

FIFA suspends Spain coach over unwanted kiss

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Shockwaves are reverberating around Spanish and world football in the wake of a kiss during the medal awards ceremony at the Women's World Cup. Spanish football federation president Luis Rubiales shocked global television

audiences when he grabbed Spanish forward Jenni Hermoso's head and firmly kissed her on the lips. Rubiales has refused to resign, despite many calls for him to do so. Ms Hermoso said: "I believe no person, in any work, sport or social setting should be a victim of this type of non-consensual behaviour. I felt vulnerable and a victim of an impulse-driven, sexist, out-of-place act, without any consent on my part." She added: "Quite simply, I was not respected."

Mr Rubiales maintains he did nothing wrong. He said the kiss was simply a spur-of-the-moment reaction due to being caught up in the emotion of Spain's World Cup success. He apologized for the kiss in a press statement on Monday. Spain's Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez said the apology was 'not enough'. Other ministers called for Rubiales to resign. The Spanish football federation are backing Rubiales. They are taking legal action against Ms Hermoso over her "lies". On Saturday, Spain's entire coaching staff, except for manager Jorge Vilda, resigned over the row. Football's world governing body FIFA have provisionally suspended Rubiales for 90 days pending an investigation into the kiss.

Sources: [bbc.com](https://www.bbc.com) / [yahoo.com](https://www.yahoo.com) / [goal.com](https://www.goal.com)

Writing

Sexist behaviour will never disappear. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

shockwaves / world football / kiss / medal / shocked / resign / sport / social setting / reaction / emotion / apology / legal action / lies / coaching / staff / investigation

True / False

- 1) Aftershocks were felt at the end of the Women's World Cup. T / F
- 2) Luis Rubiales shocked people looking at a stream on the Internet. T / F
- 3) Jenni Hermoso called the kiss non-consensual behaviour. T / F
- 4) Jenni Hermoso said she was not respected. T / F
- 5) Mr Rubiales said the kiss was a compulsive response to Spain's victory. T / F
- 6) Rubiales apologized for the kiss. T / F
- 7) The Spanish football federation has decided to sue Jenni Hermoso. T / F
- 8) FIFA has suspended Mr Rubiales for a month. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. reverberating | a. falsehoods |
| 2. grabbed | b. protests |
| 3. resign | c. agreement |
| 4. victim | d. until |
| 5. consent | e. stand down |
| 6. maintains | f. echoing |
| 7. emotion | g. whole |
| 8. lies | h. injured party |
| 9. entire | i. passion |
| 10. pending | j. seized |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) Is the kiss OK if it was in the spur of the moment?
- c) Is it enough that Luis Rubiales apologized for the kiss?
- d) Should all the Spanish players refuse to play until Rubiales resigns?
- e) What do you think FIFA will decide?
- f) What should FIFA do?
- g) What three adjectives best describe this story?
- h) What questions would you like to ask Luis Rubiales?

Phrase Match

1. shockwaves are reverberating around
 2. in the wake
 3. global television
 4. an impulse-driven, sexist,
 5. without any consent
 6. Rubiales maintains he
 7. a spur-of-the-
 8. due to being caught up
 9. They are taking legal
 10. pending
- a. moment reaction
 - b. out-of-place act
 - c. did nothing wrong
 - d. in the emotion
 - e. action
 - f. Spanish and world football
 - g. an investigation
 - h. of a kiss
 - i. audiences
 - j. on my part

Discussion – Student B

- a) What do you think of Luis Rubiales' actions?
- b) What do you think of women's football?
- c) When will sexism disappear from society?
- d) How can there be more equality in football?
- e) What would you say to Luis Rubiales?
- f) Should Luis Rubiales be fired?
- g) How big is this news in your country?
- h) What advice do you have for Jenni Hermoso?

Spelling

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2. during the medal awards ronemeyc
3. Spanish football fnaerdtieo
4. global television seenuciad
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7. a pusr-of-the-moment reaction
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11. FIFA have ialrviyoposnl suspended Rubiales
12. pending an avoegitntisin into the kiss

Answers – Synonym Match

1. f	2. j	3. e	4. h	5. c
6. b	7. i	8. a	9. g	10. d

Role Play

Role A – Soccer

You think soccer is the best sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sport. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): tennis, athletics or skiing.

Role B – Tennis

You think tennis is the best sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sport. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): soccer, athletics or skiing.

Role C – Athletics

You think athletics is the best sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sport. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): tennis, soccer or skiing.

Role D – Skiing

You think skiing is the best sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their sport. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): tennis, athletics or soccer.

Speaking – Sport

Rank these with your partner. Put the best sport at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Soccer
- Tennis
- Basketball
- Skiing
- Hockey
- Athletics
- Sailing
- Cycling

Answers – True False

1	F	2	F	3	T	4	T	5	F	6	T	7	T	8	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.