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STORY HEADLINE: JORDAN ALEJANDRO DIAZ FORTUN OF CUBA, HARNTO DEGUCHI OF JAPAN, QATARI ABDELAZIZ MOHAMED AND GUDBJORG JONA BJARNADOTTIR OF ICELAND ALL WON GOLD MEDALS ON THE FINAL DAY OF ATHLETICS AT THE YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES BUENOS AIRES

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STORY SCRIPT:

In the men's triple jump, Cuban athlete Jordan Alejandro Diaz Fortun justified his billing as one of the athletes to watch ahead of the Games.

Diaz Fortun broke the Junior Olympic record in stage one of the tournament by producing a leap of 17.14 metres.

He fell just short of that in stage two, but his best effort of 17.04 metres was still more than enough to capture the gold medal in impressive style.

The silver medal went to Yahor Chuiko of Belarus with 15.96 metres while Yunchen Li of Chinese Taipei took the bronze with 15.74 metres - both men producing personal best performances to win their medals.

There was Japanese joy in the men's 400 metre hurdles when Harnto Deguchi ran a new personal best, just when it mattered, to cruise to the gold medal in a time of 51.28 seconds.

Silver went to Daniel Huller of Hungary who recorded a time of 51.86 seconds while the bronze medal was won by Martin Fraysse of France in 52.72 seconds.

Qatari 16 year old Abdelaziz Mohamed ran his second personal best of the games, when he powered to victory in the men's 200 metres to take the gold medal in 20.68 seconds.

He had ran 21.10 seconds in the stage one race to put himself firmly in the frame for a medal.
The silver went to Lucas Conceicao Vilar of Brazil who ran 20.99 seconds - also a personal best - while Jamaican Antonio Watson took the bronze in 21.08 seconds.

Gudbjorg Jona Bjarnadottir of Iceland took the gold in the women’s 200 metres, with a superb personal best in her stage one race ensuring that she had the best overall time.

Bjarnadottir ran 23.55 seconds in her stage one race on Saturday (13th October) and while she improved to 23.47 seconds - another personal best - in stage two on Tuesday, the actual race was won by Italian sprinter Dalia Kaddari who crossed the line in 23.45 seconds.

But the gold medal still went to the Icelandic athlete as Kaddari had only managed a relatively disappointed 24.24 seconds in her stage one race and would have to settle for the silver medal.

Bronze was won by Leticia Maria Nonato Lima of Brazil in 23.71 seconds.

All three athletes on the podium ran personal best times in the stage two race.

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:

00:03 Shot of Abdelaziz Mohamed, Qatar’s Gold medal winner before the Men’s 200m final
00:07 Multiple action shots of Men’s 200m Final
00:21 Shot of the Men’s 200m Champion after the race
00:24 Shot of the winner being awarded his Gold medal
00:29 Shot of the medalists National flags
00:31 Close shot of the medalists

00:34 SOUNDBITE: Abdelaziz Mohamed, Qatar, Men’s 200 metres Champion (Arabic Language) [on having the gold medal]

"التدريب كان صعب شوي، برس الحمد لله مع الاجتهاد وصلت نهائي المرحلة"

It was very hard but, thank God, I put all of my power to it and I’m so pleased that I managed to reach this point.
00:41 Shot of the medalists posing for a photo
00:45 Shot of Haruto Deguchi, Japanese Gold medal winner before the Men’s 400m Hurdles, before the race
00:47 Action shots of Men’s 400m Hurdles
01:02 Multiple shots of Deguchi celebrating
01:08 Shot of the winner being awarded his Gold medal
01:17 Close shot of the medalists
01:19 Shot of the medalists National flags
01:22 Close shot of the champion singing his national anthem

01:26 SOUNDbite: Haruto Deguchi, Men’s 400 metre hurdles Champion (Japanese Language) [on his future goals]
"2020年の東京オリンピックもあるけど、まだその前にも自分の目指す場所があるので、その遠いところを見るようなではなくて、近いも今日からどんどんクリアしていきたいです。"

Ahead of the 2020 Tokyo Olympics Games, I have to achieve the goals that I set before that. So I think I should clear the stages one by one from today, instead of worrying about the future events.

01:39 Medalists posing for a photo
01:45 Shot of Jordan Alejandro Diaz Fortun, Gold medal winner men’s triple jump, warming up the crowd
01:49 Shot of the crowd clapping
01:52 Action shot of the champion
02:00 Shot of the Cuban winner celebrating
02:06 Shot of the winner being awarded his Gold medal
02:15 Close shot of the medalists
02:18 Shot of the medalists National flags
02:20 Close shot of Jordan Alejandro Diaz Fortun

02:23 SOUNDbite: Jordan Alejandro Diaz Fortun, Men’s Triple Jump Champion (Spanish Language)
The training is the same as I always do, I had a super long season: the World Cup, the Central American, a lot of competitions. I had to train very hard to reach these Youth Olympic Games in good condition and I think it went well, everything went well.

02:42 Medalists posing for a photo
02:44 Action shots of women’s 200m
02:58 Multiple shots of Gudbjorg Jona Bjarnadottir, Gold medal winner women’s 200m, celebrating
03:12 Shot of the winner being awarded his Gold medal
03:20 Close shot of Bjarnadottir
03:23 Shot of the medalists National flags
03:27 SOUNDbite: Gudbjorg Jona Bjarnadottir, Women's 200m Champion (Icelandic Language)
“Öhh, þetta er bara, æg er mjög hissa. Þetta er ótrúlega gaman og þetta er mjög góð reynsla. Ég veit eiginlega ekki hvað ég á að segja, ég er alveg orðlaus.”
Uhm, this is just, uh I am just so surprised. This is so fun and it is a great experience. I don’t really know what to say, I am just speechless.

03:37 Medalists posing for a photo

03:40 SOUNDbite: Gudbjorg Jona Bjarnadottir, Women's 200m Champion (Icelandic Language)
“Öhh, þetta er bara ótrulega góð tilfinning og að heyra íslenska þjóðsönginn er alltaf jafn gaman, og að fá að standa með þessum stelpum á palli er mjög gaman og ótrulega flott.”
Uhm, this is just such a good feeling and to hear the Icelandic national anthem is always as fun, and to get to stand with these girls on the podium is just so fun and very nice.

03:52 Close shot of Bjarnadottir
03:55 Shot of the champion celebrating on the podium

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