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SILAT

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SILAT World champion Abdul Kadir Mohamed won his eighth successive national title with a 5-0 whitewash of Zulkifli Salim in the Men's Class E (65-70 kilograms) final at the Yishun Sports Hall on Sunday.

Said the soft-spoken optician, who won the world title last year: "It is a good warm-up for me as there are some important competitions next year like the South-east Asia Games and the World Championships."

Abdul Kadir, a silver medalist at the Jakarta SEA Games, said he had been training thrice weekly for next year. "It was a bit of a disappointment not winning the SEA Games gold last year. But it has made me more determined to do well next year."

Another SEA Games silver medallist who performed to expectations was Hidayat Hosni, who beat Amran Soari 5-0 in the Class B (50-55kg) final.

Though the five judges were unanimous, Singapore Silat Fed-

eration secretary Aejü Karmak said the fight was much closer than the scoreline suggested.

"Both fighters were about the same height and weight and they showed a lot of good moves during the match. But Hidayat was a bit more experienced and that made the difference," he added.

One of the best performances in the tournament came from 18-year-old Noorrafli Ramli, who won the Class D (60-65kg) final.

He beat Yazid Salleh 5-0 and was given a special award for showing the greatest potential among the exponents.

Said Abdul Kadir: "He fought in the 60-65kg weight class and was very impressive. I am sure he will be in the national squad soon."

The two women's finals went to national exponents as well, Neny Harlena beating Kamariah Johari in the Class A (45-50kg) final and Kartina Ahmad defeating Nurool'ain Hussin in the Class B (50-55kg) final.

◆ **Final results - Men's Class A (45-50kg):** Razak Osman bt Aswad Ahmad. **Class B (50-55kg):** Hidayat Hosni bt Amran Soari. **Class C (55-60kg):** Aslam Rahman bt Iskandar Hosni. **Class D (60-65kg):** Noorrafli Ramli bt Yazid Salleh. **Class E (65-70kg):** Abdul Kadir Mohamed bt Zulkipli Salim. **Class F (70-75kg):** Norazmi Makmor bt Syed Haiezal. **Class G (75-80kg):** Khairul Rashid bt Dzufadly Jaffar. **Class H (80-85kg):** Razak Hussin bt Jusri Karim. **Class I (85-90kg):** Jumaat Yusope bt Zahrin Karim. **Class J (90-95kg):** Jufri Selamat bt Jarey Juwahir.

◆ **Women's Class A (45-50kg):** Neny Harlena bt Kamariah Johari. **Class B (50-55kg):** Kartina Ahmad bt Nurool'ain Hussin.