

Animal Welfare Groups Outraged by China's Horse Fighting Events

Graphic horse fighting photos stir emotions.

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According to United Press International (UPI), graphic images published in the British newspaper Telegraph on Nov. 30 depicting organized horse fights in China "have sparked an international outcry."

Several animal rights groups have described the photographs of the practice as barbaric.

According to UPI, horse fighting has been a Chinese tradition for up to 500 years. Events are listed on some tourist itineraries in certain parts of China. Horse fighting is also legal in the Philippines, Indonesia and South Korea.

Horses that do not immediately fight each other are whipped, or gunshots are fired to provoke them, the Telegraph said.