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SILAT exponent Saiedah Said is on track to clinch Singapore's first Asian Beach Games medal in Bali, Indonesia, after qualifying for the semi-finals of the women's tanding class D (60-65kg).

Up against Vietnam's reigning world and SEA Games champion (over 65kg category) Le Thi Hong Ngoan in the preliminaries yesterday, the 23-year old stood her ground for a 5-0 win over the Vietnamese.

"Fighting on sand is difficult as you need balance and stamina," said Saiedah. "But my strategy was to use my experience and everything went smoothly for me."

Saiedah will face off against Brunei's Siti Zuliza Omar in today's semi-final, while her team-mate, last year's world champion Muhammad Razif

LOW LIN FHOONG

Mokhlas, takes on Thailand's Sakda Rungsombat in the last four of the men's tanding class H (80-85kg). Razif defeated Indonesian exponent Pranoto Pranoto 3-2 on Saturday to earn his spot in the semis.

Woodball athlete Ng Yeow Gim was Singapore's top finisher in the men's event after finishing second with 168 points after Preliminary 2.

In the women's competition, Chang Gek Hong is in 12th spot after round 2.

Thirty-six Singaporean athletes are competing in seven sports — beach basketball, beach pencak silat, bodybuilding, sailing, triathlon, windsurfing, and woodball — at the inaugural Asian Beach Games in Bali, which started Saturday and ends on Oct 26.