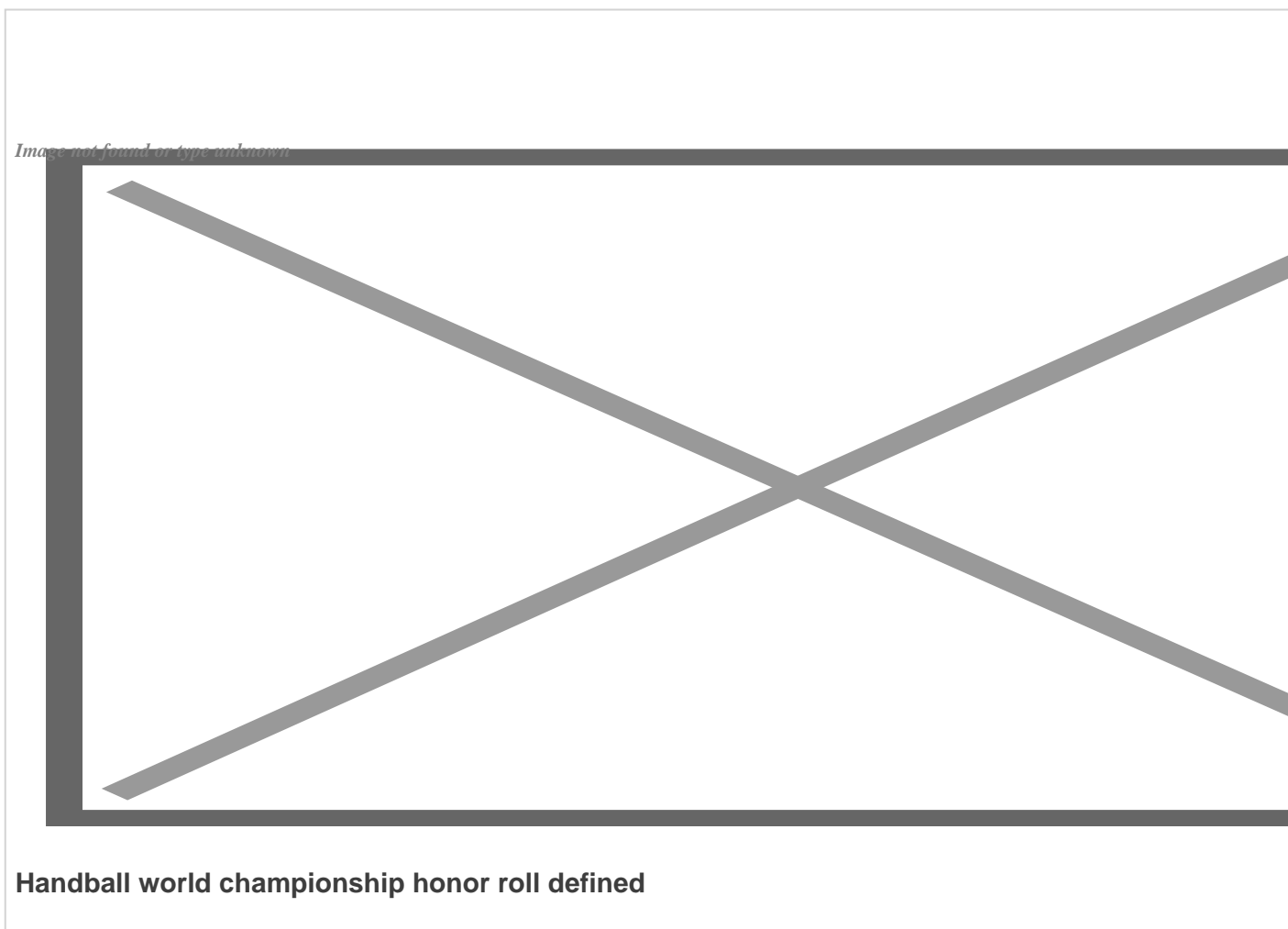


# *Handball world championship honor roll defined*

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Havana, December 16 (RHC)-- With its honor roll defined, the women's handball World Championship of Spain 2021 is going through another rest day today on the way to the medal dispute this weekend.

With a safe place among the big four, France, Norway, Denmark and the hosts will take to the Palacio de los Deportes tomorrow in search of a victory on their way to Sunday's final.

Of the quartet of teams in the semifinal stage, only the locals, reigning runners-up, repeat the podium of the previous edition of Kumamoto 2019, after the elimination of Russia (bronze) in the quarterfinal stage and the Netherlands (gold) in the main round.

France, Olympic king of Tokyo 2020, comes out as favorite in the duel against Denmark in pursuit of maintaining its pretensions of conquering its sixth award at this level, after the championships of 2003 and 2017 and the second places in 1999, 2009 and 2011.

In the other semi-final series, the Spaniards will bet on home advantage and the talent of this generation to try to overcome the Norwegians, who have already matched their performance of four years ago.

In the absence of the medal race, the teams from Sweden, Brazil, Germany, Russia, the Netherlands and Hungary, in that order, make up the top ten of the 25th edition of the competition, which brought together 32 teams in several Spanish cities.

With its third best performance in history, Brazil led the teams from the Americas in the universal competition, which also included the participation of Puerto Rico (20), Argentina (21) and Paraguay (29).

Angola confirmed its position as Africa's best exponent by beating Slovakia 23-21 in the final of the President's Cup, a tournament that involved the eight teams eliminated in the first phase of the World Cup.

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