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SHEIK Alauddin knows the risk he could be taking.

Two Japanese exponents were killed in pro league fights in Japan recently, he said. They both died of brain haemorrhage.

Sheik's close friend Andre Mewis, who turned pro in November 1993, landed in hospital a few months ago after being knocked unconscious.

The 23-year-old German has lost 10 kilos.

Sheik said: "At last month's world silat championships in Haadyai

alone, there were several fighters who ended up with dislocated bones. So what more, free-sparring?"

Mewis, who won the world silat title in 1992, has so far had eight pro fights, losing only two.

He said: "Silat is small money. I myself felt I had to take up something else."

So Mewis took up full-contact karate and Thai-boxing.

And in 1993, he joined the Japanese professional league, organised by Seido Kai Kan, "the only world body that promotes a mixture of all martial arts".

As a pro-fighter, Mewis is today ranked No 1 in Germany, No 3 in Europe and No 5 in the world.

His skills also won him major roles in two German movies, "HaBim Korf" (Hatred in the Head) and "Sunny Sport".

He is scheduled to fight Thai No 1 Champol Kiatsongrit next month in Bangkok.