

debacle

[d(e)ɪ'ba:k(ə)] *n* *фр.*

1. вскрытие реки
 2. стихийный прорыв вод; прорыв плотины
 3. разгром; ниспровержение; катастрофа
- to suffer a debacle - потерпеть поражение

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

de·bacle [debacle debacles] *BrE* [deɪ'baʊkl̩] *NAmE* [deɪ'baʊkl̩] *BrE* [dɪ'baʊkl̩] *NAmE* [dɪ'baʊkl̩] *noun*

an event or a situation that is a complete failure and causes embarrassment

Word Origin:

early 19th cent.: from French *débâcle*, from *débâcler* 'unleash', from *dé-* 'un-' + *bâcler* 'to bar' (from Latin *baculum* 'staff').

Example Bank:

- He should take responsibility for the debacle and resign.
- Let's hope this is the end of the debacle over player transfer fees.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

de·ba·cle *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ, **débâcle** /deɪ'baʊkl̩, dɪ-/ *noun* [countable]

[Date: 1800-1900; Language: French; Origin: débâcle, from débâcler 'to remove a bar']

an event or situation that is a complete failure:

the debacle of the 1994 elections

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Freakuency Pack

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RANGE: **14k** DEBACLE 1341

debacle 1244

debacles 97

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