

## **RI fighters to join pencak silat contest**

JAKARTA: Indonesia has sent a team to compete at the Second United Kingdom International Pencak Silat Competition in Uxbridge, England, which runs Friday (today) until Sunday.

National fighters are competing against athletes from 14 countries: Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, Malaysia, Nepal, Netherlands, Philippines, Russia, Singapore, Vietnam and the UK.

A release from the organizers said that 125 fighters would compete in 21 *tanding* (sports) and *seni* (artistic) categories.

The organizers hope the event will help promote the sport in the United Kingdom and raise global awareness about its Olympics potential. Pencak silat originated in Indonesia and the Malay archipelago.

The opening of the championships will feature exhibition performances by a team of experts accompanied by Indonesian music and dance. -- *JP*

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