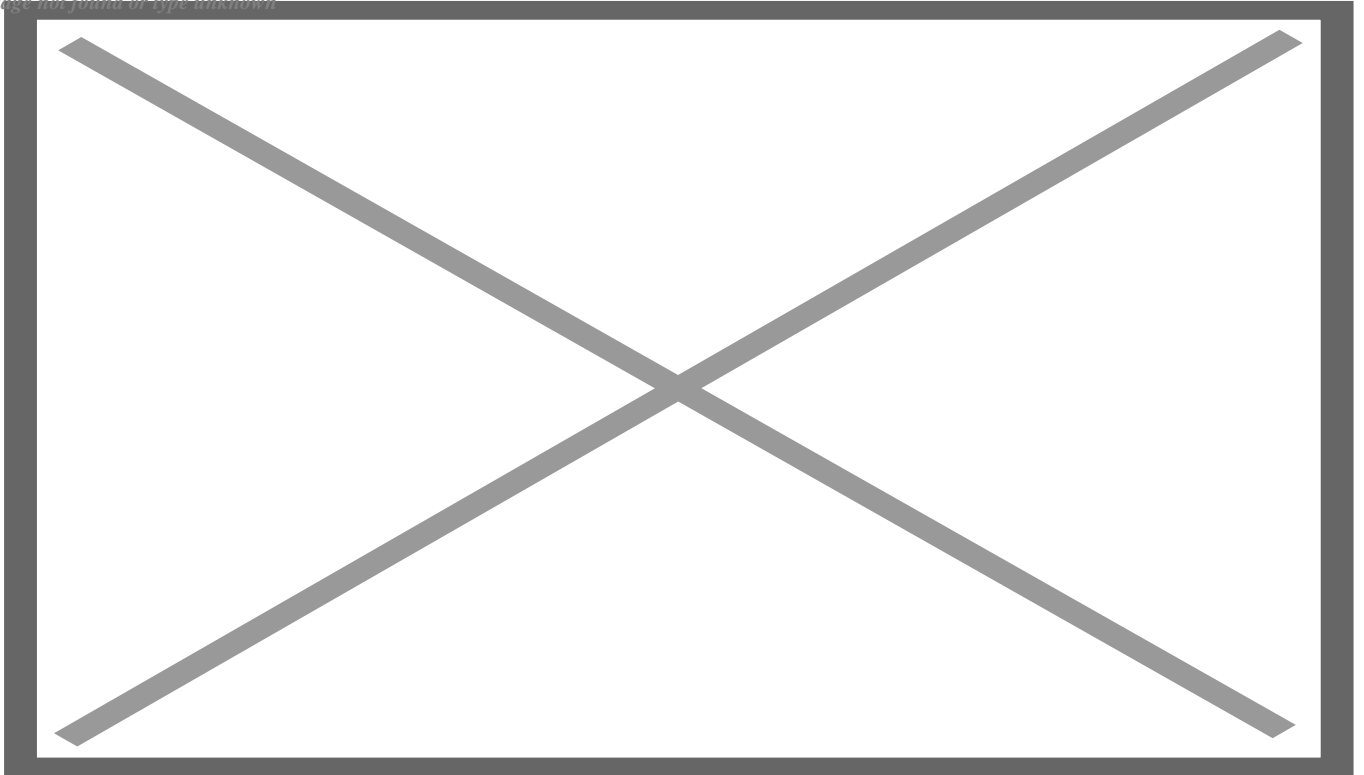


Cuban judoka to open new Olympic cycle for France

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Havana, January 29 (ACN)-- Cuban judo fighters will open in France the new Olympic cycle towards Paris 2024, without forgetting the Central American and Caribbean Games in San Salvador and the Pan American Games in Santiago de Chile, in both cases in 2023.

In the list of 12 male and female athletes, the absences of three athletes who were in the event under the five rings of Tokyo 2020-21, Idalis Ortiz, in the over 78 kilograms (kg), Kaliema Antomarchi (78 kg) and Magdiel Estrada (73 kg), as well as the inclusion of several young figures, stand out.

Ortiz won the silver medal in the Japanese capital and plans to attend Paris, where he could win his fifth medal at this level (1-2-1), while Antomarchi -fifth place- and Estrada were left off the podium.

Rafael Manso, president of the National Judo Federation, confirmed to the Cuban News Agency that they plan to leave for France next week and set up a training base to attend four Grand Slams from there.

The first one will be in Paris, on February 5 and 6, to be followed, according to plans, by those of Tel Aviv (February 17-19), Tbilisi (March 25-27) and Antalya (April 1-3).

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