

Silat duo carry Singapore's hopes for gold



Silat exponents Sheik Farhan Sheik Alau'ddin (left) and Muhammad Shakir Juanda. PHOTO: BH



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And then there were two.

From the six Singaporeans involved in yesterday's semi-final action at the World Pencak Silat Championships in Bali, only Shakir Juanda (Class I, 85-90kg) and Sheik Farhan (Class J, 90-95kg) advanced to their respective weight class finals, to be contested today.

The other four - Ridhwan Selamat (Class A, 45-50kg), Abdul Raaziq Abdul Rashid (Class F, 70-75kg), Alfian Juma'en (Class H, 80-85kg) and Nurhanishah Sharudin (women's Class C, 55-60kg) - all lost.

Singapore Silat Federation chief executive officer Sheik Alau'ddin has mixed emotions about the results, but said he expects nothing less than the gold from the two finalists.