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Il giallo si infittisce, le voci si rincorrono e si contraddicono, la judoka Wojdan sta diventando il caso delle Olimpiadi. Questa ragazzina di 16 anni, non si aspettava neanche di diventare una caso geopolitico mondiale. Quando giorno 18 luglio fu annunciato la partecipazione in estremo delle due atlete saudite, per una volta il regno saudito ebbe un plauso planetario. Riporto le parole dello stesso presidente della federazione mondiale di Judo , Marius Vizer, pubblicate sul sito della federazione mondiale di judo <http://www.ijf.org> .

Saudi Female Judoka to Compete in London 2012

The IOC is pleased to announce that it has received confirmation from the Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee that two female athletes will compete for Saudi Arabia at the London Games.

The two athletes are:

- Wodjan Ali Seraj Abdulrahim Shahrkhani - judo, women's +78kg
- Sarah Attar - athletics, women's 800m

The athletes, invited by the IOC, were entered by the Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee by July.

"This is very positive news and we will be delighted to welcome these two athletes in London," said IOC President Jacques Rogge. "The IOC has been working very closely with the Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee and I am pleased to see that our continued dialogue has come to fruition. The IOC aims to ensure a greater gender balance at the Olympic Games, and today's news can be seen as a positive evolution. With Saudi Arabian female athletes now joining their fellow female competitors from other countries, it means that by London 2012 every National Olympic Committee will have sent female athletes to the Games," he added.

Judo can be Proud

The IJF is also very pleased that judo has been chosen for that important premiere. "It is a great honor for our sport and all the efforts that we are doing to promote gender equality", declared the President. Actually, the IJF, which is very active to promote equal access to sports for men and women, has been demonstrating over the past years that equality of gender was not simply words. For instance, the IJF has implemented a schedule between female and male competition and in all IJF events, men and women are competing on the same schedule. The same prize money amounts are also given to all the athletes who are present in the same event. Beyond those sports aspects, the equality of gender is a central theme of all the Judo for Peace and Judo and Police and Army commission. "The judo world can be proud of that decision",

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