

Dvorkovich Hospitalized in Charity Soccer Match

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Deputy Prime Minister Arkady Dvorkovich was hospitalized after receiving a head injury during a Russia vs. England charity soccer match, Interfax reported Monday.

The Art-football festival runs from June 2 to 12 and will see teams made up of musicians, artists and "guests of honor" from 16 countries compete in the charity tournament. The matches will take place daily in Moscow's Gorky Park.

Dvorkovich collided in mid-air with an English player during the match on Sunday, part of the Art-football 2013 festival, said Dvorkovich's press secretary, Aliya Samigullina.

Both players were taken off the field after the incident with bloody heads. The English player, Andru Burne, came off worse and was taken straight to hospital with blood flowing from his head. Dvorkovich was able to stop the bleeding and watch the rest of the match, won by the Russians by six goals to one, before going to hospital for treatment.

In hospital he received stitches to his head, and stayed for further monitoring before being discharged Monday morning.

Burne's condition is unknown. "We are hoping that nothing terrible has happened to him," said Samigullina.

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