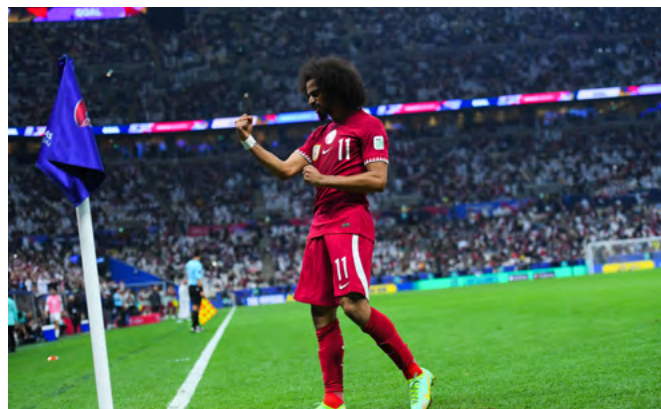


QATAR 3-0 LEBANON



12 JANUARY 2024

Qatar superstar Akram Afif thrilled the home crowd by scoring the competition's first goal against Lebanon, which ended in a 3-0 win for the hosts.





AHMAD BIN ALI STADIUM



AUSTRALIA 2-0 INDIA



13 JANUARY 2024

Australia notched a 2-0 win over India in their opening match in Group B. The tie also saw Japan's Yoshimi Yamashita create history by becoming the first woman to referee a match in the men's flagship tournament.





CHINA PR 0-0 TAJIKISTAN



13 JANUARY 2024

Making their maiden appearance at the AFC Asian Cup™, Tajikistan held China PR to a goalless draw in their first Group Stage encounter.





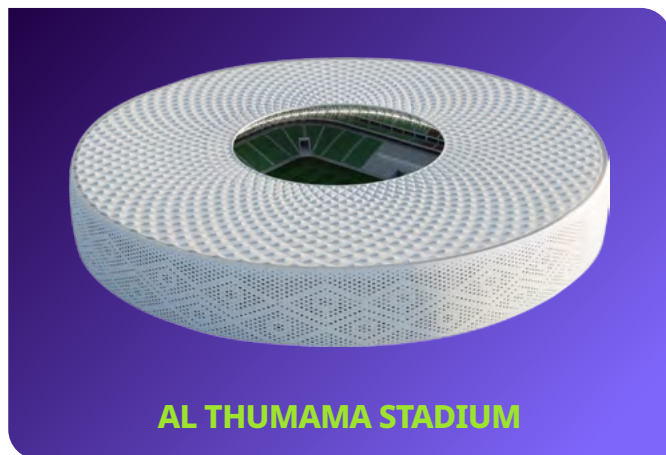
UZBEKISTAN 0-0 SYRIA



13 JANUARY 2024

Uzbekistan started their Group Stage campaign with a 0-0 draw against a resolute Syrian side.





AL THUMAMA STADIUM



JAPAN 4-2 VIETNAM



14 JANUARY 2024

Japan survived a scare and came back from behind to hand their Group D rivals Vietnam a 4-2 defeat.



1000TH GOAL



**UAE 3-1 HONG KONG,
CHINA**



14 JANUARY 2024

Despite a 3-1 defeat to the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Hong Kong, China's Philip Chan Siu Kwan etched his name in AFC Asian Cup™ history by scoring the 1,000th goal of the Continental showcase.





IR IRAN 4-1 PALESTINE



14 JANUARY 2024

Islamic Republic of Iran kicked off their perfect Group Stage stint with an impressive 4-1 win over Palestine.



VOLUNTEERS

ONE TEAM, MANY NATIONS:
VOLUNTEERS AT THE AFC ASIAN CUP™



VOLUNTEERS VOLUNTEERS VOLUNTEERS VOLUNTEERS



With unwavering dedication, volunteers from across the Continent came together at the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™, ensuring seamless operations and creating an unforgettable experience for both fans and players.

VOLUNTEERS VOLUNTEERS VOLUNTEERS VOLUNTEERS



As many as 6,189 volunteers from 107 nationalities were called upon at the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™, who provided support in 20 different functional areas.



JASSIM BIN HAMAD STADIUM



**KOREA REPUBLIC 3-1
BAHRAIN**



15 JANUARY 2024

Hwang In-beom's first half goal, coupled with a brace from Lee Kang-in after the break, ensured a 3-1 victory for Korea Republic in their Group E encounter against Bahrain.





INDONESIA 1-3 IRAQ



15 JANUARY 2024

Iraq enjoyed a flying start to their campaign with a 3-1 win against Group D rivals Indonesia, who made a return to the competition after an absence of 16 years.





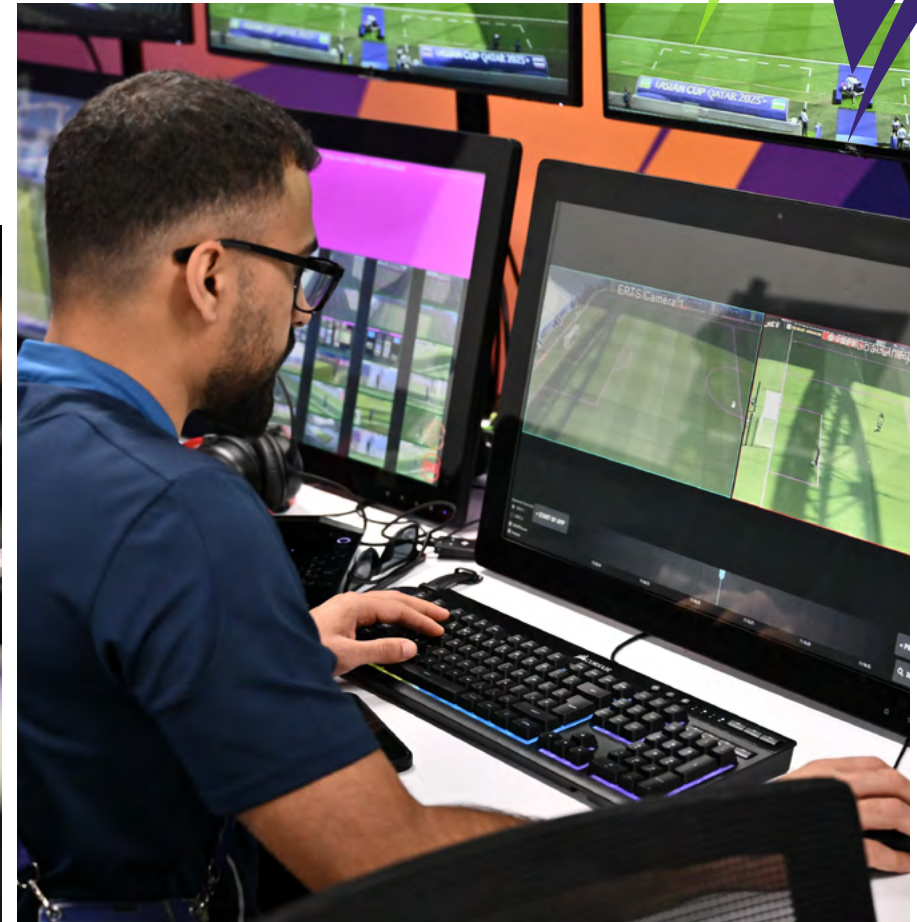
Two goals each from the talismanic Mousa Tamari and Mahmoud Al Mardi helped Jordan clinch an emphatic 4-0 win over Malaysia, who were making their first appearance in the tournament since 2007.



INNOVATIONS & IMPROVEMENTS

FOOTBALL TECHNOLOGY
INITIATIVES AT ASIA'S CROWN
JEWEL

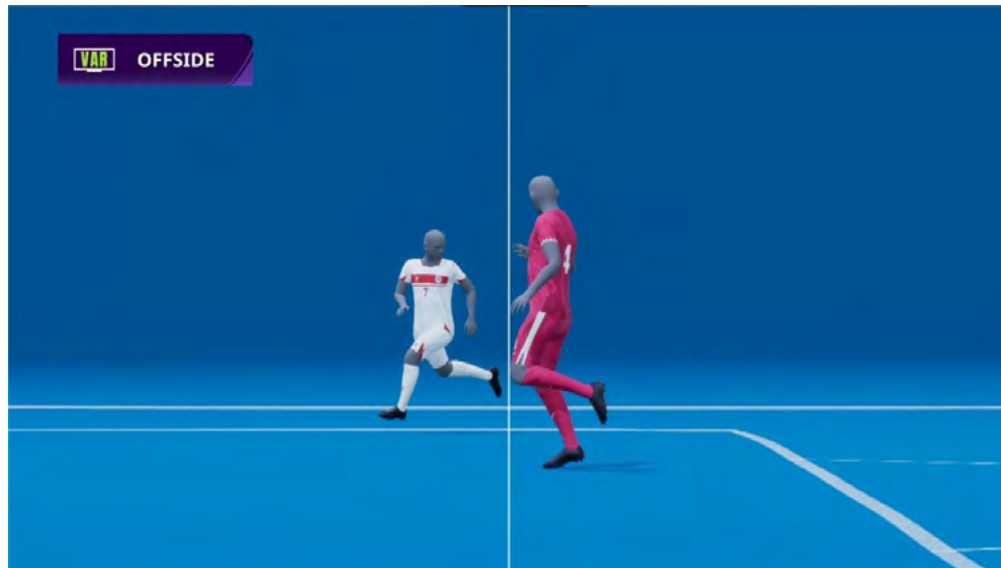
VAR MAKES FULL DEBUT



Following its successful implementation from the Quarter-final stage in the last edition in the UAE, the Video Assistant Referee (VAR) system made its full debut in Qatar when it was implemented for all 51 matches.

