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STORY HEADLINE: EGYPT’S SALMA ABDELMAKSOUD WINS MODERN PENTATHLON GOLD AT YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES BUENOS AIRES 2018

DATE: 13 October, 2018
LOCATION: Buenos Aires, Argentina
LANGUAGE: English, Egyptian

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STORY SCRIPT:

Salma Abdelmaksoud of Egypt won the women’s Modern Pentathlon and Cross country at the Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires on Saturday (13th October).

She completed the swim in a time of 2:13.87 for a total of 283 points, and picked up 228 points in the fencing bonus round.

But it was her performance in the lazer run that helped her clinch the gold medal.

Abdelmaksoud posted a time of 12:24.86 - 5.9 seconds faster than any of her competitors - to collect 556 points and win the event.

The silver medal went to Emma Riff of France while Michelle Gulyas of Hungary took the bronze.

Gulyas was the fastest to complete the swim, but lost time on the lazer run and had to settle for third place.

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:

00:02 Salma Abdelmaksoud finishing second in her swimming heat
00:06 Close up winner of heat - Gold Medallist Salma Abdelmaksoud is at the bottom of the screen in green costume
00:10 Salma Abdelmaksoud (left of screen) fencing
00:16 Salma Abdelmaksoud starts run
00:20 Salma Abdelmaksoud (left of screen) shooting
00:24 Salma Abdelmaksoud crosses finish line
00:29 Various medal ceremony Women’s Modern Pentathlon

00:38 SOUNDBITE: Salma Abdelmaksoud, Winner, Women’s Modern Pentathlon (Egyptian Language)

"أوصلتهم علشان أجاهم نتمني أن أحقق أحلامي"  
Thank you, I am so happy I won this medal I worked really hard to obtain one.

00:46 Salma Abdelmaksoud with mascot toy

00:49 SOUNDBITE: Salma Abdelmaksoud, Winner, Women’s Modern Pentathlon (Egyptian Language)

"تتعبت في التمرين علشان أجتهد في كل تمريرية علشان أحصل لأمي في حق الميدالية دى"  
I worked hard during trainings by doing my best every time to achieve this medal.

00:58 Salma Abdelmaksoud (left of screen) fencing

01:01 SOUNDBITE: Salma Abdelmaksoud, Winner, Women’s Modern Pentathlon (Egyptian Language)

"علشان بعد السلاح كنت حاسة ان فيه الناس هتفتعل وفي الناس هتنزل كده يعني"  
Because after fencing I felt that some people may progress, others may regress and so on.

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