

Qatar-2022 quarterfinals to begin on Friday

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The eight qualifiers for the quarterfinals were completed on Tuesday after victories by the Moroccans and the Portuguese.

Morocco shattered Spain's hopes by beating them 3-0 in a penalty shootout after a goalless draw after 90 minutes and extra time, and Portugal defeated Switzerland with authority (6-1), with a hat-trick by Goncalo Ramos, a 21-year-old player that the Portuguese coach left Cristiano Ronaldo on the bench.

Moroccan goalkeeper Bono was Morocco's hero with two saves in the penalty shootout.

Morocco achieved an unprecedented success in its history, having only reached the Round of 16 of a World Cup once before, losing 1-0 to West Germany in Mexico 1986.

And with Ramos' hat-trick, Portugal thrashed Switzerland 6-1 and gave an authoritative blow at the end of the round of 16, with an attacking and creative game.

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