SAOT TECHNOLOGY ENHANCES DECISION-MAKING AT THE AFC ASIAN CUP™

The AFC became the first Confederation to introduce the Semi-Automated Offside Technology (SAOT) system at the Continental Men's national team level, further underscoring the AFC's commitment towards improving accuracy and integrity of decision-making by its match officials.



ELECTRONIC PERFORMANCE & TRACKING SYSTEM

The AFC's commitment towards ensuring the success of Asian teams was further highlighted with the introduction of the Electronic Performance & Tracking System, which facilitated the capturing of a range of physical data points of players, such as total distance, running speed, top speed and the number of sprints.



REPLAY TABLETS AND TACTICAL CAMERAS



To enhance the teams' match analysis, the AFC provided a replay tablet at each team bench to be used for tactical and technical analysis.



MEDICAL TABLETS

Ensuring the highest standards of players' safety, AFC Medical Officers were provided with pitch-side medical tablets which allowed them to identify injuries with maximum accuracy and take swift decisions.



**THAILAND 2-0 KYRGYZ
REPUBLIC**



16 JANUARY 2024

Thailand secured a 2-0 triumph over Kyrgyz Republic in the Group F opener, courtesy of Supachai Chaidee's strikes on either side of the break.





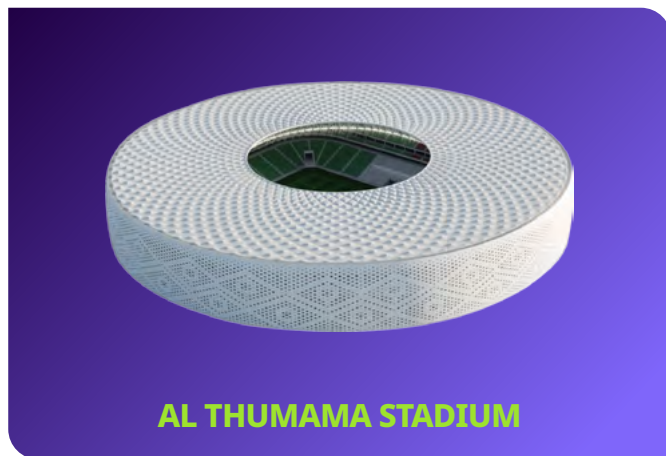
SAUDI ARABIA 2-1 OMAN



16 JANUARY 2024

Saudi Arabia came back from behind to wear down a determined Oman side and bag an exciting 2-1 win in their first Group F match.





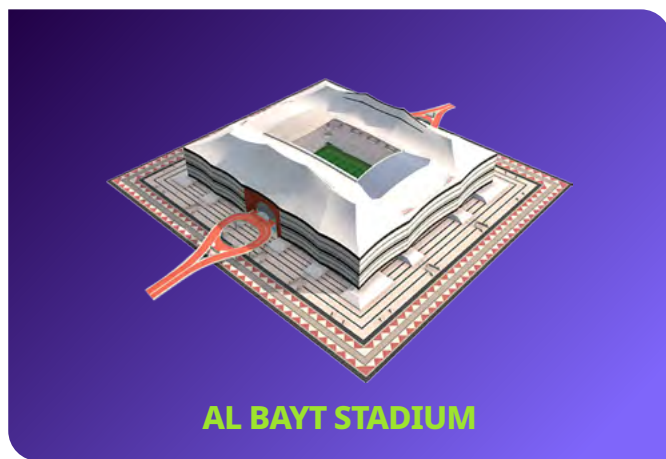
LEBANON 0-0 CHINA PR



17 JANUARY 2024

With both Lebanon and China PR seeking their first win, neither side could break the deadlock and were forced to settle for a goalless draw.





TAJIKISTAN 0-1 QATAR



17 JANUARY 2024

Akram Afif stepped up to secure a narrow 1-0 win over Tajikistan for Qatar on Matchday Two, which also saw the hosts become the first team to book their Knockout Stage berth.





JASSIM BIN HAMAD STADIUM



SYRIA 0-1 AUSTRALIA



18 JANUARY 2024

Jackson Irvine's lone goal helped Australia edge Syria 1-0 and sealed their place in the Knockout Stage.





INDIA 0-3 UZBEKISTAN



18 JANUARY 2024

A sensational performance from Uzbekistan saw the White Wolves sail past India 3-0 on Matchday Two, boosting their chances for a place in the Round of 16.



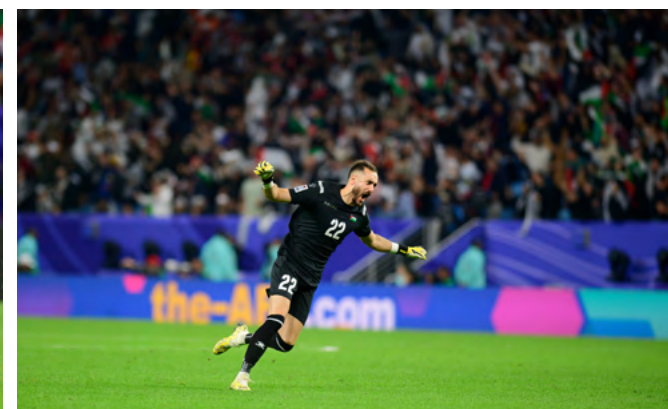


PALESTINE 1-1 UAE



18 JANUARY 2024

Palestine kept their Knockout Stage hopes alive by holding UAE to a 1-1 draw at the Al Janoub Stadium.



FANS, TICKETS AND SPONSORS



APPEAL OF THE CONTINENT'S
PREMIER COMPETITION
CONTINUES TO GROW

FANS, TICKETS AND SPONSORS



Tickets for the highly-anticipated AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ went on sale on 10 October 2023, with prices starting as low as QAR 25, enabling greater access for the millions of passionate Asian football fans.



A staggering 81,209 tickets were sold within the first 24 hours of the launch of ticket sales, with fans from Qatar, Saudi Arabia and India leading the way.

FANS, TICKETS AND SPONSORS



Visit Saudi, Official Global Partner of the AFC, brought joy to young football fans across the Continent by giving them the unforgettable opportunity to walk out on the pitch with teams, delivering the official match ball in 13 matches during the tournament's pre-match ceremonies.



Qatar Airways kicked off its global partnership with the AFC by allowing fans from different nations to enjoy an immersive experience, complete with live screening of matches and musical performances among other activities at the Official Qatar Airways Fan Zone at The Bistro in West Bay, Doha.

TROPHY TOUR

The AFC Asian Cup™ trophy tour made its mark across Qatar, igniting excitement and anticipation as the nation prepared to host the Continental showpiece for the third time.



FANS, TICKETS AND SPONSORS



As an Official Regional Partner, Visa launched the Visa Coin Toss initiative across various matches and offered the opportunity to win once-in-a-lifetime pitch-side experiences to all its eligible customers in the region.

FANS, TICKETS AND SPONSORS



Kelme joined the AFC family of sponsors as the Official Global Supporter of AFC national team competitions, providing not just the official match balls for the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ but also sports apparel and accessories.

