

Pilot Deaths: Diverted to Dubai as 51-year-old Pilot Collapsed In-flight and Died!

Second pilot death & fourth collapse this week!

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Pilot dies on Delhi-Doha flight ([click here](#)).

Story by Saurabh Sinha

NEW DELHI: A senior pilot — who had operated SpiceJet's inaugural flight in 2003 and was currently working with Qatar Airways — died while flying as a passenger from Delhi to Doha on Wednesday morning (Aug.16, 2023). The Qatar Airways flight, QR 579 (Airbus A350, Registration A7ALM), diverted to Dubai due to the medical emergency when the pilot, 51 years old, fell ill onboard. However, he could not be saved.

"The pilot had worked with Alliance Air and spent 17 years in SpiceJet. He had operated SpiceJet's first flight, Delhi-Ahmedabad, on May 23, 2005. Last year he had joined Qatar Airways where he was flying the Boeing 777," SpiceJet sources said.

A long time colleague said, "He was very fit and his untimely demise has come as a big shock for everyone who knew him."

Recent Pilot Incapacitations

[Aug.14, 2023](#) – LATAM Flight LA505 (MIA-SCL) Miami to Santiago, Chile – 2 hours into 8hr flight, captain collapsed and died in the lavatory – plane diverted to Panama City!

[Aug.9, 2023](#) – United Airlines UAL1309 (SRQ-EWR) Sarasota to Newark, pilot had a heart attack and lost consciousness in flight

[Aug.7, 2023](#) – TigerAIR Flight IT237 (CTS-TPE) Sapporo to Taipei, copilot had a medical emergency after landing plane in Taipei

[July 19, 2023](#) – Eurowings Discover Flight 4Y-1205 (HER-FRA) Heraklion to Frankfurt, pilot incapacitated, first officer took control, landed safely

[July 16, 2023](#) – 2006 Piper Meridian, flying from Westchester NY, crashed at Martha's Vineyard Airport after pilot had medical emergency upon final approach and passenger took control of the plane and attempted a landing

[Jun.7, 2023](#) – Air Canada Flight ACA692 (YYZ-YYT) Toronto to St.John's, First Officer became incapacitated, deadheading Captain assumed duties

[Jun.4, 2023](#) – Cessna Citation N611VG flying Tennessee to Long Island, fighter jets spotted pilot slumped over in cockpit unconscious, plane crashed and all onboard died

[May 11, 2023](#) – HiSKy Flight H4474 (DUB-KIV) Dublin to Chisinau (Moldova), 20 min after liftoff pilot became "unable to act", plane diverted to Manchester

[May 4, 2023](#) – British Charter TUI Airways Flight BY-1424 (NCL-LPA) Newcastle to Las Palmas Spain pilot became ill, plane diverted back to NCL.

[April 4, 2023](#) – United Airlines Flight 2102 (BOI-SFO) – captain was incapacitated, first officer was only one in control of the aircraft.

[March 25, 2023](#) – TAROM Flight RO-7673 TSR-HRG diverted to Bucharest as 30 yo pilot had chest pain, then collapsed

[March 22, 2023](#) – Southwest Flight WN6013 LAS-CMH diverted as pilot collapsed shortly after take-off, replaced by non-Southwest pilot

[March 18, 2023](#) – Air Transat Flight TS739 FDF-YUL first officer was incapacitated about 200NM south of Montreal

[March 13, 2023](#) – Emirates Flight EK205 MXP-JFK diverted due to pilot illness hour and a half after take-off

[March 11, 2023](#) – United Airlines Flight UA2007 GUA-ORD diverted due to "incapacitated pilot" who had chest pains

[March 11, 2023?](#) – British Airways (CAI-LHR) pilot collapsed in Cairo hotel and died, was scheduled to fly Airbus A321 from Cairo to London

[March, 3, 2023](#) – Virgin Australia Flight VA-717 ADL-PER Adelaide to Perth flight was forced to make an emergency landing after First Officer suffered heart attack 30 min after departure.

Recent Pilot Deaths

[Pilot death – May 2023](#) – 4 Singapore Airlines pilots died suddenly in May 2023

[Pilot death – May 9, 2023](#) – United Airlines and US Air Force Pilot Lt. Col. Michael Fugett, age 46, died unexpectedly at his home

[Pilot death – May 3, 2023](#) – Air Transat and Air Canada Pilot Eddy Vorperian, age 48, died suddenly during layover in Croatia

[Pilot death – April 13, 2023](#) – Phil Thomas, graduate of Flight Training Pilot academy in Cadiz, Spain (FTEJerez) died suddenly.

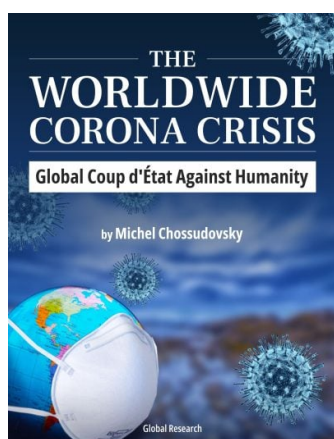
[Pilot death – March 17, 2023](#) – 39 year old Westjet Pilot Benjamin Paul Vige died suddenly in Calgary

[Pilot death – March 11, 2023](#) – British Airways pilot died of heart attack in crew hotel in Cairo before a Cairo to London flight (name & age not released)

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