

Karachi to host SAARC Airlines soccer in June

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KARACHI, May 6: The SAARC Airlines Federation football Cup is likely to be played in Karachi in the last week of June this year.

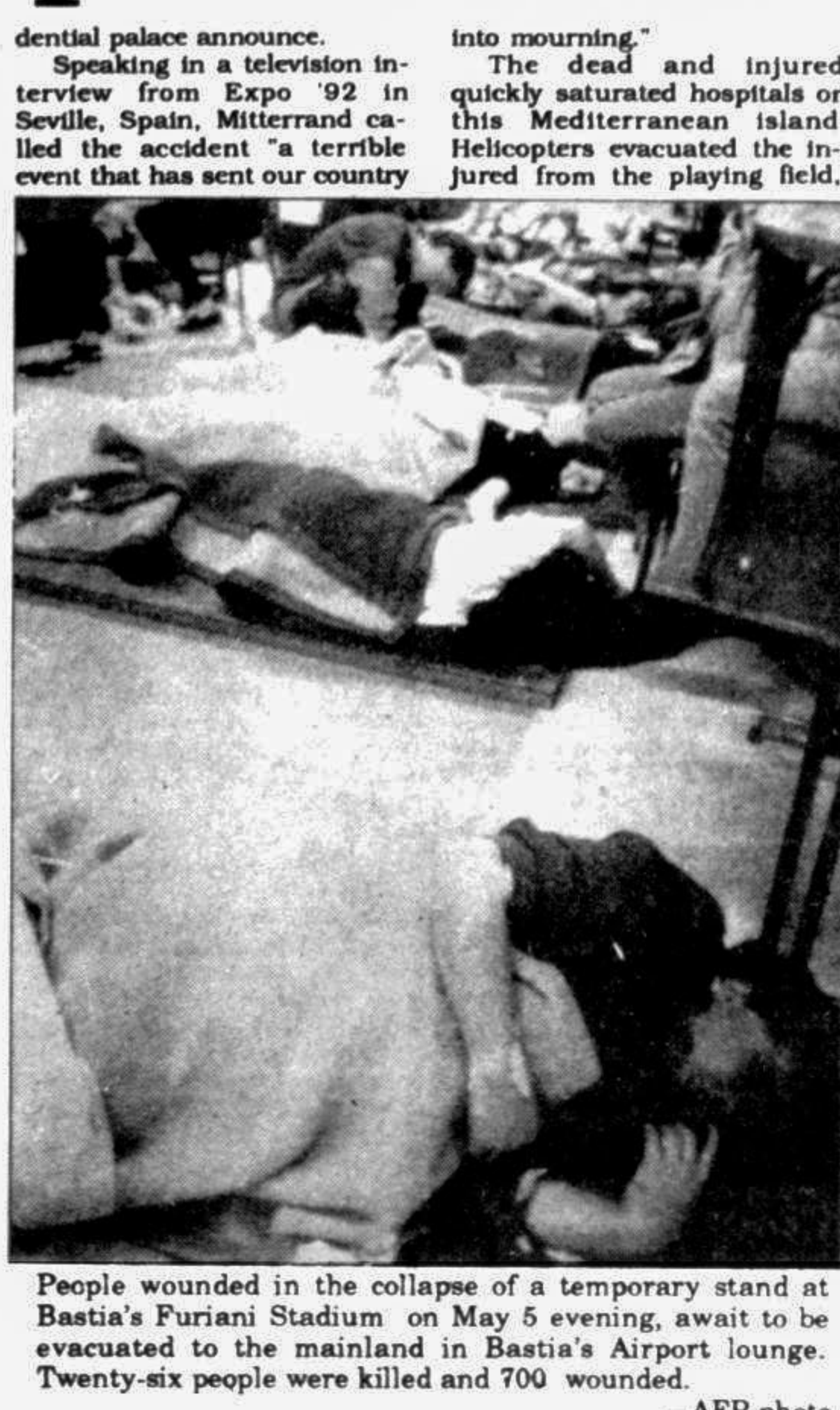
FIFA's sympathy

MONTE CARLO, May 6: The International Football Federation (FIFA) today expressed sympathy for the victims of the Corsica Stadium disaster in which 20 fans were killed when a temporary stand collapsed, reports Reuter.

