

Bronze for Leyanis Perez at World Athletics Championships in Budapest

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Havana, August 25 (RHC) -- Cuba's Leyanis Perez won the bronze medal in the final of the triple jump, corresponding to the 19th World Athletics Championships in Budapest, Hungary, which runs until Sunday, the 27th.

Perez, who placed fourth at the 2022 World Championships in Eugene, Hungary, this time was able to climb the podium and confirm his place among the elite of this event in the world, with a mark of 14.96 meters (m) in his first attempt, only two centimeters away from his personal best.

In a competition of high quality level, the young girl from Cuba was in second place until the sixth and last round, but was relegated to third place by the extra class Venezuelan Yulimar Rojas, Olympic and universal champion and world record holder.

After five attempts, Rojas was in an unknown eighth place, but she pulled out her exceptional triple jumping skills to jump 15.08 m, which allowed her to reach the gold medal, a result expected by all.

Ukraine's Maryna Beck-Romanchuk (15.00 m) took the silver medal in that discipline, while another athlete from the island, Liadagmis Povea (14.87 m), finished in sixth place, according to the official website of World Athletics.

Povea, fifth at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, with her performance showed once again that she is among the best in the triple jump, although she is still a little short of the longed-for podium.

The Venezuelan and the two Cubans were the three medalists last July at the Central American and Caribbean Games in San Salvador, in a competition of great quality that had a second chapter on Hungarian soil.

So far, the delegation of the Caribbean nation has a silver medal and two bronze medals in this universal competition, a harvest that began with the triples players Lazaro Martinez and Cristian Napoles, second and third, respectively.

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