

Three more track and field stars set off for the World Championships



Yunisleidys, Greisys, Jocelyn and coach Bilirs

Havana, August 14 (RHC) - Three members of the Cuban delegation to the World Athletics Championships in Budapest (Hungary) traveled to Guadalajara (Spain) and then flew to the World Championships.

They are the brand new national record holder in the 100m, Yunisleidys García, the best short hurdler of Cuba, Greysis Roble and the 18-year-old Jocelyn Echazabal (substitute in the 4x100 and 4x400 relays).

The trio of girls made the trip with trainer Feliciano Bilirs "el Bily".

Seven of the leading figures of the 21-athlete team are already in Budapest, at the Olympic Training Center, where they have put the finishing touches to their preparation.

Others have remained at the base in Guadalajara and the rest of the group will travel in the next few hours to Europe from Havana in the company of the main directors of Cuban athletics.

In Budapest, which celebrates the 40th anniversary of the start of the World Championships in Helsinki-83, Cuba will seek to return to the podium that eluded it for the first time in history in the last version of Eugene-2022.

In the historical medal tally of the world championships, Cuba ranks an outstanding eighth among more than 200 countries with 60 medals (22-24-14). Its best performance dates back to Athens-97, where it finished third behind the United States and Germany, with six medals, including four titles won by Javier Sotomayor (high jump), Iván Pedroso (long jump), Yoelbis Quesada (triple jump) and Ana Fidelia Quiros (800m).

In the so-called golden decades of Cuban athletics (1990s and 2000s), Cuba won 53 medals (20-24-9).

Its greatest World Cup harvest took place in Helsinki-2005 when it won seven medals (3-3-1).

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