KIROMAL KATIBIN BREAKS HIS FIFTH WORLD RECORD, SETS THE BAR AT FIVE SECONDS FLAT!

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The International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) World Cup in Chamonix, France, opened with another stunning performance signed by Indonesian Speed climber <u>Kiromal Katibin</u>, who set a new men's Speed world record for the fifth time since May 2021.

The 21-year-old from Batang, Central Java, shocked the crowd that gathered at Place du Mont Blanc on a sunny afternoon, stopping the clock at 5.00 seconds flat and writing another page in his personal history book of records.

Katibin, indeed, first broke the men's Speed world record in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, where he hit the finish pad at 5.25 seconds on 28 May 2021; in the following 14 months, he then set four more records: 5.17 in Seoul, South Korea; 5.10 in Salt Lake City; 5.09 and 5.04 in Villars, Switzerland, one week ago.

Taking second place in the qualification was <u>Zhang Liang</u> of China, with 5.15; <u>Cao Long</u>, also of China, placed third with 5.16.

For the men's Speed qualification full results <u>click here</u>.

After securing the women's Speed gold medal in Villars, Switzerland, one week ago, <u>Deng Lijuan</u> of China placed at the top of the qualification ranking in Chamonix with 6.74 seconds - a new Asian record.

Rajiah Sallsabillah of Indonesia and Aleksandra Kalucka of Poland also finished below the 7-second mark, and respectively placed second with 6.85, and third with 6.87.

For the women's Speed qualification full results click here.

Several national records were also set during the Speed qualification rounds. In the women's event, Jeong Jimin of South Korea finished with 7.39; while in the men's one:

- Chan Cheung-chi Shoji of Hong Kong, China finished with 6.05;
- Matthew Fall of Great Britain finished with 6.55;
- Michael Finn-Henry of Canada finished with 5.69;
- Sebastian Lucke of Germany finished with 5.64;
- Omasa Ryo of Japan finished with 5.58; and











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• Valentin Sternik of Argentina finished with 7.21.

The IFSC Lead and Speed World Cup in Chamonix will continue tomorrow: the men's and women's Lead qualification rounds will begin at 9:00 AM (UTC+2:00), while Speed finals are scheduled at 9:00 PM.

News and updates about the event will also be available on the <u>IFSC website</u>, and on the Federation's social media channels: <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and <u>Twitter</u>.

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