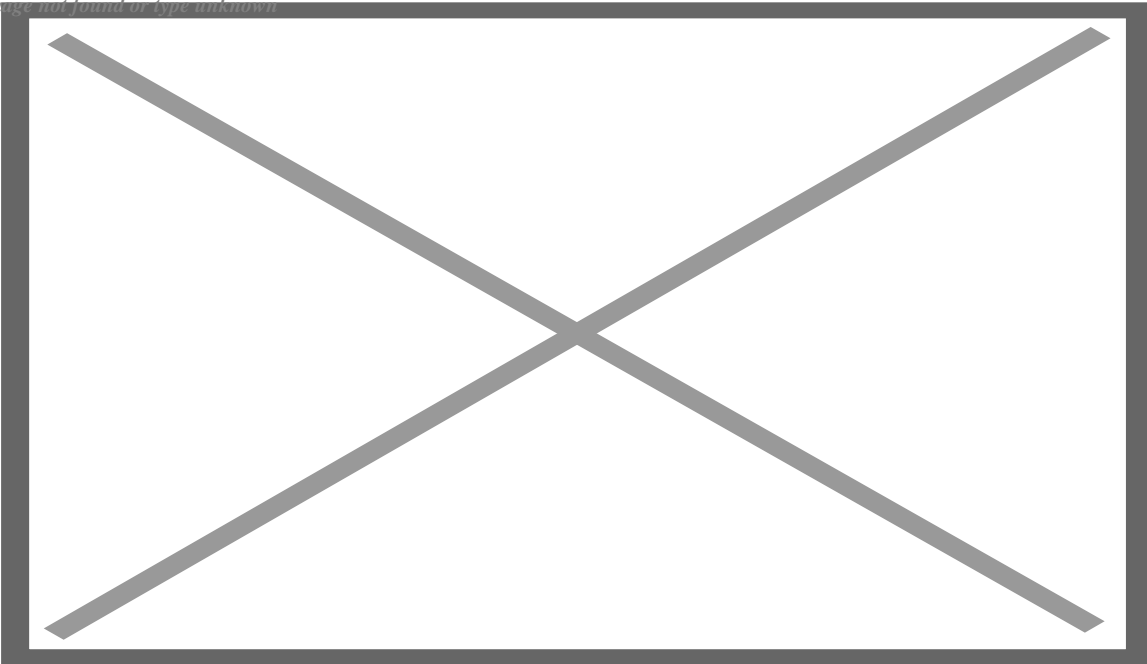


Yerisbel leads alone in Central American chess tournament

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Yerisbel Miranda

Havana, May 18 (JIT) - Yerisbel Miranda completed four points out of a possible five and remained the leader of the Central American Women's Chess Championship, which has already passed the halfway point of its schedule in the city of Santa Clara.

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