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STORY HEADLINE: THAILAND AND IRAN WIN GOLD ON THE FINAL DAY OF WEIGHTLIFTING AT BUENOS AIRES 2018

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STORY SCRIPT:

The weightlifting programme of the Youth Olympic Games (YOG) came to a close in the 'Europe Pavilion' on Saturday at Buenos Aires 2018 with golds for Thailand and Iran.

Thailand's Supatchanin Khamhaeng won gold in Women's +63kg weightlifting, proving far too superior for the rest of the field.

Khamhaeng, who's 17 and the Asian Youth Weightlifting champion, posted a combined score in the Snatch and the Clean and Jerk of 236 kilos, 18 kilos more than silver medallist Dilara Narin of Turkey. The bronze was Uzbekistan's Dolera Davronova.

In the men's +85kg Alireza Yousefi of Iran was also a comfortable winner. The 15 year old lifted a combined total of 218 kilos in the Snatch and Clean and Jerk, 6 kilos clear of silver medallist Hristo Hristov of Bulgaria. The Netherland's Enzo Kuworge came third.

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 Supatchanin Khamhaeng.

00:28 Supatchanin shakes hands with his opponents and gets on the podium.

00:44 SOUNDBITE: Supatchanin Khamhaeng, Women's +63kg Weightlifting Youth Olympic Champion (Thai Language)

"จะสามปีแล้วค่ะ สามปีกว่า ๆ แล้วค่ะ กว่าจะมาถึงวันนี้ก็เหนื่อย ร้องไห้ไม่รู้กี่รอบแล้วค่ะ"

Almost three years. A little over three years. I don't know how many times I felt exhausted and cried until I got to today.

00:55 Podium shot of the Thai weightlifter

01:04 SOUNDBITE: Supatchanin Khamhaeng, Women's +63kg Weightlifting Youth Olympic Champion (Thai Language).

"ตื่นเต้นค่ะ จะร้องไห้ มันอึดอัดอยู่หน้าอกมาก ๆ ค่ะ"

Excited, I feel like crying. I feel really tight in my chest.

01:10 Close of Khamhaeng celebrating.

01:14 Alireza Yousefi in competition

01:42 SOUNDBITE: Alireza Yousefi, Men's +85kg Weightlifting Youth Olympic Champion (Farsi Language).

" خیلی احساس خوبی دارم، فکرش را هم نمیکردم که بتوانم مدال طلا را بگیرم، خلاصه من خیلی رکورد زد برای مدال طلا خیلی خوب بود"

I feel accomplished. I never thought I could get a gold medal. In short, I scored so many records for a gold medal. That was great.

01:55 Various of the Iranian weightlifter celebrating.

02:09 SOUNDBITE: Alireza Yousefi, Men's +85kg Weightlifting Youth Olympic Champion (Farsi Language).

" این مدال برای من یعنی یک آینده، یعنی زندگی، یعنی یک عمر ورزشی مرا تامین کرده است، زیر ساختهای ورزشی ام را تامین کرده است"

This medal means future to me. It means life. It has provided me a sport lifestyle and an infrastructure of my sport.

02:20 Close view of Alireza crying after the victory and kissing the weights.

02:31 SOUNDBITE: Alireza Yousefi, Men's +85kg Weightlifting Youth Olympic Champion (Farsi Language).

" یا ابوالفضل یا خدا، باید خیلی سبک میزدمش "

Oh my God, I had to be beat him very lightly.

02:41 Yousefi receiving the gold medal.

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