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TRIBUTE TO SAMEH GUEMEIH (1947-2023)

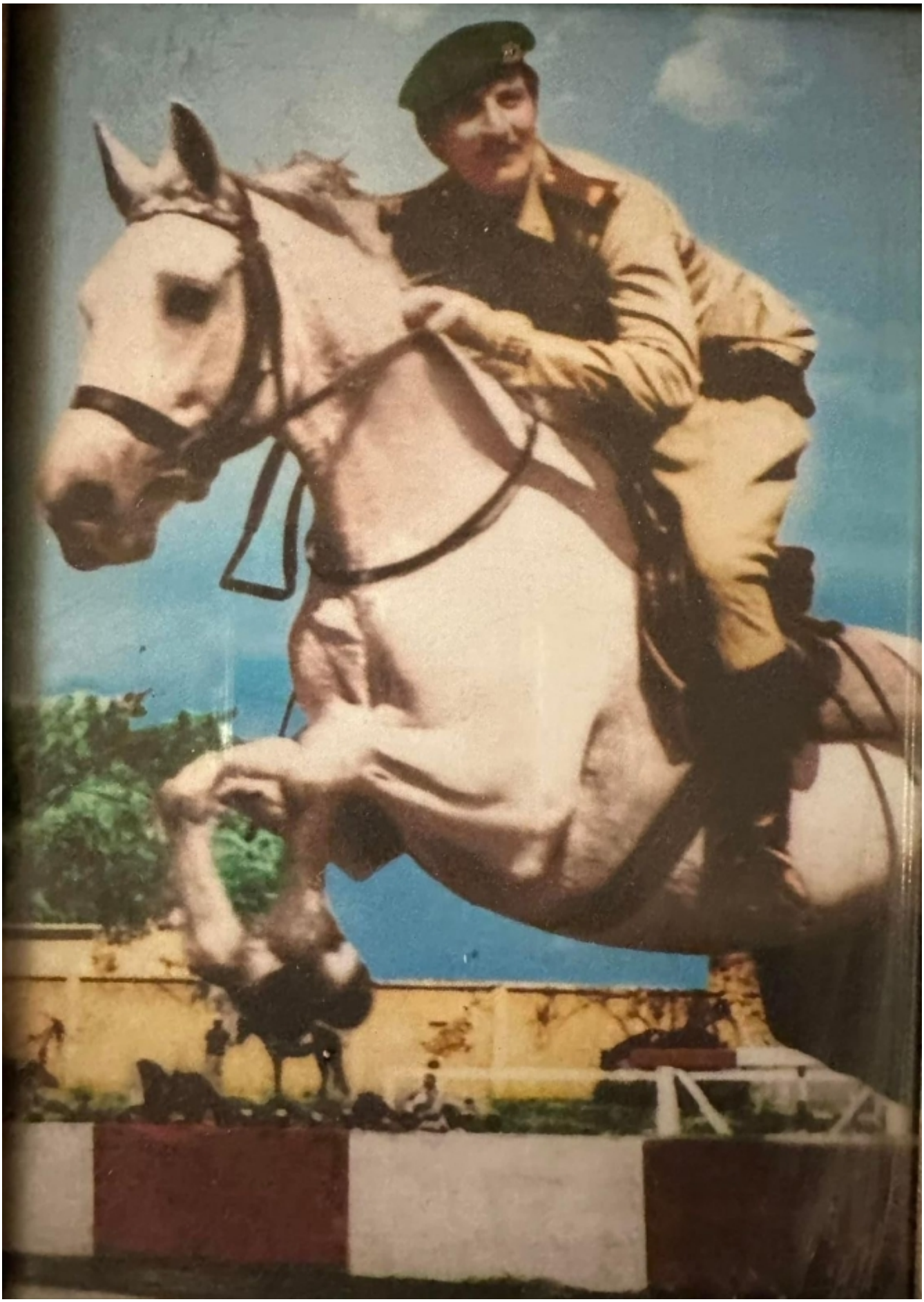
Fond tributes have been paid to one of Modern Pentathlon's greatest leaders and proponents, Sameh Guemeih of Egypt, who died on January 27, 2023.

Sameh played a vital role in the development of the global UIPM Sports movement, across Africa and especially in Egypt, helping the country to become a pillar of the sport in terms of athlete performance and competition organisation.

Sameh served for many years as President of the African Confederation of Modern Pentathlon (CAPM) and sat on the UIPM Executive Board. At the UIPM 2016 Congress in Frankfurt (GER) he was awarded Honorary Membership of UIPM in recognition of his distinguished service to the sport.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "Sameh was a very special person within our movement, and I will personally miss him after working with him for many years, especially during his time as President of CAPM where he joined us on the UIPM Executive Board.

"I always valued his advice and perspective, and this is something I will miss very much. His love

for Modern Pentathlon was only exceeded by his commitment to our athletes and their well-being, and of course his love for his family.

“Our global family is thinking of Sameh’s family and sending love and sympathy.”