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Egypt soccer riot – dozens killed

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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The Egyptian government has declared three days of national mourning after 74 people died in a riot at a soccer game. Rival fans clashed with each other in the city of Port Said. The game was between two of Egypt's top clubs - Al-Masry and Al-Ahly. Hundreds of supporters ran onto the pitch after the match ended. Many were carrying knives and clubs. Many people died from stab wounds, but more were crushed in a stampede as people tried to leave the stadium in fear of their lives.

Egyptians are now questioning where the security forces were at the game and why they could not stop the violence. People are worried by the lack of security that followed last year's revolution. One of Al-Ahly's veteran players, Mohamed Abou-Treika, said on TV: "The security forces left us, they did not protect us. One fan just died in the dressing room in front of me." He added: "This is not football. This is a war and people are dying in front of us....I call for the Premier League to be cancelled."

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. three days of national | a. ran onto the pitch |
| 2. 74 people died | b. mourning |
| 3. Rival fans clashed | c. of their lives |
| 4. Hundreds of supporters | d. with each other |
| 5. people died from stab | e. in a riot |
| 6. in fear | f. wounds |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. security | a. protect us |
| 2. stop | b. of security |
| 3. worried by the lack | c. the violence |
| 4. they did not | d. dying |
| 5. the dressing | e. forces |
| 6. people are | f. room |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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The Egyptian government has declared _____ national mourning after 74 people _____ at a soccer game. Rival fans _____ other in the city of Port Said. The game was between two of Egypt's top clubs - Al-Masry and Al-Ahly. Hundreds of supporters _____ after the match ended. Many _____ and clubs. Many people died from stab wounds, but more were crushed in a stampede as people tried to leave the stadium _____ lives.

Egyptians are _____ where the security forces were at the game and why they could not _____. People are worried by the lack of security that followed last year's revolution. One of Al-Ahly's _____, Mohamed Abou-Treika, said on TV: "The security forces left us, they did _____. One fan just died in _____ in front of me." He added: "This is not football. This is a war and people are dying in front of us....I call for the Premier League to _____."

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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The Egyptian government has (1) _____ three days of national mourning after 74 people died in a (2) _____ at a soccer game. Rival fans clashed with each (3) _____ in the city of Port Said. The game was between two of Egypt's top clubs - Al-Masry and Al-Ahly. Hundreds of supporters ran onto the pitch after the match (4) _____. Many were carrying knives and clubs. Many people died from (5) _____ wounds, but more were crushed in a stampede as people tried to leave the stadium (6) _____ fear of their lives.

Egyptians are now (7) _____ where the security forces were at the game and why they could not stop the violence. People are worried by the (8) _____ of security that (9) _____ last year's revolution. One of Al-Ahly's veteran players, Mohamed Abou-Treika, said on TV: "The security forces left us, they did not (10) _____ us. One fan just died in the dressing room in front of me." He added: "This is not football. This is a war and people are (11) _____ in front of us....I call for the Premier League to be (12) _____."

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| 1. | (a) declare | (b) declares | (c) declared |
| 2. | (a) rot | (b) riot | (c) rote |
| 3. | (a) other | (b) another | (c) others |
| 4. | (a) ending | (b) ended | (c) ends |
| 5. | (a) stub | (b) stab | (c) baste |
| 6. | (a) on | (b) at | (c) in |
| 7. | (a) questioning | (b) questions | (c) questioned |
| 8. | (a) luck | (b) lick | (c) lack |
| 9. | (a) followed | (b) came | (c) tracked |
| 10. | (a) detect | (b) protect | (c) object |
| 11. | (a) dies | (b) death | (c) dying |
| 12. | (a) cancelled | (b) cancel | (c) cancellation |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. three days of tlaianon mourning
2. Rival fans cledsah with each other
3. supporters ran onto the htipc
4. uecdrhs in a stampede
5. leave the matdisu
6. in fear of their isvle

Paragraph 2

7. rtiecsyu forces
8. they could not stop the neolciev
9. People are doeriwr
10. flweoodl last year's revolution
11. they did not tctroep us
12. people are dniyg

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () war and people are dying in front of us....I call for the Premier League to be cancelled.”
- () between two of Egypt’s top clubs - Al-Masry and Al-Ahly. Hundreds of supporters ran
- (**1**) The Egyptian government has declared three days of national mourning after 74 people died
- () in a riot at a soccer game. Rival fans clashed with each other in the city of Port Said. The game was
- () Egyptians are now questioning where the security forces were at the game and
- () as people tried to leave the stadium in fear of their lives.
- () security that followed last year’s revolution. One of Al-Ahly’s veteran
- () players, Mohamed Abou-Treika, said on TV: “The security forces left us, they did not protect
- () why they could not stop the violence. People are worried by the lack of
- () onto the pitch after the match ended. Many were carrying knives and
- () clubs. Many people died from stab wounds, but more were crushed in a stampede
- () us. One fan just died in the dressing room in front of me.” He added: “This is not football. This is a

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With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. national of days three Declared mourning.

2. at a soccer game 74 people died in a riot.

3. fans with other Rival clashed each.

4. Hundreds pitch the onto ran supporters of.

5. fear Leave of the their stadium lives in.

6. where security were Questioning the forces.

7. are of worried security by the People lack.

8. in One the fan dressing just room died.

9. people is are a dying war and This.

10. I the to for League cancelled call Premier be.

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. SOCCER VIOLENCE: Search the Internet and find more information about soccer violence. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about soccer violence. Include imaginary interviews with fans and players. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to a soccer violence expert. Ask him/her three questions about violence. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.