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## **Sawe and Wanjiru win the 2025 BMW BERLIN-MARATHON as the BMW iX3 makes its race debut.**

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Rosemary Wanjiru (KEN, 2:21:05) wins the women's race  
+++ First race deployment as lead vehicle for the new BMW iX3 +++  
80,000 people take part in the BMW BERLIN-MARATHON +++  
Roughly 550 BMW Group employees complete the 42.195 kilometre course +++

**Berlin.** Late summer weather and the accompanying warm temperatures are not necessarily the preferred conditions for many runners, but it did add to the enjoyment of the BMW BERLIN-MARATHON for the roughly one million people lining the route through the German capital. Despite temperatures reaching up to 25 degrees Celsius, the elite athletes once again delivered outstanding performances on one of the fastest marathon courses in the world. Leading the way was Kenyan Sabastian Sawe, who won with the world leading time of 2:02:16 hours, leaving Akira Akasaki (JPN, 2:06:15) and Chimdessa Debele (ETH, 2:06:57) in second and third place. In the women's race, Rosemary Wanjiru (KEN, 2:21:05) narrowly edged out Dera Dida (ETH, 2:21:08). Third place went to Azmera Gebru (ETH, 2:21:29). The fastest Germans were Hendrik Pfeiffer (2:09:14, 8th place) and Fabienne Königstein (2:22:17, 6th place).

"Congratulations to Sabastian Sawe and Rosemary Wanjiru on their victory and impressive times at the BMW BERLIN-MARATHON. On behalf of BMW, I would also like to congratulate all the participants on the magnificent achievement of completing this distance," said Christian Ach, Head of BMW Deutschland. "I am sure that everyone will head home with many positive emotions and memories of this fantastic sporting event, along with their finishers' medals."

Another endurance specialist was out on the route during the BMW BERLIN-MARATHON, which is one of the seven most prestigious marathons in the world, the World Marathon Majors as the new all-

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electric BMW iX3 50 xDrive accompanied the field as the lead vehicle. The first model in the Neue Klasse heralds the dawn of a new era of Sheer Driving Pleasure. It showcases a huge leap forward in terms of electromobility, display and operating concept, digitalisation, connectivity, design, and sustainability. With a range of up to 805 kilometres (WLTP) and a maximum charging rate of 400 kW– enabling an additional 372 km (231 miles) of range (WLTP) in just 10 minutes of charging – the new BMW iX3 50 xDrive sets new standards for efficiency and long-distance capability.

The Neue Klasse was by no means the only BMW representative on the streets of Berlin. Roughly 550 BMW Group employees from all over the world lined up at the BMW BERLIN-MARATHON. In total, the company employs more than 150,000 people from 110 countries. For this reason, supporting this diversity in the world of sport is also of great importance to the BMW Group. Sport creates unique moments for athletes and fans, strengthens the sense of community, celebrates diversity and build bridges. The BMW BERLIN-MARATHON does an outstanding job of demonstrating this with participants from 160 nations, handbike and wheelchair competitions, runners with a wide range of personal bests, and the enthusiasm of spectators all along the route.

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