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# UIPM 2025 PENTATHLON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: SHABAN (EGY) IMPRESSES IN MEN'S QUALIFICATION

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**Mohanad Shaban** of **Egypt** led the way on the first day of the UIPM 2025 Pentathlon World Championships with the highest score during Men's Qualification.

Shaban (EGY), Paris 2024 Olympian and UIPM 2023 Pentathlon World Cup Final winner, racked up an impressive 1,552 points as he dominated Group B, with team-mate **Omar Amer** (EGY) finishing 2nd ahead of **Yuriy Kovalchuk** of **Ukraine**.

Earlier, the hopes of the host nation had been enriched by the performance of **Jonas Kalaminskas** of **Lithuania** in topping Group A with 1,511 points, the local favourite finishing 1sec ahead of **Valentin Belaud** of **France**, **Juan Ochoa** of **Guatemala** and **Giorgio Malan** of **Italy**.

The Obstacle discipline in Group B was dominated by **United States** duo **Kian O'Boyle** and **Luke Filar**, but neither was able to qualify for the Semi-finals.

Group C ended with another Egyptian, **Mohamed El Ashqar** (EGY), crossing first with 1,547

points having set a new Obstacle world record of 21:16sec. **Matej Lukes** of **Czechia** was 8sec behind him on the finish line, just ahead of **Mohamed Hassan** (EGY).

With each National Federation permitted a maximum of four athletes in the Semi-finals, Egypt selected **Moutaz Mohamed** (EGY), Shaban (EGY), El Ashqar (EGY) and Hassan (EGY) to carry their hopes forward.

Reigning world champion **Csaba Bohm** and 2024 silver medallist **Balasz Szep** of **Hungary** were also among the successful qualifiers, helping their team overcome the disappointment of losing world No.2 **Mihaly Koleszar** (HUN) to sickness in the morning.

The UIPM 2025 Pentathlon World Championships takes place in Kaunas (LTU) from August 26-30, continuing with Women's Qualification on August 27.

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