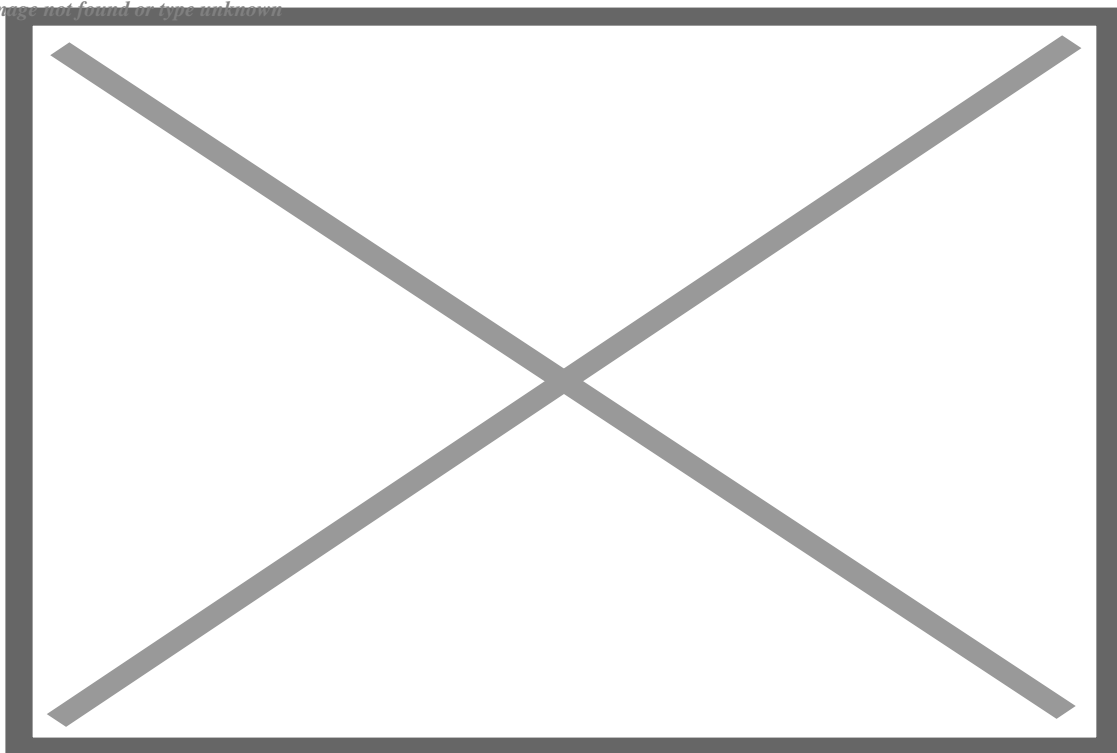


Cuban swimmers perform discreetly at the World Aquatic Sports Championships

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Elisbet Gámez

Havana, February 13 (Cubadebate) --The three Cuban swimmers present at the World Aquatic Sports Championship, held in the Qatari city of Doha, have so far discreet performances, although on Tuesday Elisbet Gámez somewhat improved the results with her performance in the preliminaries of the 200-meter freestyle.

The Cuban swimmer -national record holder with 1:58.55- ended up in 27th place among the 50 women in competition, after finishing eighth in her qualifying heat. Even so, that performance placed her fourth in the Americas in a tournament that represents her sixth incursion in world events.

Before this presentation, the best Cuban swimmer of the moment closed her participation in the 400 meters freestyle with a time of 4:19.91, enough for the 25th place and also far from her maximum mark of 4:13.05, which also represents the Cuban record in this distance.

Rodolfo Falcón Jr. also competed for the island, but he finished 42nd and second to last in the 800 meters freestyle. In that event, the Antillean finished with a time of 8:38.90, far away from his maximum time of 8:16.24 and even from the good results obtained in the last weeks in several competitions in Puerto Rico.

The other representative of the Island's swimmers present in Doha is Andrea Becali, but she finished in 31st place in the 100m backstroke. Unlike what happened so far with her teammates, the Cuban swimmer registered 1:04.22, close to her historical maximum of 1:03.79 in this specialty.

The trio of Cubans still have one more presentation each in the Qatari city. Thus, Andrea herself will be on February 16 in the heats of the 200-meter backstroke, while Elisbet will start a day earlier in the 100-meter freestyle and Rodolfo will try to get closer to his best times in the 1500-meter freestyle on February 17.

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