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**STORY HEADLINE: DRAMATIC VICTORY FOR ROMANIAN WEIGHTLIFTER SABINA BALTAG AS SHE TAKES GOLD AT BUENOS AIRES 2018**

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**STORY SCRIPT:**

Romania’s Sabina Baltag is celebrating a dramatic victory in the women’s 53kg category of weightlifting at the Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018.

Baltag lifted 100 kilos in her third attempt at the Clean and Jerk inside the ‘Europe Pavilion’ at the Youth Olympic Park in the Argentine capital.

Her Colombian rival Kely Junkar Acero failed to match the lift giving Baltag victory by just a single point on the aggregate scoring system.

India’s Nur Vinatasari took bronze.

In contrast, Turkey’s Muhammed Furkan Ozbek comfortably won gold in the men’s 69kg category.

Ozbek, who is 17, made certain of victory with a final lift in the Clean and Jerk of 170 kilos.

For the Weightlifting competition at the Games each category event consists of two parts, the Snatch and the Clean and Jerk with generally a ten minute break between the two. The best results achieved (in Kilograms) are added to a total, which determines the athletes’ ranking.

Buenos Aires 2018 is the third edition of the Summer Youth Olympic Games (YOG) to be held, bringing together the world’s best young athletes between the ages of 15 and 18. For the first time in Olympic history the Games will have gender equality, with equal numbers of males and females competing in the 32-sport programme.

Almost 4,000 athletes from 206 National Olympic Committees will be competing for 1,250 medals. The Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018 feature new sports and many new disciplines and events, reflecting the passions of the ‘Game Changers’, a new generation of athletes and fans.
The event offers a glimpse into the future of the Games as the new programme will introduce several innovations that will be replicated at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

The first Summer Youth Olympic Games took place in Singapore in 2010. The second edition was held in the Chinese city of Nanjing in 2014.

SHOTLIST:

00:04 Action of Sabina Baltag successfully lifting 72kg on her third attempt in the women’s 53kg Weightlifting competition
00:27 Sabina Baltag celebrating her win with her coach
00:31 Sabina Baltag on the podium with her gold medal
00:35 The Romanian flag is lifted in the air during the national anthem
00:38 Wide shot of the three medalists on the podium together

00:46 SOUNDBITE: Sabina Baltag, Women’s 53kg Weightlifting gold medalist (Romanian Language)
“A fost o experiența foarte buna, zic eu. Vreau sa multumesc in primul rand antrenorilor care m-au antrenat, care m-au sustinut. Vreau sa multumesc tuturor celor de acasa, care au fost langa mine si "Hai, Romania!".
It was a very good experience, I think. I want to firstly thank my coaches who trained me, who supported me. I want to thank everyone back home, who were there for me and "Go, Romania!"

01:04 Shot of Sabina Baltag preparing to lift from the view of her coaches

01:08 SOUNDBITE: Sabina Baltag, Women’s 53kg Weightlifting gold medalist (Romanian Language)
“A fost greu dar datorita faptului ca m-am luptat, am castigat!”
It was tough but I won because I fought hard!

01:14 Action of Muhammed Furkan Ozbek successfully lifting 172kg in his final lift of the men’s 69kg Weightlifting competition
01:34 Muhammed Furkan Ozbek being awarded his gold medal on the podium
01:43 The three medalists posing with their medals on the podium

01:48 SOUNDBITE: Muhammed Furkan Ozbek, Men’s 69kg Weightlifting gold medalist (Turkish Language)
“Adım Muhammed Furkan, soyadım Özbek. 69 kiloda halterci milli sporcuyum.”
My name is Muhammed, my last name is Özbek. I'm a 69kg weightlifter, national athlete.

01:53 Muhammed Furkan Ozbek bowing on the podium

01:54 SOUNDBITE: Muhammed Furkan Ozbek, Men’s 69kg Weightlifting gold medalist (Turkish Language)
“Muhteşem hissediyorum, şampiyon oldum, ülkeme madalya kazandırıldığım için çok mutluyum. Daha ne diyebilirim ki ya, ben şampiyonum ya şampiyonum ben.”
I'm feeling great, I became the champion, I'm very happy to bring my country a medal. What more can I say? I'm a champion, champion!

02:03 Muhammed Furkan Ozbek on the podium with his hands aloft

02:07 SOUNDbite: Muhammed Furkan Ozbek, Men's 69kg Weightlifting gold medallist (Turkish Language)

“Son kaldırışında gereğinden fazla ertedim, fazla titremeye başladı ama son hareketi çok sağlam bir şekilde tamamlayarak madalyayı kazandım. Daha dinecek bir şeyim yok teşekkür ederim sağ olun.”

In my final lifting I was over-tightened, I started to shake too much, but I won the medal by completing the final movement very firmly. I have nothing to say more, thank you, thanks.

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