

《切尔西球员肯尼迪发辱华视频》

Chinese felt grossly offended by Chelsea footballer Robert Kenedy ' s video slurs on China, though Kenedy, together with Chelsea Football Club had made official apologies to the public.

Ahead of the pre-season friendly facing Arsenal in Beijing on Saturday, the 21-year-old post two My Stories on Instagram slamming China and a Chinese security guard with insulting words on Friday.



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**Hello my friends, just
wanna say sorry if
someone was sad
because I used the
expression "porra" ,
was no racism ,just a
expression... big hug**



Screenshot of Kenedy's My Story

In his first post, the video was captioned, “Porra China” in Portuguese. “Porra” was interpreted as a rude word in English while the other post showed a sleeping Chinese security guard with a comment, “Acorda China Vacilão,” which means “Wake up China.”

Since the two posts published, many netizens believed his comments had racist undertones and fought back on Kenedy's official Facebook account @Robert Kenedy with an imitation of the caption in his posts.



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Kenedy's clarification on Instagram My Story



kenedy 28m 晚上好，
我想在此道歉，对中国人民的冒犯是无意的，我很抱歉！我非常喜爱中国这个国家，对于中国人民给予我们的热情接待满怀感谢，感谢所有的支持，希望你们能够原谅我！在此我诚挚的道歉！🇨🇳

Boa noite,
Eu gostaria de pedir
desculpas ao povo
chinês são ofendidos
sem querer, me
desculpe! Gosto muito
de chineses neste país,
o povo chinês para a
recepção calorosa que
nos foi dado cheio de
gratidão por todo o
apoio, espero que você
possa me perdoar!
Aqui, peço sinceras
desculpas!



Kenedy's apology on Instagram My Story

In response to the backlash, Kenedy immediately issued two statements on Instagram My Story to clarify his previous captions in English and apologize to Chinese people both in Chinese and Portuguese. Meanwhile, the Chelsea Football Club also issued a statement on its verified Sina Weibo account to say sorry to the Chinese people.



The screenshot shows a Weibo post from the official Chelsea Football Club account. The post includes a club statement in Chinese and English, along with engagement metrics at the bottom.

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CLUB STATEMENT

Chelsea Football Club is very sorry for the social media messages posted by Kenedy yesterday evening. This behaviour fell well below the very high standards we expect of our players. Kenedy regrets the posts and any upset they have caused and has apologised.

Everyone at Chelsea Football Club has the utmost respect for the Chinese people, who have been the most incredible hosts and we are extremely grateful for their hospitality. [收起全文](#) ^

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The Chelsea Football Club's statement on Sina Weibo

However, Chinese netizens rejected both of their apologies and flooded the post with more than 3,500 comments.

“[The Chelsea Football Club] has not published any statement for an apology. Just wrote a post on its Weibo account in Chinese and then translated to English,” @Biezaidaowohaole wrote the comment.

“The English word is ‘sorry’ but not ‘apologize.’ What do you mean?” @Xuebaluke commented and felt dissatisfied with the attitude of the club.

“Please apologize sincerely and then get out. You are insulting Chinese people and your club. You are not welcomed,” @TUoniC posted and had got more than 2,000 likes for his reply to Chelsea’s statement.

China’s biggest newspaper group, People’s Daily has published an editorial on its website on Sunday by citing Chinese philosopher Mencius as saying “People insulting others are also insulted” to condemn Kenedy’s utterances.



Robert Kenedy

The Brazilian footballer signed with Chelsea in 2015 and has made 24 Premier League appearances.