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MUHD Shakir Juanda clinched the Male Match Class 'I' (85-90kg) world title on the last day of the World Pencak Silat Championships in Chiang Rai, Thailand, yesterday.

Shakir beat opponents from Russia, the UK and Holland by 5-0 margins to qualify for yesterday's final against Vietnam's Le Si Kien.

Singapore Silat Federation chief executive officer Sheik Alauddin, who served as the team manager and head of contingent, said that the 24-year-old was pushed hard in the first two rounds of the final, but won the title with a 3-2 scoreline.

Singapore also scored bronzes in seven other categories and will return home tonight.