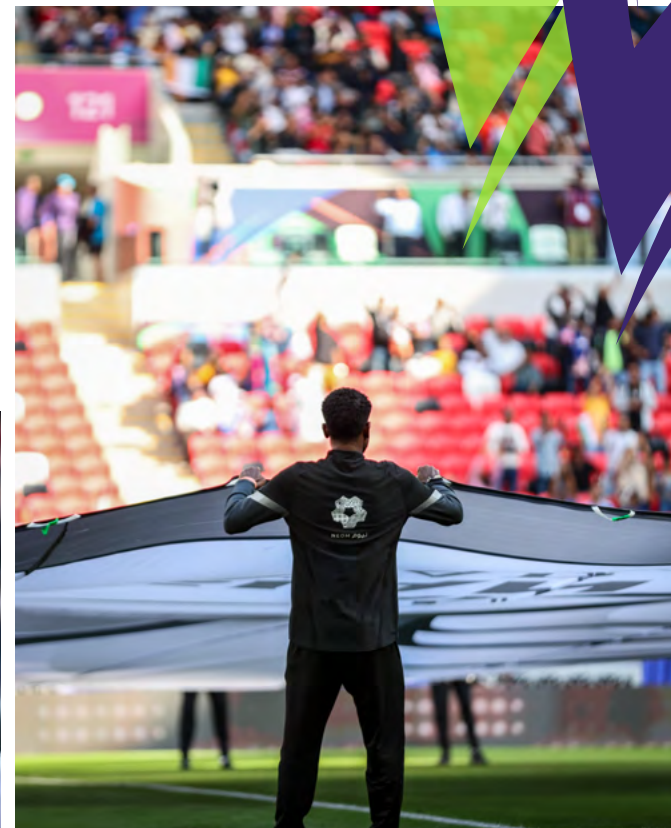


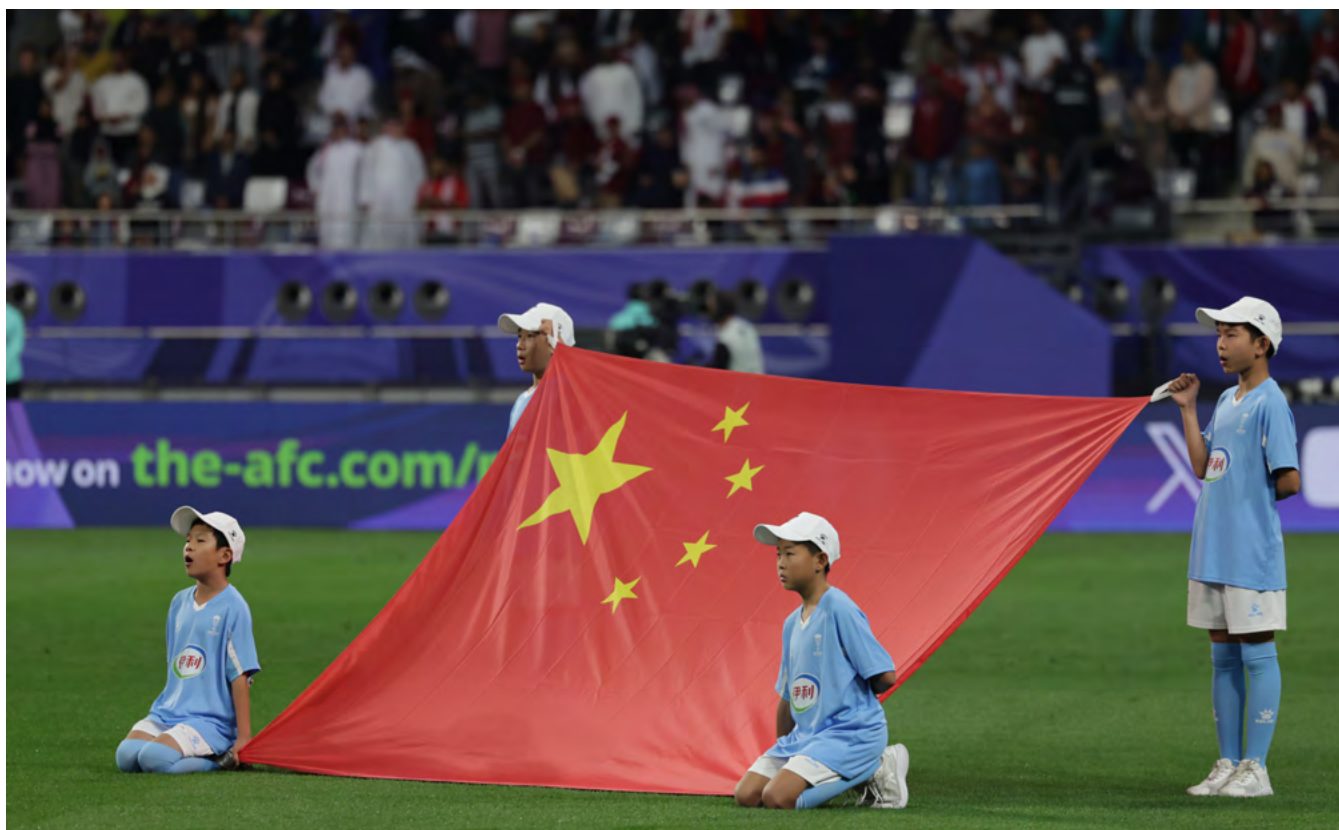
QATAR AIRWAYS CABIN CREW PARTICIPATION

As brand ambassadors, 12 members of the Qatar Airways Cabin Crew supported the successful execution of the pre and post-match ceremonies for the opening and Final matches, as well as the award ceremony after the Final.

NEOM CENTRE CIRCLE BALL-BEARERS

AFC Global Sponsor NEOM brought their support to the forefront by sponsoring the Centre Circle Bearer uniforms for all 51 matches.





YILI FLAG BEARERS

Yili offered young fans an unforgettable experience by inviting 18 children from the Chinese Football Association's grassroots programme to serve as flagbearers for China PR's Group Stage matches and the thrilling Final on 10 February 2024.



IRAQ 2-1 JAPAN



19 JANUARY 2024

Two phenomenal headers from Aymen Hussein saw Iraq hand four-time champions Japan a 2-1 defeat, while also qualifying for the Round of 16.





VIETNAM 0-1 INDONESIA



19 JANUARY 2024

Asnawi Mangkualam's penalty in the first half gave Indonesia a 1-0 win over Vietnam, boosting Team Garuda's chances of a spot in the Knockout Stage.





**HONG KONG, CHINA 0-1 IR
IRAN**



19 JANUARY 2024

A 1-0 win over Hong Kong, China saw IR Iran join Qatar, Australia and Iraq in the Round of 16 with a game to spare, thanks to an early strike from Mehdi Ghayedi.



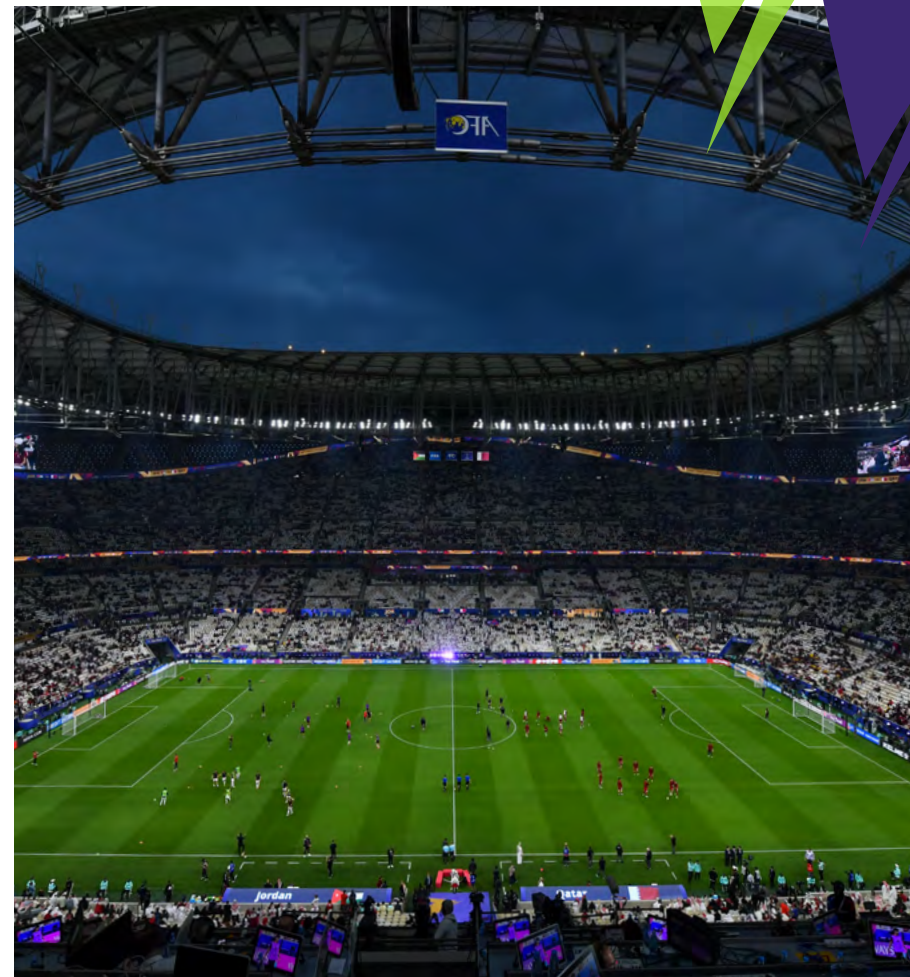
VENUES

STATE-OF-THE-ART STADIUMS FOR
ASIA'S FINEST



LUSAIL STADIUM (DOHA)

For the first time in the competition's history, the AFC Asian Cup™ saw its matches hosted in FIFA World Cup venues, with seven of the nine stadiums used for the Continental showpiece previously staging matches in the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022.



Much to the delight of fans, the iconic 88,000-seat Lusail Stadium which hosted the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 Final, served as the stage for the opening match as well as the Final of Asia's crown jewel.



