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Senegal qualified for the FIFA World Cup 2024 after beating Egypt in the World Cup Qualifier Play-Off tie on Tuesday. The thrilling second leg went into penalties after Senegal won the second leg 1-0 at home and the tie finished 1-1 after extra time.

Liverpool's Sadio Mane converted their crucial fifth penalty kick to send Senegal fans into a frenzy as Egypt failed to qualify for the World Cup. At the other end, Mane's Liverpool teammate Mohamed Salah was one of the Egypt players who missed his penalty during the shootout.

The tie, however, was marred by controversy as the Egypt players were targeted with lasers during the shootout.

What exactly happened?

As Egypt captain Salah stepped up to take a penalty in the shootout, his face was painted green with laser beams being flashed on his face by the Senegal fans from the stands. He ended up blazing his kick over the crossbar.

Mohamed Salah before his penalty miss against Senegal. pic.twitter/szlmfxDJKN

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As some of the tweets below point out, it wasn't just a case during the penalty shootout but the laser pointers were used throughout the match. The incident generated a lot of criticism not just from fans but journalists as well and those laser beams might have played a part in distracting Salah.

I mean, just look at this. Salah sails his penalty over and surely anybody would, given the lasers. Mane scores, Senegal wins the shootout, Egypt out of the World Cup pic.twitter/tgHmCmW8uu

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Another shot of the lasers from earlier (brilliant work from) Tj T* BT /F

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What are laser pointers and why do fans use them?

A laser pointer is a small hand-held device which produces coherent beam of monochromatic light using diode laser and a power source (genera) Tj T* BT