

# Bahrain's Pedro De Jesus caps AYG jiu-jitsu run with bronze

European champion continues ascent among Asia's brightest



De Jesus proudly holds Bahrain's 2nd bronze of the Games



Pedro De Jesus in action against his Qatari opponent



De Jesus points to the Bahrain flag after his victory

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Bahrain's jiu-jitsu prodigy Pedro Bisi De Jesus capped an impressive campaign at the Asian Youth Games with a bronze medal in the boys' under-85kg division yesterday at Exhibition World Bahrain.

The 17-year-old standout from sealed his place on the podium with a composed 8-0 win over Qatar's Saoud Al Kathiri in the bronze medal bout, underlining his growing reputation among Asia's elite young grapplers. De Jesus began his day in blistering form, submitting Kyrgyzstan's Baigazy Bagyshbekov 50-0 in the round of 16. He then fell in a tense quarterfinal to eventual gold medallist Park Keonho of Korea, before storming back through the repechage with another 50-0 rout of Kuwait's Abdulaziz Al Buraiki to earn a shot at bronze. In the medal match, De Jesus

dominated from start to finish, controlling every exchange and scoring through sharp transitions and positional control to close out the 8-0 win against Al Kathiri. "It feels amazing to win a medal for Bahrain, especially at home," said De Jesus afterward. "The competition level was high,

but my coaches and teammates prepared me well. This medal is for them and everyone supporting jiu-jitsu in Bahrain." Born in Brazil and representing Bahrain, De Jesus is already the 2025 European IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu Champion and currently ranked number one on Bahrain's AJP Tour youth blue-belt stand-

ings. His latest podium finish adds to a growing list of international successes that continue to elevate Bahrain's status as a Gulf powerhouse in jiu-jitsu. Korea's Park Keonho captured the gold, Kazakhstan's Muslim Arsamakov took silver, while De Jesus shared the bronze with Saudi Arabia's Adam Fernani.

## Bahrain's Adrian Granja snatches silver in 79kg division



Yesterday's weightlifting medallists

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Bahrain's 17-year-old Adrian Granja delivered an impressive performance in the Boys' 79kg category at Exhibition World Bahrain (EWB) yesterday, securing a silver medal at the third Asian Youth Games.

Granja posted a total of 309kg, with a 142kg snatch and a 167kg clean and jerk, finishing behind Turkmenistan's Didarbek Jumabayev, who claimed gold with 315kg. China's Xiao Ao took bronze with 308kg, while Kazakhstan's Nurzhan Zhumabay earned gold in the snatch with 146kg and silver in the clean and

**Weightlifting action continues today on the penultimate day of the Games at EWB. Scheduled events include:**

10 AM - Girls' 77kg, Group A  
1 PM - Girls' +77kg, Group A  
4 PM - Boys' 94kg, Group A  
7 PM - Boys' +94kg, Group A

jerk with 176kg, though his total counted in a separate division. In the snatch, Granja progressed steadily through lifts of 133kg, 137kg, and finally 142kg in his third attempt, earning the snatch silver. In the clean and jerk, he successfully lifted 162kg and 167kg, narrowly missing



Granja stabilizes the bar at full extension

### Podium - Boys' 79kg, Group A:

Gold: Didarbek Jumabayev (TKM) - Total 315kg (Snatch: 138kg, Clean & Jerk: 177kg)

Silver: Adrian Granja (BRN) - Total 309kg (Snatch: 142kg, Clean & Jerk: 167kg)

Bronze: Xiao Ao (CHN) - Total 308kg (Snatch: 136kg, Clean & Jerk: 172kg)

172kg on his final attempt.

Jumabayev dominated the division with a 138kg snatch and 177kg clean and jerk for a

winning total of 315kg. Xiao Ao lifted 136kg in snatch and 172kg in clean and jerk, finishing just behind Granja.

## Lee wins boys' road race as Bahrain's Thamer finishes fourth



Hong Kong, Thailand, and Saudi Arabia stand on the podium

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Hong Kong's Lee Wan Chun clinched gold in the Boys' Road Race yesterday morning at the Bahrain Asian Youth Games, crossing the line in 2 hours, 23 minutes, and 54 seconds. Thailand's Kittaphat Homkajorn finished in the same time to take silver, while Saudi Arabia's Taha Al Khalifah earned bronze in 2:24:04,

just ten seconds behind.

Meanwhile, Bahrain's Hasan Thamer impressed on home roads, finishing fourth in 2:24:12, only 18 seconds off the winner. He remained in the leading group for much of the race before losing ground in the final sprint. Fellow Bahraini Isa Al Khasham clocked 2:24:39 to finish 36th, while Hussain Kadhemi was among the riders who did not finish.