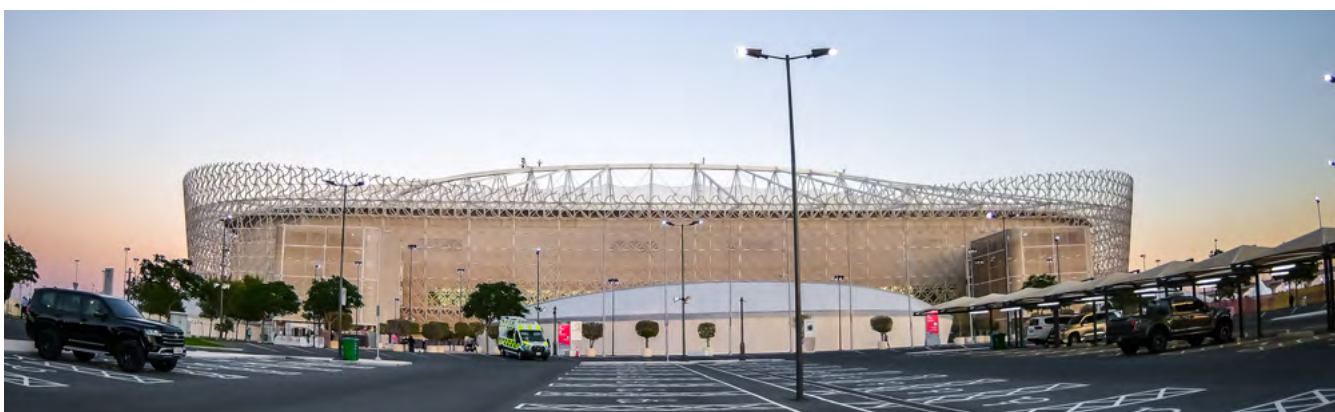
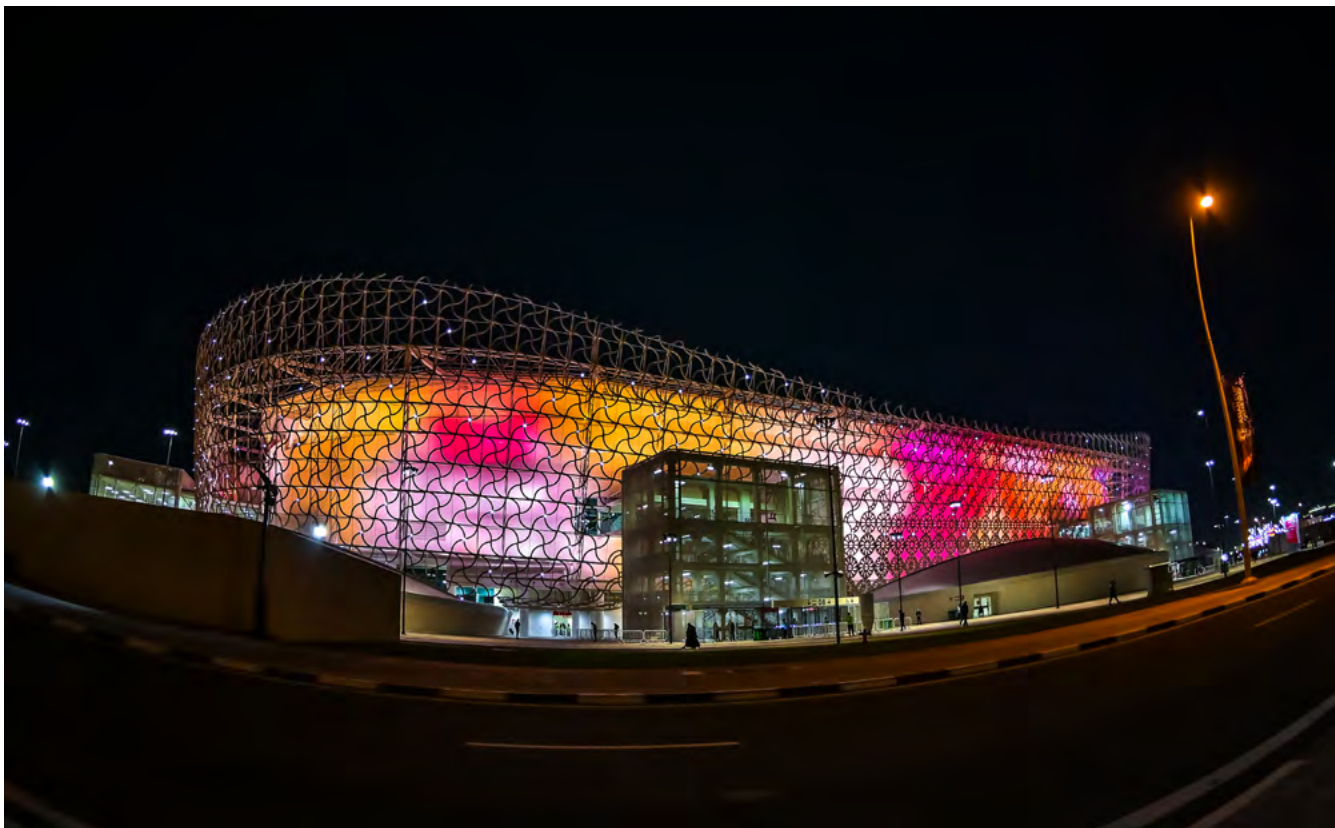
AL BAYT STADIUM (AL KHOR)

Shaped like a traditional Bedouin tent, the Al Bayt Stadium is one of the most easily recognisable stadiums in Qatar. Located at the edge of Al Khor City, the 68,895-seater had earlier hosted the opening match of the FIFA World Cup in 2022. At the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™, the venue hosted four matches, including the hosts' nail-biting Quarter-final win over Uzbekistan.



KHALIFA INTERNATIONAL STADIUM (DOHA)

The Khalifa International Stadium hosted the Final of the AFC Asian Cup™ in 2011. With a capacity of 45,857, the stunning venue hosted five matches in the Group Stage as well as the thrilling Round of 16 tie between Jordan and Iraq.

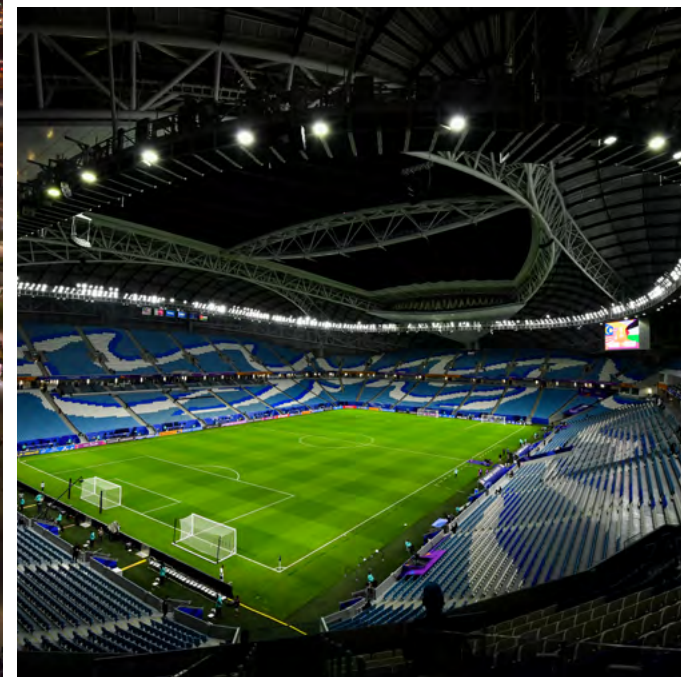


AHMAD BIN ALI STADIUM (AL RAYYAN)

Situated in Al Rayyan, the Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium is built mostly from recycled material from a previous stadium and is designed to reflect a tent on the way to beautiful desert landscapes. Hosting seven matches during the competition, action at this mesmerising venue wrapped with Jordan's unforgettable 2-0 win over Korea Republic in the Semi-finals.

AL JANOUB STADIUM (AL WAKRAH)

Inspired by the sails of traditional pearl diving Dhow boats of Al Wakrah, the Al Janoub Stadium hosted six matches, including a thrilling Quarter-final between Australia and Korea Republic, where Son Heung-min's stunning extra-time free-kick secured a 2-1 victory for the Taeguk Warriors.





JASSIM BIN HAMAD (DOHA)

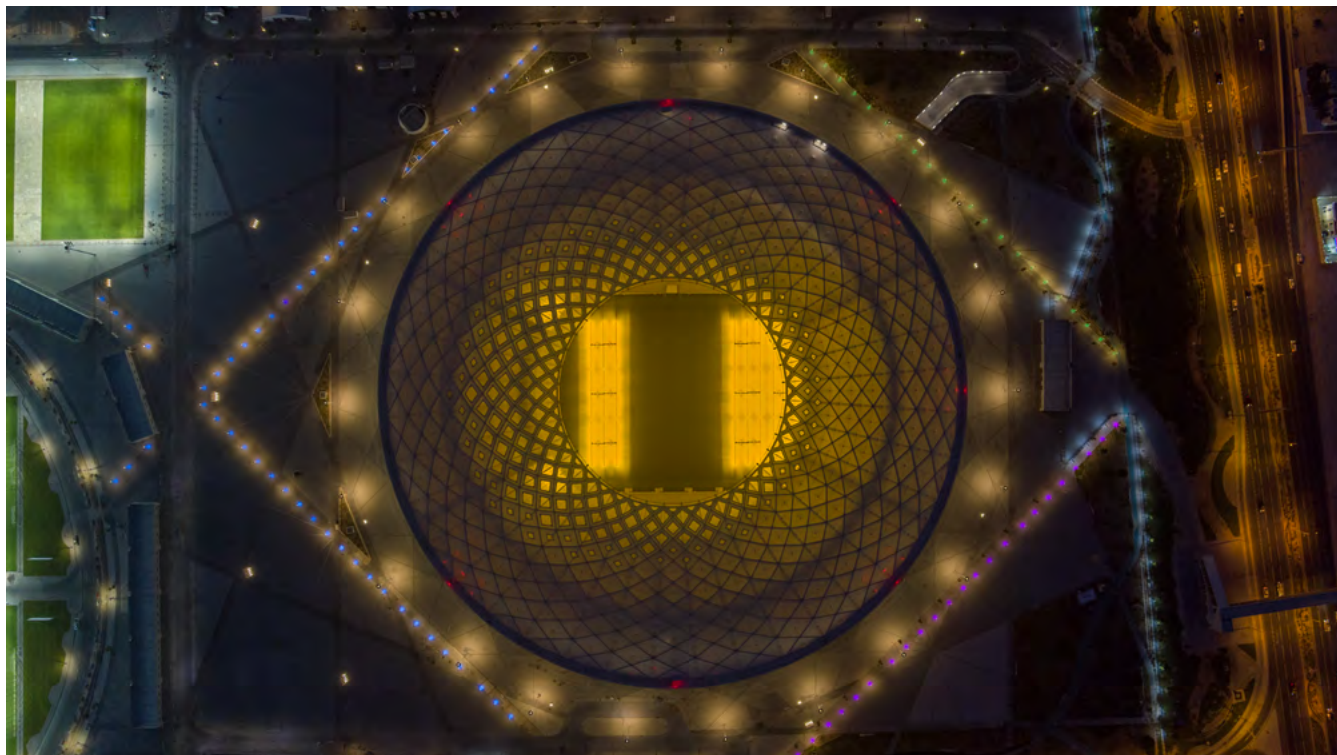
Home to Al Saad SC, fans of 11 different nations enjoyed the seven matches in the Group Stage and Round of 16 at the cosy Jassim Bin Hamad Stadium.





