

IWF World Championships:

Moeini sets new world record as Iranian duo wins three medals

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Iran's Alireza Moeini and Ali A'alipour won first medals for the country at the IWF World Championships, collecting a snatch gold and double silvers in the men's 94kg class on the eighth day of the competition in Forde, Norway.

Reigning Olympic champion Karlos Nasar of Bulgaria, meanwhile, finished empty-handed in the snatch but rounded off the day with a clean & jerk and total gold.

It was an all-Iranian one-two in the snatch event, with Moeini walking away with the ultimate prize thanks to a 182kg lift with on his third attempt – becoming Iran's first world record holder since Sohrab Moradi.

A'alipour took the snatch silver with 176kg – one kilogram clear of Colombian bronze winner Jokser Alborno, who impressed from the B Group with three medals.

Nasar settled for a fourth-place finish with 173kg after failing with his final two snatch attempts.

The Bulgarian sensation, however, went on to dominate the C&J showdown with a new world record of 222kg, with Alborno (215kg) and Romain Imadouchène (211kg) of France in the following spots.

A'alipour missed two attempts to finish fourth in the C&J with 211kg – two kilograms above fifth-placed Moeini.

On 173-222-395, Nasar finished four kilograms clear of Moeini, while secured his second bronze of the day with 390kg.

"I endured seven months of hard training to prepare for the World Championships," Moeini said, adding: "I had a clear goal here and that was to make six successful efforts and set a new snatch world record in Iran's name. I dedicate these medals and the world record to all of my dear fellow-Iranians."

"Nasar is a great champion and an Olympic gold medalist, but I don't focus on that when we compete. My only goal is to do my best and secure the top spot for my country," Moeini said of his Bulgarian rival. On improving on last year's

clean & jerk campaign at the world event, Moeini said: "I had a poor performance in Bahrain due to a shoulder injury. However, head coach Behdad Salimi and [the head of the federation] Sajjad Anoushiravani helped me a lot to recover and lift decent weights this year. I just hope to have even a stronger finish in the future competitions."

A'alipour, meanwhile, threw down the gauntlet to the Bulgarian champion, saying: "I'm deeply disappointed with my clean & jerk efforts. If I can just replicate my training numbers on the platform, the gold medal will belong to me next year. I've already set sights on sweeping Nasar aside."

Another familiar face for the Iranians in Thursday's event was Kianoush Rostami, who won an Olympic gold for the country in Rio 2016, but had a night to forget under the Kosovo flag, posting 172-205-377 to finish fifth.

The final day of the World Championships will see Iran's former Olympic silver medalist Ali Davoudi, who bagged triple



world medals last year, and Ayat Sharifi – fresh off double Asian golds in May – vie for glory in the +110kg event, which will also feature Arme-

nian Varazdat Lalayan and Gor Minasyan of Bahrain – silver and bronze medalists to Georgian great Lasha Talakhadze at the Paris Olympics.

Iran's Alireza Moeini poses after setting a new world record in the men's 94kg snatch event at the IWF World Championships in Forde, Norway, on October 9, 2025. ● IWF

World Para Powerlifting Championships:

Hosseini wins historic women's gold on Day 2



Iran's Atiyeh Hosseini poses for a photo after winning a women's gold medal at the World Para Powerlifting Championships in Cairo, Egypt, on October 10, 2025. ● ISNA

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Atiyeh Hosseini etched her name into history books of the Iranian sport on Friday by grabbing a

first women's gold for the country at the World Para Powerlifting Championships in Cairo, Egypt.

Representing the country in the rookie and next gen 61kg contests, Hosseini began her campaign with an 85kg lift and then posted 90kg with her second attempt.

The Iranian girl failed with the 94kg attempt but still did enough to walk with the ultimate prize, finishing above contestants from the United States and Uzbekistan, who settled for the silver and bronze, respectively.

The rookie and next gen event in Cairo, featuring 124 athletes from 28 national paralympic committees, concluded on Friday, with the elite competitions starting today, and continuing across 20 men's and women's weight classes until Friday.

WTT Youth Contender Tunis II 2025:

Shirvani stands third in U13 boys' singles event

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Iran's table tennis prodigy Nikan Shrivani settled for a third-place trophy at the WTT Youth Contender event in Tunis.

Representing the country in the under-13 boys' singles event in the Tunisian capital, Shirvani enjoyed an emphatic run to the semifinals before suffering a 3-2 loss (9-11, 11-7, 10-

12, 11-9, 11-7) to Russian Matvei Manankov, who competed as a neutral athlete.

The Russian finished as the runner-up after a 3-1 defeat (8-11, 11-4, 12-10, 15-13) against Kirill Kantaev – also a neutral contestant – in the final showpiece. Shirvani defeated the host's trio Aws Riahi, Iyed Tayachi, and Yaakoub Marnissi without conceding a single game to finish atop the Group 2 table and progress to the knockout round.

The Iranian was given a bye in the round of 16, and then defeated Tunisian Moemen Sghaier 3-1 (11-6, 5-11, 11-6, 11-7) in the quarterfinals.

More Iranians will be in action across different age groups on the final day of the WTT event at the Multidisciplinary Hall of Rades today.



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Iran bids to host 2029 Islamic Solidarity Games

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Iran made an official bid to host the seventh edition of the Islamic Solidarity Games in 2029. The Islamic Solidarity Sports Association (ISSA) confirmed on Thursday.

Joining Iran in the race to host the multi-sport event will be Uzbekistan and Malaysia.

The ISSA will conduct a series of on-site inspection visits to the three countries, which will represent a key milestone in the continued development of the Islamic Solidarity Games, as ISSA works to strengthen the event's future and expand opportunities

for countries to host major multi-sport events.

ISSA Secretary General Nasser Majali welcomed the strong interest from the candidate countries, noting that it reflects the growing stature of the Islamic Solidarity Games and their increasing role in advancing sport at both regional and international levels.

"It is extremely encouraging to see three passionate and capable countries come forward to host the next edition of the Islamic Solidarity Games," said Majali.

"These inspection visits represent a key phase in the evaluation process to ensure the Games



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are delivered to the highest standards for our athletes and National Olympic Committees, in full partnership with the host country.

"They also reaffirm ISSA's commitment to enabling more member countries to benefit from hosting major international sports events and contributing to the continued development of sport across all regions."

Following an initial evaluation process, six member countries submitted formal letters of interest to ISSA to host the next edition of the Games. After further discussions and assessments, Uzbekistan, Malaysia and Iran

proceeded to submit their full hosting bids.

The inspection visits are being led by the ISSA Secretary General, accompanied by members of the ISSA Sport Commission, to review the candidate countries' facilities, infrastructure and organizational plans ahead of the final hosting decision.

The upcoming Islamic Solidarity Games – starting November 7 in Riyadh – will welcome around 3,500 athletes from 57 countries, competing across 23 sports, marking the event's return to Saudi Arabia two decades after the inaugural edition in 2005.