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FIFA suspends Spain coach over unwanted kiss – 28th August 2023

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Spanish football is shocked following a kiss at the medal ceremony at the Women's World Cup. Spain's football president Luis Rubiales grabbed Spanish forward Jenni Hermoso's head and kissed her on the lips. Rubiales has refused to resign. Ms Hermoso said: "I believe no person...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."

Mr Rubiales says he did nothing wrong. He said the kiss was a spur-of-the-moment reaction to Spain's World Cup success. He later apologized for the kiss. Spain's Prime Minister said the apology was 'not enough'. Others called for Rubiales to resign. Spain's football federation are backing Rubiales. They are taking legal action against Ms Hermoso. Spain's coaching staff, except for the manager, has resigned over the row. FIFA have suspended Rubiales for 90 days.

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There are shockwaves around Spanish football in the wake of a kiss at the medal awards ceremony at the Women's World Cup. Spanish football president Luis Rubiales shocked television audiences when he grabbed Spanish forward Jenni Hermoso's head and kissed her on the lips. Rubiales has refused to resign. Ms Hermoso said: "I believe no person, in any...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: "I was not respected."

Mr Rubiales says he did nothing wrong. He said the kiss was simply a spur-of-the-moment reaction in the emotion of Spain's World Cup success. He apologized for the kiss in a press statement. Spain's Prime Minister said the apology was 'not enough'. Others called for Rubiales to resign. Spain's football federation are backing Rubiales. They are taking legal action against Ms Hermoso. Spain's entire coaching staff, except for manager Jorge Vilda, has resigned over the row. Football's governing body FIFA have suspended Rubiales for 90 days pending an investigation into the kiss.

Level 6

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.