

# Football club apologises for mistaken tribute

## Vocabulary Match

apologised ●    mistakenly ●    honour ●    relatives ●    express ●    removed ●  
● family    ● wrongly    ● deleted    ● sorry    ● show    ● respect

## Article

A Bulgarian football club, Arda Kardzhali, apologised after mistakenly holding a minute's silence for Petko Ganchev, a former player who is still alive. The incident happened before their match against Levski Sofia, where both teams lined up to honour Ganchev, believing he had passed away. However, during the game, Arda discovered that the information about his death was wrong.

The club quickly posted an apology on their Facebook page, saying, "The management of PFC Arda would like to express a huge apology to the former Arda player Petko Ganchev and his relatives." They also wished him "many more years of good health." By Monday evening, the club had removed the post from their page.

## Quiz

1. What did the Bulgarian football club do by mistake?
2. When did the incident occur?
3. What did the club do after discovering the mistake?

## Conversation

A: Can you believe we held a minute's silence for someone who's alive?  
B: I know, it's unbelievable! How did that even happen?  
A: Someone told us he passed away, but it was all a mistake.  
B: Well, at least we apologized quickly.  
A: True, and I hope Petko isn't too upset with us.  
B: Yeah, let's just hope he has a good laugh about it.

## Discussion

1. What's the biggest sporting event or concert you've been to?
2. Have you ever held a minute's silence? What for?
3. Have you ever made a big mistake? What happened?
4. Why is it important to double-check information?
5. If your friends gave you a surprise birthday party on the wrong day, would you tell them?