

# Football world mourns as plane crash kills Brazilian players

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Members of girls football team mourning for the Chapecoense footballers died in a plane crash, prior to leave for Manipur, at Agartala railway station on Wednesday.

COLOMBIA, NOV 30/-/ The football world mourned after a plane carrying a Brazilian team crashed in the mountains in Colombia, killing 76 people but miraculously leaving six survivors, officials said. Football legends Pele and Maradona as well as current superstars Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo led tributes to the players of Chapecoense Real, a humble team whose march to glory was cut abruptly short. Having risen only recently from obscurity, the team was on its way to play in the finals of the Copa Sudamericana, South America's second-biggest club tournament, when disaster struck. "The pain is terrible. Just as we had made it, I will not say to the top, but to have national prominence, a tragedy like this happens," club vice-president Ivan Tozzo told Globo Sport TV. "It is very difficult, a very great tragedy." Colombia's civil aviation authority initially said 75 people were killed, but it later emerged that four people on the passenger manifest had not in fact boarded the plane - a club official, a journalist, the mayor of the team's hometown and the city council president. "It's one of those things in life. Only God knows why I ended up stay-

ing behind," the mayor, Luciano Buligon, told Brazil's TV Globo. The six survivors are being treated in hospital, officials said. Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos called it a "sad tragedy," and Brazil's President Michel Temer declared three days of mourning. The dead also included 20 Brazilian journalists travelling to cover the match. The charter plane, flown by Bolivian company LAMIA, departed from the Bolivian city of Santa Cruz and declared an emergency at around 10:00 pm Monday (0300 GMT Tuesday). It reported "electrical failures" and crashed soon after near the city of Medellin, its destination, officials said. Governor Luis Perez of Antioquia department, where the plane went down, said investigators had found its two black box recorders. He said a crew member had reported that "the lights on the aircraft suddenly went out." The British Aerospace 146 airliner was first sold as new in 1999 and was used by two other airlines before being acquired by LAMIA, a spokesman for the manufacturer told AFP. Specialists sites revealed that the same plane was used two weeks ago to fly the Argentine national team with Messi on board to San

Juan, Argentina for a World Cup qualifying match. Britain's Air Accidents Investigation Branch said it was sending investigators along with representatives of the plane's manufacturer BAE

Systems to Colombia to help with investigations. Scores of rescuers picked through the wreckage of the white fuselage, plastered over a remote hillside in northwestern Colombia.

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## Kohli climbs to career-best third in test rankings

DUBAI, NOV 30/-/ Virat Kohli has climbed a new high. The India captain, after the third Test win over England, moved up to a career-best third spot in the latest ICC rankings for batsmen. Starting the five-Test series against England in 15th position, Kohli has risen at a fast pace, scoring 405

runs in three Tests so far. India currently lead the series 2-0. The 28-year-old Kohli scored 62 and six not out in the recently concluded third Test to move to 833 points. Top-ranked in Twenty20 Internationals and second in One-Day Internationals, Kohli will look to improve his ranking fur-

ther in the remaining two Test matches against England. Another Indian batsman to figure in top-10 was Cheteshwar Pujara, who occupies the eighth spot in the table, headed by Australia captain Steve Smith. England's Joe Root is at the second position, having 14 points more than Kohli.

## Kashmir's 7-year-old Hashim Mansoor wins gold at Asian Youth Karate Championship

NEW DELHI, NOV 30/-/ While the unrest in Kashmir Valley has been troublesome for most of the locals, it proved to be a blessing in disguise for 7-year-old Hashim Mansoor, who has become a karate kid. According to a report in The Times of India, Mansoor had to miss his school for months following the protests which followed after the killing of Hizbul Mujahideen commander Burhan Wani in an encounter. But during this period, he turned up at a local karate academy every day. His hard work finally paid off as he clinched a gold medal

for India at the Asian Youth Karate Championship (AYKC). A student in Class II at the Symbiosis School of Education, Hashim expressed his delight at winning the title for India. "I am thrilled to win gold for my country," he told the newspaper. The report added that Hashim had defeated competitors from Bhutan and Malaysia in the first two rounds. In the final round, he defeated his Sri Lankan opponent to bag gold. He will now represent the country in the World Karate Championship in Europe in September 2017.



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