



Qatar World Cup became Journalists' Tomb! Third Sudden Deaths: British Roger Pearce Passed Away

Description

The Qatar World Cup is becoming a mysterious tomb for sports journalists.

Three journalists died suddenly while covering the World Cup in Qatar. Before the disappearance of US reporter Grant Wahl and Qatari photojournalist Khalid al-Misslam, British journalist Roger Pearce, technical director of ITV Sport, died while covering the competition.

The Independent tells the story, explaining that Pearce's death, which took place on November 21, was announced on the air before the match between Wales and the United States.

The long-time reporter died suddenly, like his colleagues, at the age of 65 probably due to one of those heart attacks that are so frequent after the massive dissemination of experimental anti-Covid gene serums.

by Independent

Roger Pearce, the technical director of ITV Sport, has died while covering the World Cup in Qatar. Pearce was covering his eighth Fifa World Cup tournament when he died.

Two Reporters Died Suddenly in Qatar. The American Grant Wahl after a Mysterious Respiratory Illness as the Soccer's one

His death was announced on air ahead of Monday's (21 November) match between Wales and the US, with sports broadcaster Mark Pougatch broke the news. "We have some very sad news to bring you from here in Qatar," he said.

“Our technical director, Roger Pearce, who was here embarking on his eighth World Cup, has sadly passed away.”

“Roger was a hugely respected figure in the TV sport broadcasting industry, for ITV he has been instrumental in the logistical planning and delivery of rugby World Cups as well as the football World Cups as well as the Euros,” he said.

Pougatch went on to say Pearce “always had a smile on his face and left a smile on your face”, calling the late technical director “utterly dedicated, professional, charming, and hugely popular”.

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“He will be missed by so many people inside the industry and at home,” he concluded.

Studio director Neil Stainsby paid tribute to Pearce on Twitter, and revealed that he was due to retire in five weeks’ time. “So sad to hear of the passing of my friend and former colleague at ITV Meridian, Roger Pearce. He died on his last assignment in Qatar before retirement in 5 weeks time. RIP Roger,” wrote Stainsby.

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Prior to working at ITV, Pearce began his career as an engineer at Grampian TV.

He became ITV Sport’s full-time technical director in 2008.

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