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WORLD SILAT EVENT IN STORE

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WORLD SILAT EVENT IN S'PORE *ENVIRONMENT and Wa- ter Resources Minister Yaacob Ibrahim (from*

right) and former world champions Sheik Alauddin and Mohamed Hidayat Hosni at the opening ceremony of the eighth World Pencak Silat Championships at Bedok Sports Hall last night.

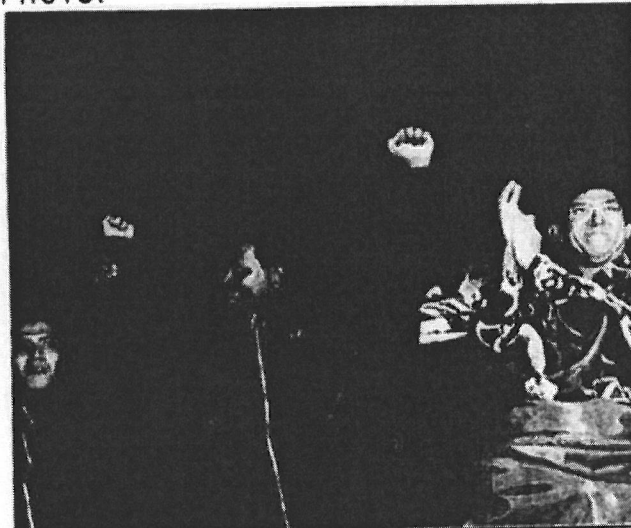
A record 400 participants from 24 countries are competing in 24 events in both Match and Artistic categories till Sunday. Singapore, who are hosting the tournament for the first time, are represented by 29 athletes.

Said Singapore Silat Federation president Abdullah Shafiie Sidik: "It is heartening to see silat gaining momentum and popularity not just in Singapore but also around the world."

"I am confident pencak silat will one day be represented at Olympic level."

Tickets are available at the door or from the silat body. For more information, visit www.persisi.org.

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