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A HISTORIC ADVENTURE AND RECORD MEDAL HAUL FOR AFRICAN YOUTH



Dakar, Senegal, 13 November 2026 - The Olympic flame has been extinguished in Dakar, where Senegal hosted the first Olympic sports event ever held on African soil. Young African athletes delivered the continent's best-ever performance in the history of the Youth Olympic Games.

With 76 medals - 27 gold, 17 silver and 32 bronze - African delegations surpassed by 20 medals the previous record of 56, set in Buenos Aires in 2018.

At the closing ceremony, ANOCA President Mustapha Berraf delivered the following message on behalf of the 54 African NOCs:

"***How joyful it is to see the world's youth gathered here in Dakar! We shared your excitement, celebrated your victories and applauded your courage in difficult moments. These Games were yours. Thank you for making them a celebration for us all.***



To you, young African athletes, I want to say just how proud we are of you. These 76 medals are yours. Savour this success. It rewards your years of hard work and evidences the strong support of your coaches and families. Somewhere in Africa, a child watched you compete and thought to themselves, 'One day, I can do that too.' The confidence you have instilled is one of the finest legacies of Dakar.

To the 54 African NOCs, I express my deepest gratitude and respect. Well done to your teams. I know the work involved in preparing a delegation, from the initial selection process right through to the day the athletes compete. I also know what it takes when resources are limited. You believed in these young people and worked to ensure they gave their best in Dakar. This success is yours too. It commits us to opening this same path to more young people in each of our countries.



To the NOCs of the Caribbean, Asia, Oceania, the Americas and Europe, thank you for the work you did with your coaches and teams to prepare your delegations and support your athletes throughout the Games. Senegal and Africa were proud to welcome you to this maiden Olympic event on our continent.

My heartfelt thanks go to the President of the Republic of Senegal and to the people of Senegal for their warm welcome. Thank you to the Senegal National Olympic and Sports Committee, the Organising Committee, the national and local authorities, the public and private partners, the security forces and the volunteers. You made the world's youth feel at home in Dakar.

On behalf of the 54 African NOCs, I would like to thank the IOC and President Kirsty Coventry. Thank you for the trust placed in Senegal and Africa, and for your support throughout the preparation and staging of these Games. Thanks to that trust, an entire generation experienced an exceptional Olympic event on African soil.



In Dakar, we saw young people from across the world joining hands after a race, comforting one another after a defeat and celebrating a victory together. Some did not speak the same language, yet they found the gestures that expressed the respect, friendship and love we can show one another.

This is how sport contributes to peace. It affords us the opportunity to meet, to get to know one another and to discover what we have in common. To all of you who lived these moments in Dakar, take this friendship home with you and keep it alive in your communities.

This, too, is the legacy you are leaving to the world.

To you, the young people of Africa and the world, I want to say this: dream big, aim for the highest peaks and keep the joy of practising your sport alive. It is up to us, the leaders of the Olympic Movement, to provide you with the means to go as far as your talent and hard work can take you. This starts with a place to train, someone to guide you and a chance to compete.

Thank you, Dakar. Thank you, Senegal. And well done to the youth of the world."

Mustapha Berraf

Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA)


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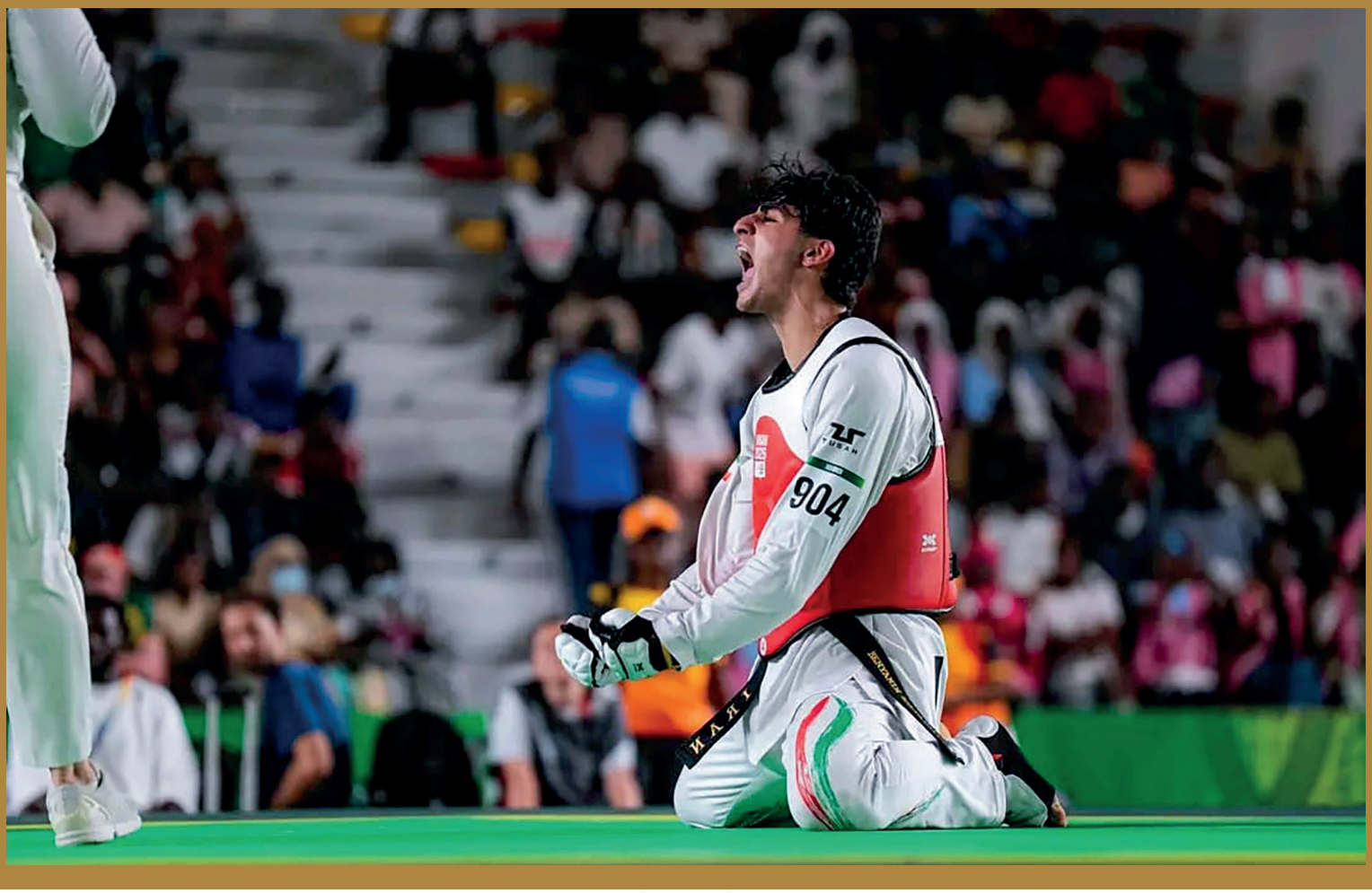
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TABLEAU DES MÉDAILLES AUX JOJ DAKAR 2026

1	Rép. Populaire de Chine	18	8	7
2	Japon	11	8	9
3	Russie	8	4	2
4	Égypte	6	1	5
5	Éthiopie	5	3	0
6	Sénégal	5	0	7
7	France	4	5	4
8	Kenya	4	2	0
9	Afrique du Sud	3	5	3
10	Croatie	3	4	0





Thank you
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