"We feel great sadness that once again our sport has been hit by such a tragedy."

Stadium collapse in France kills 26 fans

BASTIA, Corsica, May 6: The death toll from the collapse of a temporary grandstand at a French Cup soccer semifinal rose to 26 Wednesday and officials feared the number could climb. Meanwhile, Agencies police opened a homicide investigation into the incident, reports AP.



People wounded in the collapse of a temporary stand at Bastia's Furiani Stadium on May 5 evening, await to be evacuated to the mainland in Bastia's Airport lounge. Twenty-six people were killed and 700 wounded. —AFP photo

LISBON, May 6: Players shown the yellow card in qualifying matches for the European soccer championship will have the slate wiped clean at next month's finals in Sweden, the European Football Union (UEFA) agreed on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

UEFA compromises on yellow cards for Euro finals

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COOB fears serious overcrowding

MONTE CARLO, May 6: Track and field and swimming lead the list of sports which may need to reduce the number of athletes for the Summer Games in Barcelona, Olympic officials say, reports AP.

Petra Felke to retire

JENA, Germany, May 6: Petra Meier-Felke, the world javelin record holder and Olympic champion, will retire after this year's games in Barcelona, reports AP.

Uber and Thomas Cup badminton

Great start by Chinese girls

KUALA LUMPUR, May 6: Defending champions China got off to a great start in the defence of the women's Uber Cup badminton title on Tuesday, beating hosts Malaysia 5-0 in the opening Group A match, reports Reuter.



ARDY WIRANATA

showed their mettle by whitewashing five-time winners Japan 5-0.

WIRANATA LOSES

In the men's Thomas Cup, eight-time winners Indonesia were joined when Ardy Wiranata lost the first singles of Sweden's Jens Olsson 15-17, 15-11 in Group A.

CHRONOLOGY OF DISASTERS

LONDON, May 6: Following is a chronology of disasters at soccer stadiums in recent years by Reuter: April 15, 1989, Sheffield, England: Ninety-five people are killed and at least 200 injured in Britain's worst sports disaster after a crowd surge crushes packed fans against barriers at the English FA Cup semifinal match between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest at the Hillsborough Stadium.

Krickstein advances

CHARLOTTE, NC, May 6: Top-seeded Aaron Krickstein advanced in straight sets while defending champion and fifth-seeded Jaime Yzaga was beaten Tuesday in the first round of the \$225,000 US men's clay court championships, reports AP.

Cantona to play for Leeds

LEEDS, England, May 6: French international striker Eric Cantona has agreed to a three-year deal with English soccer league champions Leeds United, club officials said on Monday, reports Reuter.



AARON KRICKSTEIN

Fans scurried beneath the bleachers at Olde Providence Racquet Club, but tournament officials waited less than 30 minutes before calling off play for the night.

Anybody's title in Bundesliga

BONN, May 6: Eintracht Frankfurt and VfB Stuttgart both secured important away victories on Tuesday to stay neck-and-neck in their German Championship race, reports Reuter.

Maradona to pay for his child

NAPLES, Italy, May 6: A Naples court ruled today that Argentine soccer star Diego Maradona was the father of a child born to his former Italian girlfriend Cristiana Sinagra, reports Reuter.

Title retained

PRESTON, England, May 6: Carl Crook retained his Commonwealth lightweight boxing title on Tuesday when he stopped fellow-Briton Steve Boyle in the seventh round, reports Reuter.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a solution time of 26 min. and a Cryptoquip section at the bottom.

Cryptoquip puzzle section with a grid of letters and a clue: 'Today's Cryptoquip clue: I equals G'. Includes the solution: 'The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.'