EDUCATION CITY STADIUM (AL RAYYAN)

Dubbed Qatar's "Diamond in the Desert", the Education City Stadium showcases Qatar's commitment to sustainability, education and sports. Situated in Al Rayyan, the spectacular venue hosted a total of six matches including the dramatic Round of 16 clash between Saudi Arabia and Korea Republic.



AL THUMAMA STADIUM (DOHA)

Al Thumama Stadium's inauguration came during the 49th Amir Cup Final in October 2021. The stunning 44,000-seater hosted six matches including Qatar's impressive victory over IR Iran in the Semi-finals.

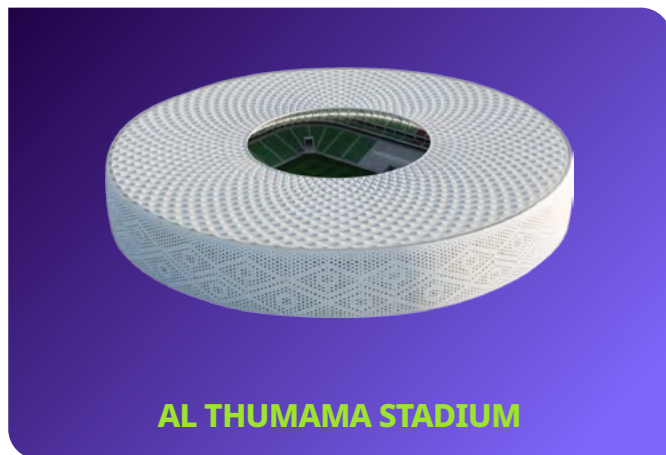




ABDULLAH BIN KHALIFA STADIUM (DOHA)

The 10,000-seater venue, which serves as the home stadium of Al Duhail SC, saw 12 teams compete across six Group Stage clashes as well as IR Iran's narrow win against Syria on penalties in the Round of 16.





**JORDAN 2-2 KOREA
REPUBLIC**



20 JANUARY 2024

Korea Republic found themselves in a tough spot against Jordan but managed to finish the game with a 2-2 draw courtesy of an injury-time own goal from Jordan's Yazan Al Arab.





BAHRAIN 1-0 MALAYSIA



20 JANUARY 2024

A sole goal in the dying seconds helped Bahrain secure out a narrow 1-0 win against Malaysia, reviving their hopes of advancing to the Knockout Stage.



MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREEING EXCELLENCE AT THE
AFC ASIAN CUP™



ASIAN REFEREEING CREATES HISTORY



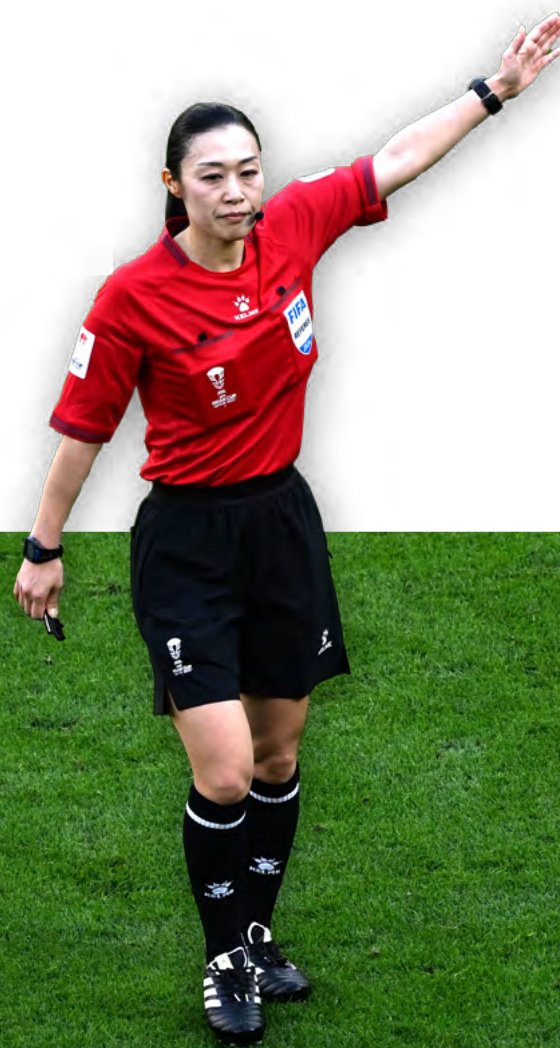
From the introduction of cutting-edge technology to the largest cast of officials, the 18th edition of the AFC Asian Cup™ was marked by several historic moments.

LARGEST-EVER CAST OF MATCH OFFICIALS APPOINTED



A record 74 match officials – comprising 35 referees and 39 assistant referees, including two standby nominees for each position– from 19 Member Associations, were appointed to the tournament.

For the first time ever, women match officials took to the field at Asia's most prestigious men's national team competition, with Japan's Yoshimi Yamashita leading the ensemble of five female match officials appointed to Asia's crown jewel.





OMAN 0-0 THAILAND



21 JANUARY 2024

Masatada Ishii's Thailand boosted their chances of advancing to the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ Knockout Stage after battling to a goalless draw with Oman.





AHMAD BIN ALI STADIUM



**KYRGYZ REPUBLIC 0-2
SAUDI ARABIA**



21 JANUARY 2024

With a crowd of almost 40,000 watching, three-time champions Saudi Arabia confirmed their place in the Round of 16 with a 2-0 win against nine-man Kyrgyz Republic.





QATAR 1-0 CHINA PR



22 JANUARY 2024

Hosts and defending champions Qatar maintained their winning streak by finishing their Group Stage outing with a 1-0 victory over China PR, which spelt the end of the East Asians' AFC Asian Cup™ run.





JASSIM BIN HAMAD STADIUM

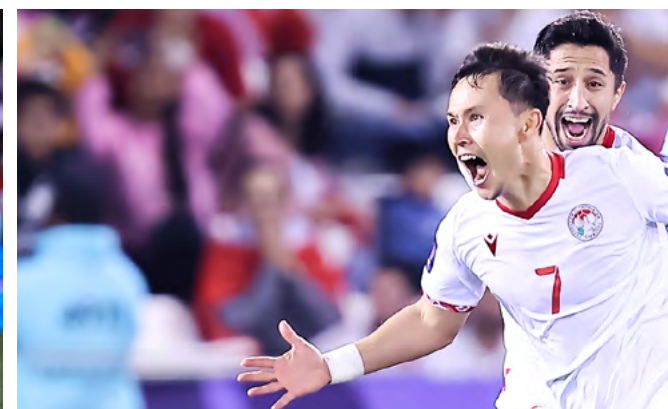


TAJIKISTAN 2-1 LEBANON



22 JANUARY 2024

Debutants Tajikistan produced an inspired comeback to finish second in Group A following a 2-1 win over Lebanon in their final Group Stage clash.



FAN ENGAGEMENT

SCRIPTING AN UNFORGETTABLE
EXPERIENCE FOR PASSIONATE
FANS OF ASIAN FOOTBALL



VISIT SAUDI FAN OF THE MATCH



With enticing prizes such as gift bags of official merchandise and a chance to win an all-inclusive trip to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, half-time activities kept fans engaged across all 51 matches.



PITCHSIDE ACTIVITIES

A series of matchday activities by the pitch, from fans watching their favourite teams warm up from the sidelines to exclusive stadium tours, provided the AFC's partners with opportunities to offer their privileged guests unique and memorable experiences.



YILI BOOTHS

Yili booths featured hydration stations and interactive games, giving fans across the Continent a chance to engage with and learn about Chinese culture.





INFLUENCER ENGAGEMENT

Influencers from across Asia amplified the excitement of the matches, taking fans on their journeys and making viewers feel immersed in the action.



MASCOT DELIGHT FOR FANS

Saboo, Tmbki, Freha, Zkriti and Traeneh, the beloved rodent family who made their debut at the 2011 edition of the AFC Asian Cup™, brought sheer delight to fans once again with their endearing charm.

