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## **Singapore para athletes clinches 6 medals at World Para Athletics Grand Prix - Marrakech 2023**

- Four of five TeamSG para athletes are returning with medals - 3 gold, 2 silver, and 1 bronze
- Paralympian long jumper Suhairi Bin Suhani misses out with a hamstring injury
- Newcomer James Ethan Ang broke 2 national records, with 1 gold and 1 silver in tow

Marrakech, the third leg in the 2023 World Para Athlete (WPA) Grand Prix, saw an exciting series of competitions as more than 400 para athletes competed for the titles. Singapore para athletes made a great showing with 6 medals, coming in 10th out of 33 countries on the medal tally table – winning 3 gold, 2 silver, and 1 bronze medal.



*From left to right: James Ethan Ang, Samba Coulibaly, Youssef Coulibaly*

Barely in his second Grand Prix, James Ethan Ang blazed his way to a gold in the men's 200m - T13/47 with a timing of 23.09s, and a silver in the men's 100m - T13 with a timing of 11.56s. Both timings saw him break national records and personal bests. His debut at the Dubai Grand Prix back in February 2023 had seen him take home the bronze in 400m T13 category.

Lionel Toh Jun Jie took a silver in the men's 100m - T37, and a bronze in the men's 200m - T35/36/37/38/46/47 categories. In the women's 100m - T35/36 category, Maisarah Binte Mohamed Hassan won a gold. Paralympian Muhammad Diroy Bin Noordin also did not disappoint and won a gold in the Shot Put - F40/41 category. However, Paralympian Suhairi Bin Suhani had to pull out from his event due to a hamstring injury.

Four of the athletes - James Ethan Ang, Muhammad Diroy Bin Noordin, Suhairi Bin Suhani and Maisarah Binte Mohamed - have qualified for the World Para Athletics World Championships 2023, which will happen in Paris this July.

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#### **Annex A: Medal Winners**

<b>Athlete Name</b>	<b>Sport/Classification</b>	<b>Medal</b>	<b>Mark</b>
James Ethan Ang	100m - T13	Silver	11.56s (PB & NR)
James Ethan Ang	200m - T13/47	Gold	23.09s (PB & NR)
Lionel Toh Jun Jie	100m - T37	Silver	13.74s
Lionel Toh Jun Jie	200m - T35/36/37/38/46/47	Bronze	28.88s
Maisarah Binte Mohamed Hassan	100m - T35/36	Gold	17.39s
Muhammad Diroy Bin Noordin	Shot Put - F40/41	Gold	8.70 / 568 points

#### **Annex B: WPA Classifications**

Please check <https://www.paralympic.org/athletics/classification> for indepth information on how our para athletes are classified.