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THERE were mixed fortunes for two of Singapore's silat world champions on the second day of the Singapore International Open Pencak Silat Championships yesterday.

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Mohamed Zulfakar Mohamed Ramli defeated Brunei's Mohamed Raziman Hussin in the semi-final of the men's senior Class C (55-60kg).

Zulfakar won the world title in that category in the 2002 World Championships.

He was awarded a unanimous 5-0 decision over his Brunei opponent yesterday.

He will face Indonesia's Pujio Janoko in today's final at the Bedok Sports Hall.

However, Saiedah Said, the 2004 world champion in the women's 50-55kg class, was defeated by Marie Rabino of the Philippines.

She lost a close 2-3 decision in the semi-final, and had difficulty in getting her opponent off-balance so she could throw her.

She said: "I managed to catch one of her legs a number of times but could not throw her down. She had good defence against that."

Nur Zulaikha Zakaria won a gold for Singapore in the World Junior Championships, which are being run alongside the Singapore Open.

She beat Malaysia's Ain Syazawanie Abdul Razak to win the 60-63kg class.

Singapore exponents also took six golds at the Pre-Junior International Championship for those aged 12-14.

A total of 320 exponents from 13 countries are taking part in the three competitions.

The 21-year-old private-school student, who is doing a part-time degree in sports and exercise science, will address that weak point when she resumes training after a week's break.

She said: "I need to improve if I want to win another title at the World Championships in October.

"I have two bronze medals from the last two South-east Asia Games in 2003 and 2005, and I would like to get at least a silver in the SEA Games in December."