OFFICIAL FINAL MATCH BALL



Kelme enhanced the festivities at Lusail Stadium before the grand finale by showcasing a giant Official Final Match Ball. Fans had the opportunity to capture memorable photos with the landmark and explore the latest Kelme products, enriching their matchday experience.





AFC ASIAN CUP QATAR 2023™ OFFICIAL STORE

The Blue Group, licensee of the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™, set up Official Stores in fans zones and VIP lounges across all nine stadiums, giving thousands of fans the opportunity to take home souvenirs from the grandest edition of the competition yet.



CONTINENTAL TIRES: TYRE CHECK BOOTHS AND SOUVENIR GIVEAWAY

Fans were thrilled as Continental Tires distributed 9,000 pairs of cheer balloons at the opening and final matches. Furthermore, they offered tyre check services on both matchdays.



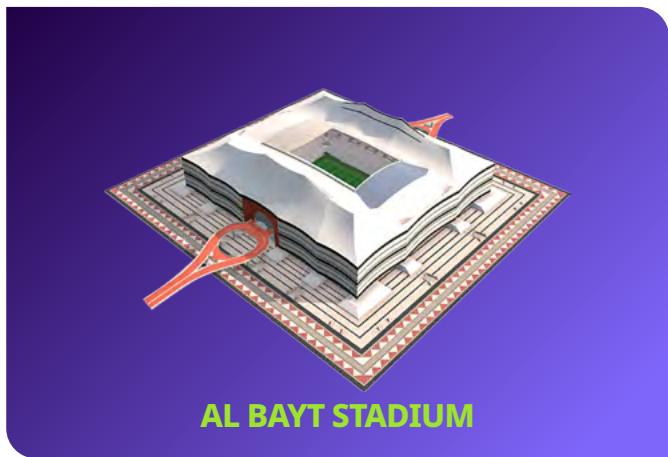
AUSTRALIA 1-1 UZBEKISTAN



23 JANUARY 2024

Uzbekistan booked their place in the Knockout Stage as a 1-1 draw against Australia was enough to see them progress.





SYRIA 1-0 INDIA



Syria found their elusive winning goal when it mattered the most in a 1-0 win over India, courtesy of super substitute Omar Khrbin, to create history by qualifying for the Round of 16 for the first time.



IR IRAN 2-1 UAE



23 JANUARY 2024

IR Iran wrapped their Group Stage campaign in style with Mehdi Taremi's brace securing a 2-1 win against UAE, who despite the defeat, earned a Knockout Stage ticket as Group C runners-up.





**HONG KONG, CHINA 0-3
PALESTINE**



23 JANUARY 2024

Palestine's 3-0 victory over Hong Kong, China marked not only their very first win at the AFC Asian Cup™, but also ensured them a maiden Round of 16 appearance.





AL THUMAMA STADIUM



JAPAN 3-1 INDONESIA



24 JANUARY 2024

Seeking a fifth title, Japan bounced back from their defeat against Iraq to lock their Round of 16 place with a comfortable 3-1 win over Indonesia, who had to wait for results elsewhere to confirm their Knockout Stage place as one of the four best third-place finishers.





JASSIM BIN HAMAD STADIUM



IRAQ 3-2 VIETNAM



24 JANUARY 2024

A last-gasp Aymen Hussein penalty gave Iraq a 3-2 win over a valiant Vietnam side, who exited the competition without a win.



DIGITAL DOMINANCE

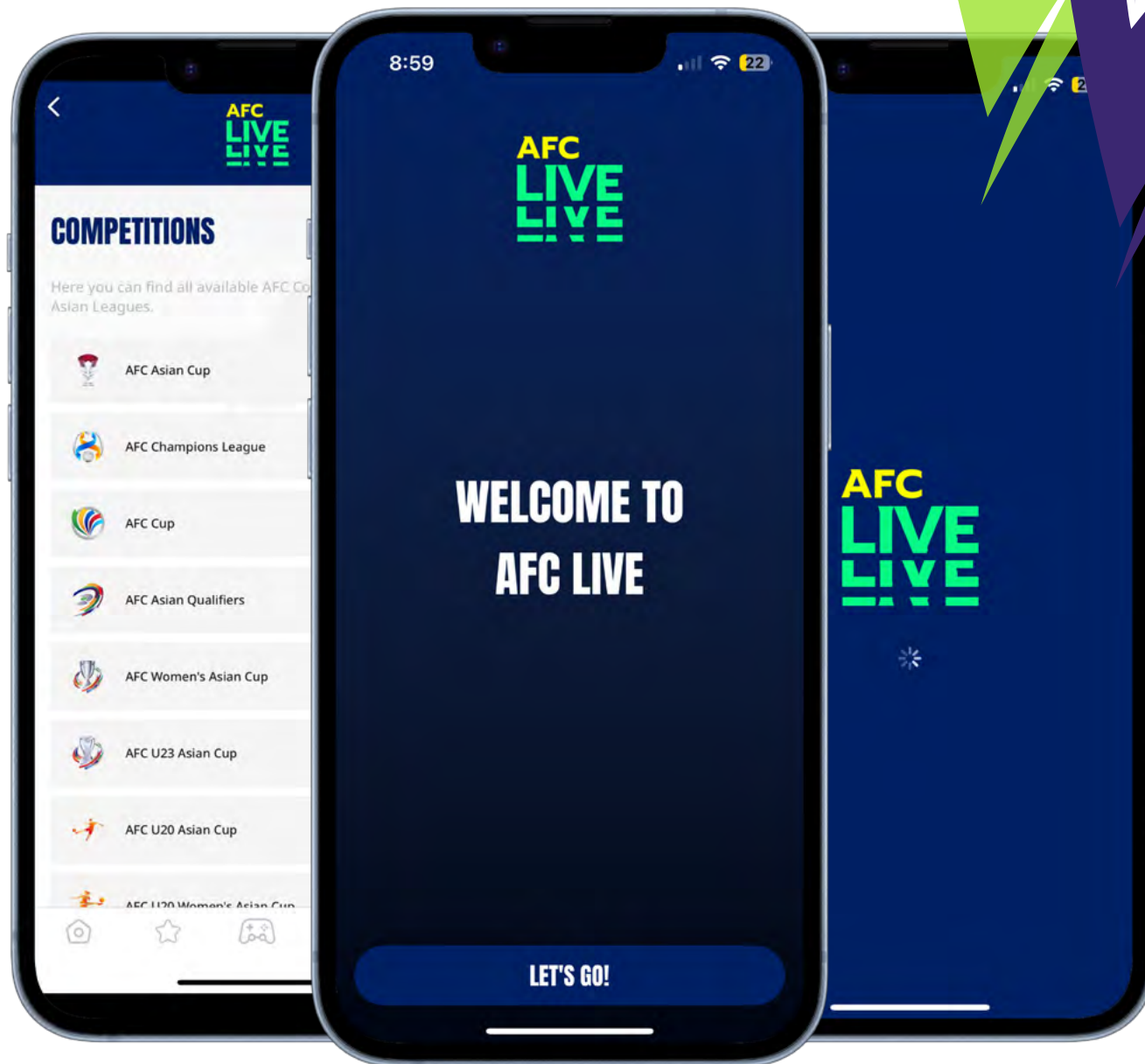
DIGITAL COMMUNITY STEPS UP





AFC LIVE

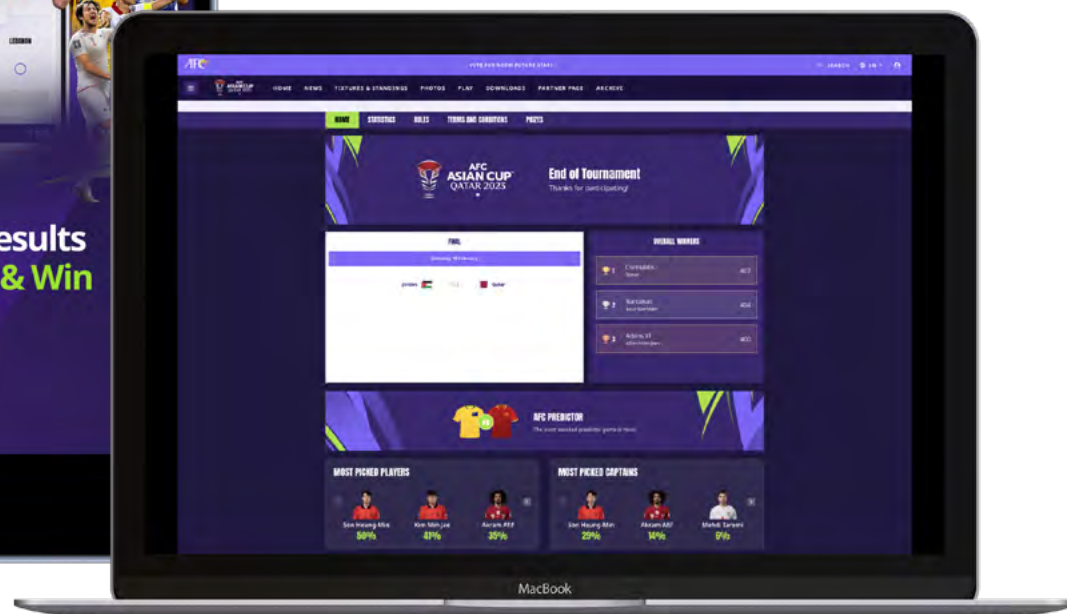
The Confederation's first official mobile application AFC LIVE, launched prior to the start of the tournament, garnered over 120,000 downloads and 3,236,814 views, enhancing the fan experience to unprecedented levels.



