

# Riyadh River Run Report



**Photo by Tripper**

Friday, October 5th, 2012- Riyadh, Saudi Arabia's "**Third Herd**" eleven thrill seeking Hash runners set out for another valiant trek across the desert.

Only a quarter way through the 40-minute run and the leaders of the pack stomped just short of a small pond body of water- a sparse encounter in this barren desert land. First, a two-minute delay scratching heads pondering the possibility of each one of us under the same mirage illusion. Second, a group cackle at the catfish carcass and whether a school of the same may spawn in the future - and the adventures were on the move again.

Two Syrian comrades succumb to the dusty exhaustion just short of the water check complete with glorious oranges and watermelon.

'Any man who falls behind, is left behind... It's a pirate's life

for we ♪ Arr Arr!"

Onwards and upwards for a hill's peak before a flat out sprint in hot pursuit of a solitary, lonesome tree signaling our mental compass towards the home stretch. Our collective compass went slightly squirrely, evidently, as progress along the cliff's peak abruptly U-turned when we realized the goal was the opposite direction.

But, why worry? We always arrive together intact, refreshed, relieved and already anticipating the following week, me mates!

**Darrin L**

**Below: Photo by Robin B Runners heading toward the river....**



## Join the runners at the Third Herd!