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UEFA Cup matches go ahead as scheduled

One minute silence and black armbands as mark of respect for bomb victims

UEFA has today confirmed that all of the UEFA Cup Fourth Round first-leg matches scheduled for tonight will go ahead as planned.

Following the news of the tragic events that unfolded this morning in Madrid, UEFA has been in close contact with the Spanish Football Association regarding the matches of the Spanish teams involved in the competition. After consultations with the Spanish Government via the Spanish FA, UEFA concluded that the matches involving Spanish clubs should go ahead as originally scheduled.

The matches played tonight involving the Spanish teams will start with a minute of silence in respect of the victims of the bombings and the players will wear black armbands. The four matches involving Spanish clubs are; Celtic FC - FC Barcelona, Gençlerbirliği SK – Valencia CF, Newcastle United FC – RCD Mallorca, and Villarreal CF – AS Roma.

UEFA CEO Lars-Christer Olsson said: "The events of this morning are tragic and shocking and on behalf of UEFA I would like to offer our sincere condolences to all those individuals and families involved. Our thoughts and hearts are with the victims of these dreadful attacks at this time.

"By playing the games tonight under these difficult circumstances we hope to show to the world the true spirit of fair play and respect in football."

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