FANTASY FOOTBALL & MATCH PREDICTOR

Fans across the continent participated in the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ Fantasy Football game, immersing themselves in the excitement of the matches and showcasing their strategic skills.

With three weeks to go to the start of the tournament, the Match Predictor game was launched, creating waves among fans as they shared their predictions ahead of each match and stood the chance to win exciting prizes.





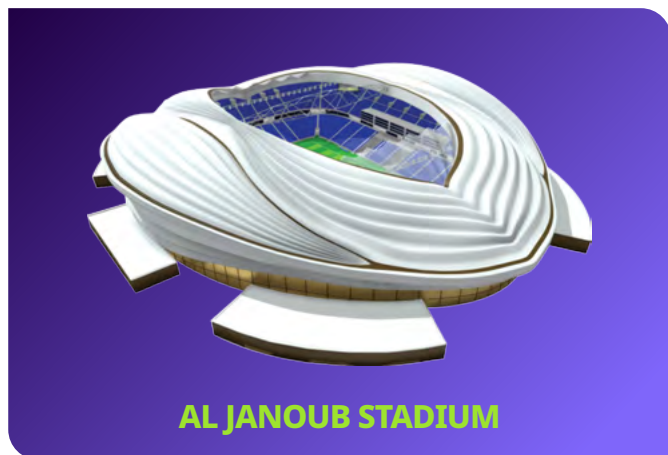
VISIT SAUDI MAGIC MOMENTS

The thrilling action from the best ever edition of the AFC Asian Cup™ continued to engage fans even after the end of the competition as they came out to vote in numbers for their favourite Visit Saudi Magic Moment.

ENHANCING THE AFC'S DIGITAL OFFERINGS



Fans from across Asia had their say in choosing the official slogan for Asia's premier men's national team competition, culminating in "Hayya Asia" - translating to "Let's go, Asia!" - being selected as the rallying cry.



AL JANOUB STADIUM



**KOREA REPUBLIC 3-3
MALAYSIA**



25 JANUARY 2024

Even though Malaysia failed to make it past the Group Stage, the Southeast Asian side bowed out on a high after holding Son Heung-min's Korea Republic to a nail-biting 3-3 draw.





JORDAN 0-1 BAHRAIN



25 JANUARY 2024

Bahrain's Abdulla Yusuf scored the all-important goal to earn a 1-0 victory over Jordan and take Juan Antonio Pizzi's side into the last 16 as the leaders of Group E.





**SAUDI ARABIA 0-0
THAILAND**



25 JANUARY 2024

A goalless draw meant that Saudi Arabia finished as winners of Group F while Thailand, with one win and two draws, also advanced to the last 16 unbeaten.





**KYRGYZ REPUBLIC
1-1 OMAN**



25 JANUARY 2024

Both Kyrgyz Republic and Oman crashed out of the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ when their final Group F face-off ended in a 1-1 stalemate.



QATAR LIGHTS UP

CITY CANVAS: QATAR BASKS IN
#ASIANCUP2023 REVELRY



QATAR LIGHTS UP QATAR LIGHTS UP



The streets of Qatar transformed into one big celebration as the Al Annabi began their title defence on home soil.

QATAR LIGHTS UP QATAR LIGHTS UP



Captivating displays of the AFC Asian Cup™ added colour to the magnificent city, turning every corner into a tribute to the spirit of football.

QATAR LIGHTS UP QATAR LIGHTS UP



Fans on the move were not left out of all the exciting action as the latest scores and standings were reflected at every nook and cranny.



Doha's iconic Souq Waqif blossomed into a vibrant organic fanzone, its streets adorned with celebratory marches and heartfelt farewells following each exhilarating match.

ROUND OF 16

THE RACE TOWARDS
CONTINENTAL SUPREMACY
CONTINUES



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JASSIM BIN HAMAD STADIUM

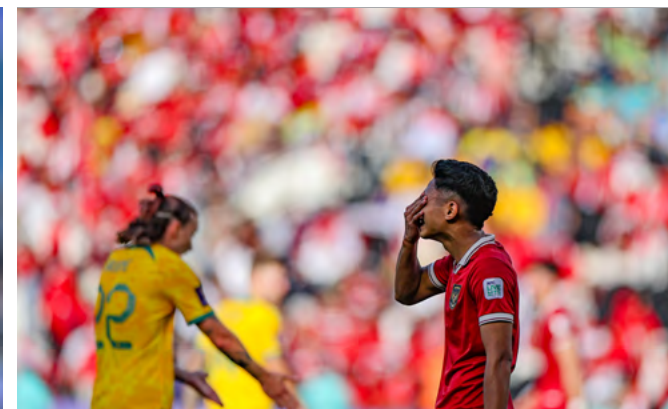


AUSTRALIA 4-0 INDONESIA



28 JANUARY 2024

2015 champions Australia breezed into the Quarter-finals with a convincing 4-0 win against Indonesia in the Round of 16 opener.





**TAJIKISTAN 1-1 UAE
(AET) (5-3 PSO)**



28 JANUARY 2024

Tajikistan continued to create history as they edged UAE on penalties following a 1-1 draw, becoming the first team since Japan in 1992 to win a Knockout Stage match at the first attempt.





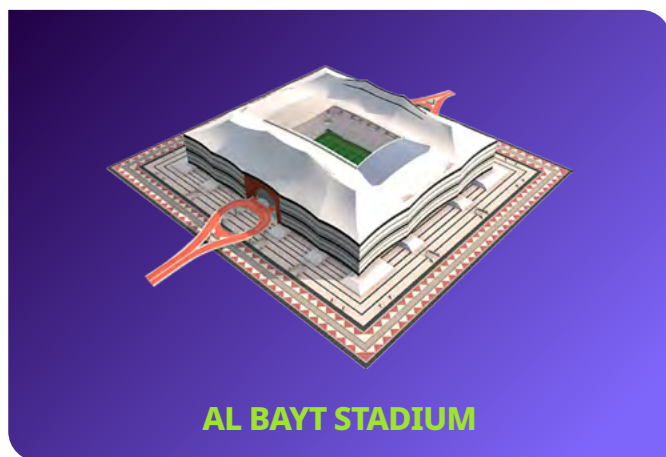
IRAQ 2-3 JORDAN



29 JANUARY 2024

Down 2-1 after having gone ahead first, Jordan produced an incredible comeback, scoring twice in stoppage time to defeat 10-man Iraq 3-2.





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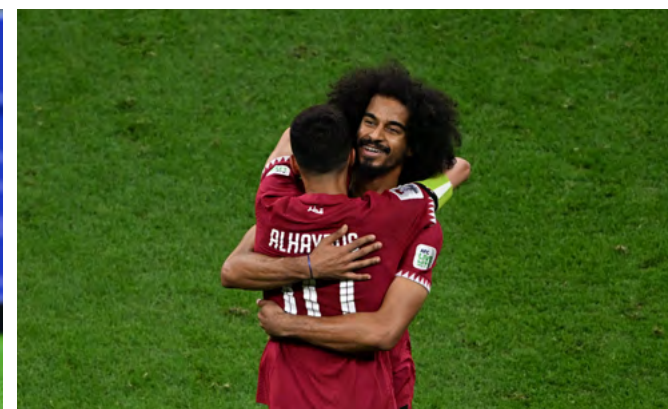


QATAR 2-1 PALESTINE



29 JANUARY 2024

Despite taking an early lead, the Qatari duo of Akram Afif and Hassan Al Haydos proved to be too strong for Palestine. Tintin Marquez's charges emerged victorious with a 2-1 win, while Palestine exited the competition with their best ever finish, having reached the Knockout Stage and scored six goals.





UZBEKISTAN 2-1 THAILAND



30 JANUARY 2024

With goals from Azizbek Turgunboev and Abbosbek Fayzullaev, Srecko Katanec's Uzbekistan sailed past Thailand with a 2-1 win to confirm their place in the Quarter-finals of Asia's crown jewel for the fifth time.





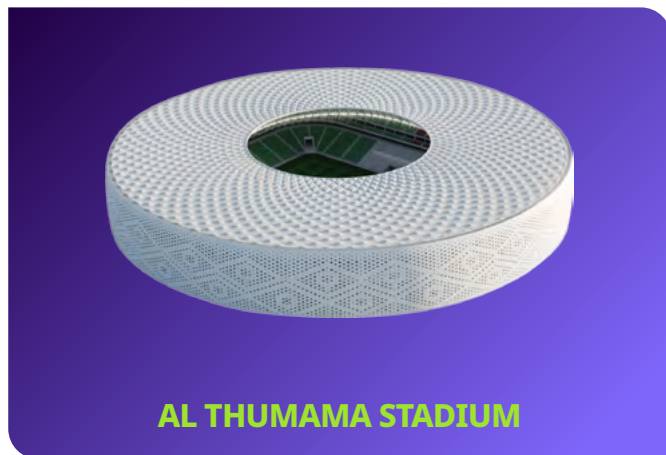
**SAUDI ARABIA 1-1 KOREA
REPUBLIC (AET) (2-4 PSO)**



30 JANUARY 2024

In one of the most electrifying matches of the competition, Jo Hyeon-woo emerged as Korea Republic's hero, saving two crucial penalties to propel the Jurgen Klinsmann-led side to a 4-2 penalty shoot-out victory over Roberto Mancini's Saudi Arabia, following a 1-1 draw after 120 minutes of play.





