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Havana, June 15 (RHC) - Cuban Leyanis Perez continues to be consecrated in the triple jump elite. At the fifth stop of the Diamond League, this Thursday in Oslo (Norway), she improved her personal best for the third time in the season and forced the phenomenal Yulimar Rojas to take the extra.

With a mark of 14.87m +1.4 m/s, the talented 21-year-old athlete escorted on the podium the Olympic and world champion Yulimar (14.91), and surpassed the 14.84 with which she won last May 28 at the second stop of the League, in Rabat (Morocco).

Fourth in the last World Championships in Eugene and Ibero-American champion, Ricardo Ponce's student is going through a spectacular season, in which besides improving in almost all her performances in the triple jump, she also achieved a personal record in the long jump (6.52m).

The greatest talent in Cuban athletics at the present time intends to double in both events at the nearby Centrocariibes in San Salvador, where a top-level competition is expected with the top three in the world list in the triple jump: Yulimar, Leyanis and the Cuban Liadagmis Povea (third with 14.83m).

Now in Oslo, behind Yulimar and Leyanis was Ukrainian Romanchuk (14.75m), also her most outstanding record of the season.

Leyanis' sequence was impressive, with all her jumps valid and above 14.54.

Cuban athletics is on a successful tour of Europe, where in addition to Leyanis other figures have stood out, such as the young discus athlete Silinda Morales, who on Wednesday in Castellón, Spain, broke her personal best and set it at 65.06m, and the high jumper Luis Zayas, who also set a personal record of 2.31m a few days ago in San Vito, Italy.

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