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## Thais dig in to keep an Asian game at the Asian Games



**FANTASTIC FOOTWORK.** Kantana Nanthisen (left, wearing red) of Laos kicks a ball against Thailand's Seksan Tubtong (right, #3, wearing blue) during a men's sepaktakraw team doubles final match at the 18th Asian Games in Palembang, Indonesia. With origins in rural southeast Asian provinces — several countries lay claim to creating it — sepaktakraw is like an aerial soccer or hands-free volleyball game where players can use their feet, knees, heads, elbows, or shoulders to propel a woven, synthetic ball. No hands. See story on page 8. (AP Photo/Vincent Thian)

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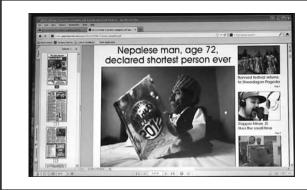
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