

# FIFA Fines Russia for Fan's Discriminatory Banner

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FIFA has fined World Cup host Russia 10,000 Swiss francs (\$10,100) after their fans displayed a discriminatory banner during the country's 3-0 World Cup loss to Uruguay.

According to the Associated Press, FIFA and monitoring experts said that the banner had included the number 88, a veiled reference to a neo-Nazi slogan beginning with H, the eighth letter of the alphabet.

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FIFA also fined Serbia 20,000 Swiss francs for a "political and offensive banner" during their 2-0 loss to Brazil at Moscow's Spartak Stadium.

Serbia, who are out of the tournament, were fined for the display of a similar banner, referencing the World War II-era Chetnik nationalist group, earlier in the tournament.

Meanwhile, Mexico was fined 15,000 Swiss francs for crowd disturbance after their fans threw objects during their team's 3-0 loss to Sweden.

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