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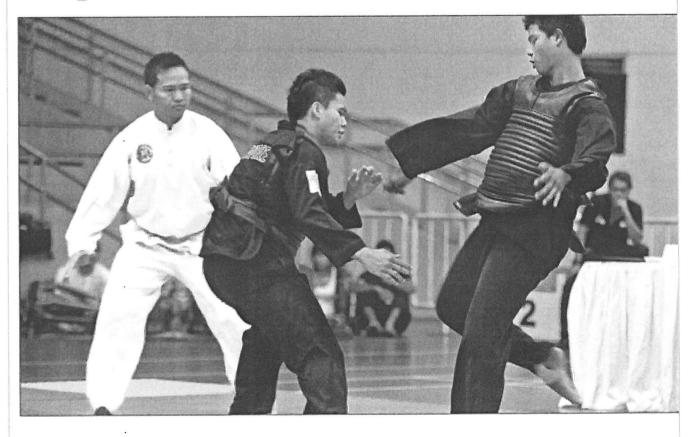
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SINGAPORE'S national team captain Muhamad Shakir (red belt) in combat against Hairul Anuar (blue belt) of Johor in the Men's Class I final at the 7th Sijori Pencak Silat Championships yesterday.

Shakir, 23, won 5-0 and was also crowned the best male pesilat (athlete) of the competition.

The three-day event at the Bedok Sports Hall saw 143 participants from Singapore and 10 regions across Malaysia and Indonesia taking part.

Singapore emerged as the overall champions for the seventh successive year.

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