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The zonal athletics, wrestling, karate, judo and basketball competitions were held respectively in Khachmaz, Shamkir, Shirvan, Gusar and Jalilabad from April 24 to 27.

The teams from Guba, Gusar, Khachmaz, Shabran, Siyazan, Khizi districts and Sumgait city competed in the zonal athletics competition, held in Khachmaz Olympic Sports Complex. The teams from Khachmaz, Sumgait and Gusar took 1st, 2nd and 3rd places respectively.

The zonal wrestling competitions were continued in Shamkir Olympic Sports Complex. Wrestlers competed in 5 weight categories (freestyle: 26, 32, 38, 47, 59 kg., Greco-Roman wrestling: 23, 29, 35, 42, 53 kg.) in both styles during the zonal competitions. 178 wrestlers from 18 cities and districts of the republic joined the fight for the title of winner.

The zonal karate competitions were held in Shirvan city. The competition, held in Shamkir Olympic Sports Complex, was attended by teams from Shirvan city, Sabirabad, Ujar, Beylagan, Khojavand, Agajabadi, Zardab and Lachin districts. More than 150 athletes competed in Shotokan and Goju-ryu styles of karate. The teams from Khojavand, Zardab and Lachin districts took 1st, 2nd and 3rd places respectively in Shotokan style of karate. The teams from Shirvan city, Beylagan and Hajigabul districts took 1st, 2nd and 3rd places respectively in Goju-ryu style of karate.

The zonal judo competition was launched in Gusar Olympic Sports Complex. The competition was attended by 92 pupils from Khachmaz, Guba, Gusar, Shabran, Khizi districts and Sumgait city. The teams from Gusar district, Shabran district and Sumgait city took 1st, 2nd and 3rd places respectively in team score.

The zonal basketball competition, held in Jalilabad district, was attended by teams from 10 regions. According to the results of the competitions, held in a tense struggle, the teams from Jalilabad, Salyan and Lankaran districts took 1st, 2nd and 3rd places respectively.

The winners of the zonal competitions were awarded with diplomas and medals of the Ministry of Education.

It should be noted that these competitions, organized within the framework of the agitation campaign, conducted on the eve of the first European Games, will continue until the end of May. More than 6 thousand students are expected to participate in competitions.

The main objective of zonal competitions is to promote 14 kinds of sports, included in the program of the first European Games, among school children, to direct pupils to a healthy lifestyle and to increase the role of physical education and sports in the patriotic upbringing of the pupils.