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# SHAKIR EYES GOLD

**After an artistic doubles silver with Ferdous, he focuses on retaining his Class H combat world title**

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**A silver medal at the World Championships is already in the bag, but national silat star Shakir Juanda, 27, is eyeing a bigger prize.**

Together with Sheik Ferdous – the second son of Singapore's silat great Sheik Alau'ddin – Shakir finished second in the men's artistic doubles with 569 points, behind Indonesia (580 points). Malaysia (563) were third.

The duo's performance capped off a good day for Singapore at the event in Phuket, Thailand, where fighters from 57 countries will be competing until Saturday.

The team's haul yesterday is two silvers and three bronzes.

Shakir, however, is focused on retaining the Class H (80-85kg) title he won at the last world championships in



Chiang Rai, Thailand, in 2012.

"Ferdous and I had aimed for at least a medal and, thankfully, our performance was good enough to get us ahead of Vietnam and Malaysia to win the silver," said the Sports Excellence (Spex)

**SWEET SILVER:** Shakir Juanda (right) and Sheik Ferdous (left) with artistic coach Muhammad

There was also joy for Iqbal Abdul Rahman, who also bagged a men's individual artistic silver.

The 21-year-old had a bronze in 2012 – one of the seven bronzes Singapore won, along with Shakir's gold.