

Hamza, Murtaza Ali make Bahrain proud

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Bahraini MMA athletes Hamza Mohammadov and Murtaza Talha Ali won gold to make Bahrain proud on the final day of the 2017 IMMAF competition.

After an exciting Bantamweight match that lasted three rounds, Hamza Mohammadov won against his opponent Olzhas Moldagayliv of Kazakhstan. He went into the match with high expectations on him after great showings in the previous stages of the competition.

The match started with Mohammadov attempting several take downs. At the fourth minute he finally succeeded, he capitalized the chance by delivering a number of blows. He had yet another successful take down in the second round. He continued his domination in the third round as he succeeded in another take down and dealt his opponents with a number of blows. The series of strikes caused significant damage and the match ended with that.

Murtaza Talha Ali became the second Bahriani to win a gold medal when he defeated Pavel Pahomenko of Belarus in the Light heavyweight. The match lasted three rounds with Pahomenko proving to be a strong opponent. In the second round a strike from Ali caused a significant cut to his opponent face. Following an intense third round of grapple exchanges, Ali was announced the winner via unanimous decision.

The other medals that were awarded to Bahrain was to Hussain Abdulla and Abdulmanap Magomadov who were presented with the bronze medal in the flyweight division and feather weight division respectively. In the female category Fatema Bureshaid won a bronze medal.

The other gold medal winners are Serdar Altas of Sweden won in the flyweight division, Delaunay Georgiev of Bulgaria won in the featherweight division, Quitin Thomas of USA in the lightweight division. In the female category, Manon Fiorot of France won in the Bantam weight division, Michele Oliveria of Brazil won in the flyweight division and Fabiana Giampa of Italy won in featherweight division.

The IMMAF competition was held at Khalifa Sports City Arena, as part of the Brave International Combat week. The final day of IMMAF marked the conclusion of the combat week.



Murtaza Talha Ali throws a punch in the final