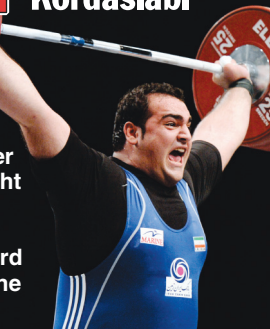




Behdad Salimi Kordasiabi

Iran's super heavyweight champion is current world record holder in the snatch



■ **Born:** December 8, 1989

■ **Birthplace:** Ghaemshahr, Iran

■ **2009:** Wins three gold medals in +105kg (super heavyweight) division at both World Junior and Asian Championships

■ **2010:** Wins gold medal at world championships with total lift of 453kg. Takes gold at Asian Games despite being affected by swine flu

■ **2011:** Retains world title at Paris championships

■ **Personal bests** (all set in 2011)

■ **Snatch:** 214kg (world record)

■ **Clean and Jerk:** 250kg

■ **Total:** 464kg

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