fracture /ˈfraktʃə / noun&verb

noun

1. [C] a break in a bone or other hard material

2. [U] the fact of sth breaking, especially a bone

verb

1. to break or crack; to make sth break or crack

2. (formal) (of a society, an organization, etc.) to split into several parts so that it no longer functions or exists; to split a society or an organization, etc. in this way

fractured adj

***Cup marred by deaths* :**

**The second horse to die was the seven-year-old stallion Araldo who fractured a hind leg caught in a fence immediately after the race when it was spooked by a flag.**