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Ahly fans will return to stands for 1st time since Port Said violence



Hardcore fans of Egypt's Ahly football club will return to the stands for the first time since the bloody violence that took place in Port Said in February last year, Al-Ahram Online reported Saturday.

The hardcore fans, Ultras Ahlawy, will support their team against Kenya's Tusker in an African Champions League round of 32 on Sunday at Alexandria's Borg El-Arab Stadium, ending a year-long boycott after Port Said's football violence, which saw the deaths of 72 Ahly fans.

After the Port Said disaster, football matches were suspended

Egypt's Premier League began early February behind closed doors.

Early 2013, Ahly and its ultra-hardcore fans praised the country's judiciary final verdict on the Port Said football match violence.

Twenty one defendants, who were supporters of the Port Said-based al-Masry football club, were given death sentences for killing Ahly fans.