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Nearly 2,500 troops will monitoring the Spanish classic Real Madrid-Barcelona

It takes place on Saturday

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USPA NEWS - The attack on Friday November 13 against the Stade of France and terrorist threats forced the suspension of international games Belgium-Spain and Germany-Netherlands has forced the Spanish authorities to strengthen the security of the classic Real Madrid-Barcelona which takes place the Saturday.

The Spanish Soccer League each year eagerly awaiting the two matches between Real Madrid and Barcelona, a classic competition. No rivalry on the field but also among supporters and in anticipation of riots, the match is often declared "high risk" and their safety is increased. The next Real Madrid-Barcelona will be played this Saturday and as usual, the party has been declared "high risk", but this time it is not only by the rivalry between the two most important teams in the Spanish soccer League but, especially by the terrorist threat.

After the attack on Friday November 13 against the Stade of France in Paris and the suspension of two international matches in Belgium and Germany for the "certain" threat of attacks, the Spanish sports authorities and the Ministry of Interior they took the decision Wednesday double the security at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid, where the classic will be played. Thousand agents of the National Police and 1,400 troops from the Madrid local Police and private guards controlled access to the stadium, will patrol the neightboard and mingle with the public to prevent attacks. There will also be effective emergency and civil protection.

It is twice as effective as in previous clashes between Real Madrid and Barcelona, but the Spanish Government wants to minimize the risk of altercations. There are precedents: the May 1, 2002, a car bomb placed by the Basque terrorist organization ETA exploded in front of the stadium, causing 10 injured. Two hours later there it would play a semifinal of the Champions League match between Real Madrid and Barcelona. The December 12, 2004, a bomb threat forced to suspend the Real Madrid-Real Sociedad match and leave the stadium. Finally it proved to be a false alarm.

This time, the Santiago Bernabeu stadium will be a shielded space. Three rings of security will be established and access to supporters from three hours before the start is permitted. In addition, metal detectors will be installed in 52 gates of the stadium where, as before, will not be allowed to introduce bottles and other objects that can be thrown. The Madrid field is located in the center of the capital of Spain and with a quick way in and out of the city. Supporters attending the camp in advance, because the controls will be intensified and that will slow down the entrance to the stadium is recommended.

In strictly sporting Wednesday it emerged that is not secure participation in the Barcelona game scorer Leo Messi. Although the Argentine star trains normally for days and receive medical clearance in time to play, his colleagues in the Catalan club consider taking the field or not since the beginning of the game will depend exclusively on the front. "Leo marks the difference in the game it is, we all have clear," said fellow Barcelona striker Luis Suarez, who admitted that "we do not know whether to start play or be on the bench."

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