

## Kickboxing: A Silver Shot in the Arm for SEA Games

*Nazri beats the world number 8 country to claim Singapore's first Ring medal at an European-level cup*

**Singapore, 9 May 2023** – Singapore made its mark nearly 10,000km away, in the capital of Bosnia & Herzegovina as kickboxing pioneer, Nazri Sutari, seized his first Ring sport medal at the World Association of Kickboxing Organizations (WAKO) Sarajevo European Cup.

In a thrilling semi-final which saw Nazri come back from a trailing first round, the kickboxing trailblazer regained composure to skillfully dominate the remaining two to defeat his North Macedonian adversary, Ahmeti Metin in the 71kg Low Kick event. The country is ranked eighth in the world for the Low Kick discipline.

Nazri fought down to the wire, settling for silver after a narrow loss in the finals against Montenegro's Nemanja Cadjjenovic, the reigning champion.

En route his quest for the republic's first kickboxing medal at the South East Asian Games (SEA Games), this silver will be a shot in the arm for Nazri's third outing in four days' time. Nazri increases his *personal best* medal haul for the republic totaling 4 medals, comprising of 2 silvers and 2 bronze.



Speaking just before he boarded the plane back to Singapore, Nazri shares, *"With every successive competition, I accomplish a greater achievement than before. My coach (Aleksandar Topic) and I noticed this upward progression after conducting a post-fight reflection, so I believe we're heading in the right direction. 7 months ago, I got bronze and now silver. So I'm definitely going to keep aiming higher."*

Alluding to his upcoming SEA Games event, Nazri adds on, *"This silver couldn't have come at a better time. It's a real confidence booster just before I head into the competition. Right now, I'm really fired up and just raring to go."*

President of Kickboxing Federation of Singapore (KFS), Jason Lim comments, *"As humans, sometimes we need reminders of what we're capable of to push us further. I believe this is exactly what*

*Nazri needed for the final leg of this journey. Aside from that, I am very proud of what he has accomplished. To sacrifice everything, train and compete overseas, produce great results, to be able to do all this alone is a feat by itself."*

Nazri and his coach, Aleksandar Topic, will fly into Singapore at 9:25pm tonight, and will depart for Cambodia at 12:05pm the next day.

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## **About Kickboxing Federation of Singapore**

Kickboxing Federation of Singapore (KFS) is the appointed national representative of the World Association of Kickboxing Organizations (WAKO) – the world’s sole governing body for the sport.



KFS is the governing body for the sport of Kickboxing in Singapore and is recognized as a National Sports Association (NSA) by Sport Singapore (Sports) – the Sport Ministry in Singapore.

In addition, KFS is a recognised member of Singapore National Olympic Council (SNOC).

KFS’s SNOC membership can be found on their official directory:

<http://www.singaporeolympics.com/members/>

## **Mission**

To be the beacon for Kickboxing in Singapore, promoting it as a wholesome sport for ALL and nurturing those with the attributes for “competitive Kickboxing” to realise their maximum potential.

## **Vision**

- To become one of the leading nations in the sport; at SEA Games, Asian Games and World Level.
- To develop, groom and nurture talent; and to consistently compete and perform at the highest levels across the national squad, and all major international championships.
- To become a regional hub for Kickboxing in South East Asia.

## **Objective**

We aim to develop the sport of Kickboxing in Singapore by providing:

- Kickboxing as a Sport and/or Fitness activity to everybody regardless of age, gender and race.
- Competition opportunities at National, South-East Asia, Asian and International Levels.
- An avenue to reach out to at-risk youths.

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