

Asian Indoor Athletics: Bangladesh's Jahir Rayhan clinches silver in 400-meter sprint

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Online Desk: Mohammad Jahir Rayhan brought laurel for Bangladesh by clinching first ever silver medal in the Men's 400-meter sprint of the Asian Indoor Athletics held in Tehran Sunday night.

He was the 2nd Bangladeshi athlete after the gold medalist Imranur Rahman, who win a medal in the Asian level meet.

Jahir Rayhan, won first-ever Asian silver medal for Bangladesh as he finished 2nd in the 400-meter sprint with a timing of 48.10 seconds.

Earlier, Imranur Rahman, the fastest man of Bangladesh for the last three consecutive times, reached the semifinal in his favourite 60-meter sprint of the Asian Indoor Athletics held in the Iranian capital Tehran also on Sunday.

Imranur Rahman, the current gold medalist of the Asian 60- meter sprint, competed in the event's heats number-3 and finished 2nd with a timing of 6.62 seconds on Sunday.

He was ranked 4th in overall heats to reach the semifinals.

Ali Anwar of Oman clinched top slot in heats number -3 clocking 6.56 seconds.

Another Bangladeshi athlete Rakibul also took part in heats number 4 of the event and finished 4th with a timing of 6.87 seconds.

The 30-year-old England-based Bangladesh origin athlete Imranur Rahman brought laurels for the country as he emerged as the first Bangladeshi athlete to win the first- ever Asian gold medal in the men's 60- meter sprint of the 10th Asian Indoor Athletics held in Astana, Kazakhstan February last year.

The event's semifinals are scheduled to be held Sunday night while the final is billed for Monday.

Another Bangladeshi athlete Jahir Raihan will compete in the 400-meter sprint final Sunday night.

Five athletes of the Bangladesh team are: Imranur Rahman, Rakibul Hasan (60-meter sprint), Zahir Raihan (400-meter sprint), Mahfuzur Rahman (High Jump) and Shirin Akhter (60-meter sprint).