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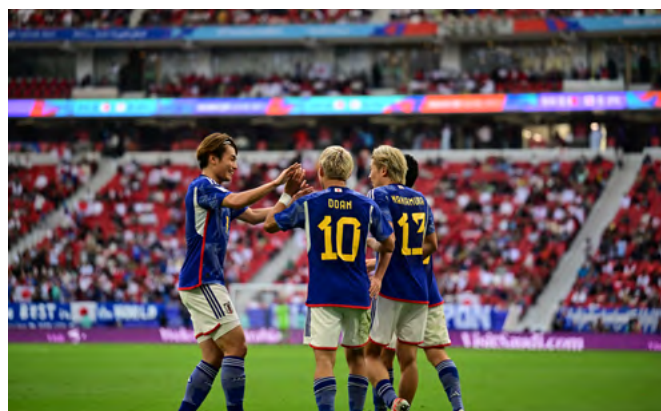


BAHRAIN 1-3 JAPAN



31 JANUARY 2024

Japan became the seventh team to make their way into the last eight following a 3-1 win over Group E toppers Bahrain.





**IR IRAN 1-1 SYRIA
(AET) (5-3 PSO)**



31 JANUARY 2024

Facing a stern test against Syria in the Round of 16, Team Melli became the final team to enter the Quarter-finals, overcoming Hector Cuper's side with a 5-3 victory in the penalty shootout following a 1-1 draw after 120 minutes of play.



AFC eASIAN CUP

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Held at Doha's Virtuocity eSports Arena from 1 to 5 February 2024, the inaugural AFC eAsian Cup saw Indonesia triumph over Japan in a thrilling finale, captivating 2.75 million viewers with a peak of 210,760 concurrent views.



Enthusiastic esports fans witnessed an exciting spectacle as top gamers from the Continent clashed to go down in history as the inaugural winners of the event. After five days of fast-paced and nail-biting matches, Indonesia beat Japan to become the first team to lay their hands on the top prize.

QUARTER-FINALS

ONE STEP CLOSER TO HISTORY





AHMAD BIN ALI STADIUM



TAJIKISTAN 0-1 JORDAN



2 FEBRUARY 2024

An own goal from Vahdat Hanonov ended debutants Tajikistan's fairytale run at the AFC Asian Cup™. It proved to be the all-important goal that secured Jordan a 1-0 victory, marking their first ever qualification to the Semi-finals of the Continental showpiece.





AL JANOUB STADIUM



**AUSTRALIA 1-2 KOREA
REPUBLIC (AET)**



2 FEBRUARY 2024

A Hwang Hee-chan penalty deep into injury time, coupled with Son Heung-min's exquisite extra-time free-kick, rescued Korea Republic from the brink of defeat as the Taeguk Warriors edged Australia 2-1 on their way to the Semi-finals.





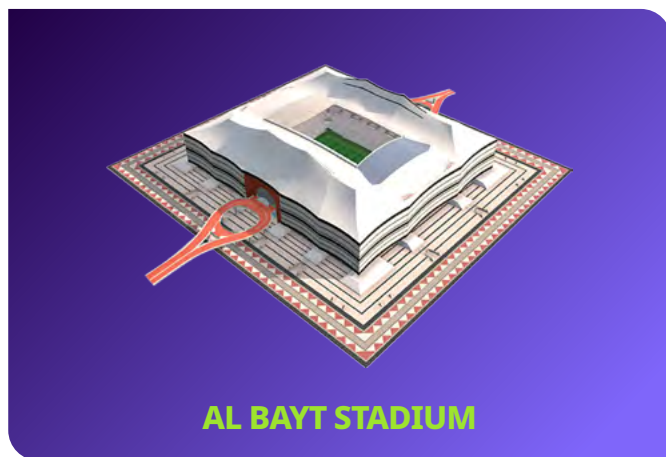
IR IRAN 2-1 JAPAN



3 FEBRUARY 2024

A late Alireza Jahanbakhsh penalty proved to be the difference as IR Iran staged a comeback to knock Japan out with a 2-1 victory.





**QATAR 1-1 UZBEKISTAN
(AET) (3-2 PSO)**



3 FEBRUARY 2024

Qatar delighted the home fans at the Al Bayt Stadium as they stayed on course in their title defence, defeating Uzbekistan 3-2 on penalties after a 1-1 draw.



SEMI-FINALS

THE FINAL FOUR





AHMAD BIN ALI STADIUM

**JORDAN 2-0 KOREA
REPUBLIC****6 FEBRUARY 2024**

Goals from Yazan Al Naimat and Mousa Tamari saw Hussein Ammouta's Jordan secure a place in the coveted Final following a historic 2-0 triumph over Korea Republic in the first Semi-final.





IR IRAN 2-3 QATAR

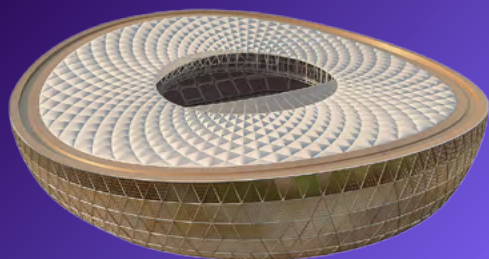


7 FEBRUARY 2024

Qatar moved within one match of defending their AFC Asian Cup™ title after narrowly defeating IR Iran 3-2 in the Semi-final at the Al Thumama Stadium.



THE BIGGEST EVER AFC ASIAN CUP™ FINAL



LUSAIL STADIUM



JORDAN 1-3 QATAR



10 FEBRUARY 2024

A staggering 86,492 fans watched history unfold as Qatar beat Jordan 3-1 to become only the fifth team in AFC Asian Cup™ history to win the title on back-to-back occasions.





Ma Ning was appointed to take charge of the enticing Final between hosts and defending champions Qatar and Jordan, becoming the first match official from China PR to oversee an AFC Asian Cup™ Final.



AKRAM AFIF WEAVES MAGIC

The iconic Lusail Stadium danced to Akram Afif's tunes as he scored a hat-trick and picked up the Yili Top Scorer Award while also being named the Most Valuable Player of the competition.



BARSHAM STANDS TALL

Meshaal Barsham's spectacular performances between the sticks earned him the Best Goalkeeper accolade of the tournament. The Qatari custodian finished the competition with 22 saves, including three penalties in the shootout against Uzbekistan in the Quarter-finals.

RECORDS & STATISTICS



SOCIAL MEDIA

2023

7.9 IMPRESSIONS
BILLION

2019

890 IMPRESSIONS
MILLION

CUMULATIVE REACH

56 OTT PLATFORM
MILLION

2.18 LINEAR
TV CHANNELS
BILLION



ASIA'S FINEST HOUR

The 18th edition of Asia's crown jewel scripted a new chapter in the Confederation's rich legacy after registering a historic 7.9 billion impressions across all of the AFC's digital channels, far surpassing the previous record of 890 million impressions set during the 2019 tournament in the UAE.

Fans from different corners made their presence felt, with a cumulative reach of 2.18 billion recorded on linear TV channels, while a cumulative reach of 56 million was captured on OTT platforms.



UNRIVALLED PASSION FOR ASIAN FOOTBALL

As Qatar surged forward in their title defence, their Round of 16 triumph over Palestine at Al Bayt Stadium marked a historic moment - with 63,753 passionate spectators in attendance, the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ set a new total attendance record of 1.06 million. Across the 51 matches, more than 1.5 million supporters showcased their fervour as the tournament sealed its place as the most-attended showpiece in history.

ASIA'S PASSIONATE FANS

HEARTBEAT OF THE TOURNAMENT





Enthusiastic Asian football fans brought vibrancy to the AFC Asian Cup™ by donning both unique and traditional attire, enhancing the overall excitement of the tournament



The AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ displayed an excellent confluence of cultures as fans from across the length and breadth of the Continent came together to celebrate the beautiful game.

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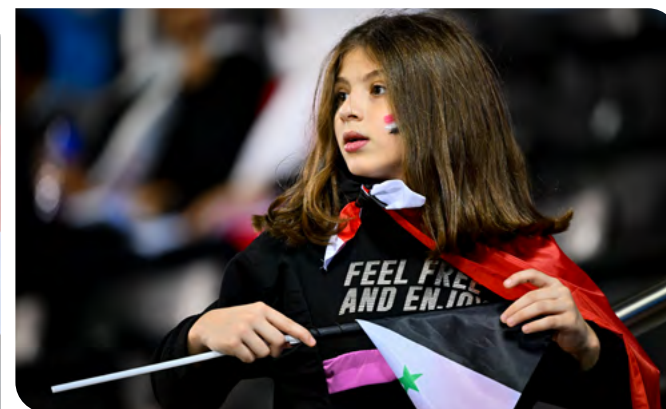




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