



Two weeks ago, 35-year-old Chinese tennis star Peng Shuai wrote on social media that a Chinese ex-**Vice Premier** forced her to have sex with him.

Only minutes later, somebody deleted Peng's post after she wrote it, and since that time, nobody saw Peng. Many people worried that something happened to her, but the Womens Tennis Association got an email which seemed to be from Peng. The email said that the tennis player was safe and that she was resting at home. It also said that the **sexual assault** was not true.

Some people did not believe that Peng wrote the email because the language was unusual. Other tennis players including Novak Djokovic, Naomi Osaka, and Serena Williams said on social media that they worried about Peng, and they could not believe that she **was missing**.

Difficult words: **Vice Premier** (a person who helps a government's leader and does the leader's work when he is away or sick), **sexual assault** (the situation when somebody forces another person to have sex with him because the other person does not want to do it), **be missing** (to be lost or in an unusual place).

**Discussion Questions****Topic Talk**

1. Define the word: *Vice Premier, sexual assault and be missing*
2. What did Peng Shuai write on social media that was deleted minutes later it was posted?
3. What happened to Peng Shuai after the post about the assault was deleted?
4. What was the email that the Women's Tennis Association got about Peng Shuai?
5. Why did some people believe the email was not written by Peng Shuai?

Express Your Thoughts

1. Have you heard the news about Peng Shuai's disappearance?
2. Why do you think her post on social media about the assault was immediately deleted?
3. In your country, do people have the freedom to express themselves and post anything on social media without censorship?
4. Has anything like this happened in your country?