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Wanted Ukrainian ex-President Yanukovych seen at Spain-Russia World Cup game

Екс-президента України Януковича, який перебуває у розшуку, було помічено на іспансько-російській грі Кубка світу

Колишній Президент України Віктор Янукович був присутнім у Москві на матчі 1/8 фіналу Чемпіонату світу з футболу між збірними Росії та Іспанії. Екс-президент перебував, за даними видання, в урядовій ложі стадіону. Окрім Януковича, там також були, зокрема глава уряду РФ Дмитро Медведєв, президент ФІФА Джанні Інфантино і король Іспанії Філіп VI.

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Former Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich, who fled his country after a popular uprising ousted him in 2014, attended a World Cup game in Russia, a report said Monday.

According to Russian daily Kommersant, Yanukovich was in the VIP lounge of Moscow's Luzhniki Stadium during round of 16 match between Spain and Russia on Sunday.

Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev, FIFA President Gianni Infantino, King Felipe VI of Spain, Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov and other high-profile Russian officials watched the tie from the VIP lounge, the daily said.

"Even Mr. Yanukovich was there. He just went out to people from exile, and after the match, thank God, he went to where he came from, and that is back into exile," the report said.

Yanukovich and his corrupt regime sparked massive protests when he ditched an association accord with the European Union, and then fled to Russia in early 2014 after a bloody crackdown in Kiev failed to quell the demonstrations.

Russia annexed Crimea from Ukraine shortly afterward and Kiev has been battling Russia-backed separatists in eastern Ukraine ever since.

Yanukovych is on trial in absentia in Kiev, accused of high treason and having violated the territorial integrity of Ukraine.