

British hair transplant patient dies in Turkey

Clinic says man had returned for second operation but became unwell before procedure

By Telegraph Reporter

A BRITISH man has died after travelling to Turkey for a hair transplant, according to reports.

The 38-year-old flew to Istanbul for treatment at the Dr Cinik clinic in the Besiktas district last week, according to Turkish news outlet OdaTV.

In a press statement, the clinic confirmed that a patient had “unexpectedly become unwell for reasons that are still unknown” while being prepared for surgery.

The clinic, which lists footballer Rio Ferdinand among its former clients, said the incident occurred “before the hair transplant procedure had begun”, and that the patient had returned for a second procedure, following a “successful” first operation last year.

A spokesman for the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

told *The Telegraph*: “We are supporting the family of a British man who died in Turkey and are in contact with the local authorities.”

A spokesman for the clinic said: “In July 2024, the patient had previously undergone a successful hair transplant procedure at our clinic, and following his satisfaction with the results, he returned for a second procedure.

“Prior to the second operation, all necessary medical evaluations and tests (including blood work, chest X-ray, ECG, etc.) were carried out thoroughly and without omission, just as they were during the first procedure.

“These assessments were conducted under the supervision of an anaesthesiologist, and the patient was cleared for surgery.

“However, before the hair transplant procedure began and during the preparatory phase, the patient unexpectedly became unwell for reasons that are still unknown. Immediate medical intervention was provided, and he was urgently transferred to a fully-equipped university hospital.

“Despite ongoing intensive care treatment throughout the day, the

patient sadly passed away later that evening.”

According to Turkish media, the Istanbul province health directorate has opened an investigation.

A clinic spokesman added: “All relevant medical documentation related to this incident has been submitted to the appropriate authorities, and the matter is currently being investigated by judicial bodies.”

Turkey has become a major destination for cosmetic procedures, with prices significantly lower than in the UK. Hair transplants there can cost as little as £1,500, compared to £3,000 to £10,000 in Britain. More than a million Britons are believed to travel annually for treatment.

According to its website, the Dr Cinik clinic has treated more than 50,000 patients in the past 20 years and now operates a London branch. It describes itself as a “centre of excellence”.

The company is headed by Dr Emrah Cinik, a plastic surgeon whom the site claims has become “the go-to specialist for people worldwide” thanks to his “combination of surgical experience and patient support”.



Lions made Sculptor Hamish Mackie completes a clay model of a lioness whose bronze castings will greet visitors to the British stores of luxury fragrance brand Penhaligon's



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University cuts staff... but pays for Vogue ads

By Poppy Wood
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THE University of Warwick has come under fire for starting a “luxury” makeover while making staff redundant because of financial pressures.

Academics accused the university of indulging in a vanity project after it emerged the institution funded *Vogue* photoshoots for senior staff as part of a new global marketing strategy.

Ajay Teli, Warwick’s chief communications officer, has featured in a series of paid magazine spreads in recent months to promote the university’s 60th anniversary.

It includes a fashion photoshoot for *Vogue Singapore* published in June, in which Mr Teli said he would use his prior experience in the “premium and luxury sectors” to boost Warwick’s reputation.

He told *Vogue Singapore* he was “drawn to higher education as the next frontier of influence, a space where knowledge, identity and opportunity intersect”.

The public research university also paid for a recent article promoting Mr Teli in *Harper’s Bazaar India*, with other adverts in *Monocle* and *The Times of India*.

The University of Warwick confirmed to *The Telegraph* that it paid for the promotional pieces but refused to say how much they cost.

The adverts, first reported by *Times Higher Education*, were placed to coincide with a wider rebrand at the university which has faced ridicule from staff for being “tone deaf”.

The homepage of the Russell Group institution’s website has been replaced since June with a lilac landing page

unveiling its new tagline: “This is University of Warwick. This is Beyond.”

The revamp forms part of Warwick’s new “brand evolution project”. It recently rejected a freedom of information request asking for the cost of the rebrand.

One Warwick academic told *The Telegraph*: “People are fuming. Many have likened it to the Jaguar campaign and feel embarrassed to be associated with it.”

Warwick made 218 people redundant last year as financial pressures creep across the sector.

The figure is more than



Ajay Teli, Warwick’s chief communications officer

double the previous year, and means the university has made more than 900 redundancies in the past five years alone, according to *Telegraph* analysis.

A university spokesman said: “As a globally leading university, we aim to attract students from the UK and all over the world.

“The work we are carrying out is in line with our global communications, marketing and student recruitment strategy. As part of this, our academics and senior executives are actively engaged as ambassadors.”

New arrest over £7m Palestine Action raid

By Telegraph Reporters

COUNTER-terrorism police have made a further arrest over an attack claimed by Palestine Action on two aircraft that caused £7m of damage at an RAF base.

A man, 22, of no fixed abode, was arrested on Friday in Bedford on suspicion of the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism. He is currently in police custody.

Two Voyager planes were damaged at RAF Brize Norton, Oxfordshire, on June 20.

Four people were charged last month in connection with the incident.

The Government subsequently moved to proscribe the group under anti-terrorism laws after the it claimed responsibility. Membership of, or support for, the direct action group is now a criminal offence punishable by up to 14 years in prison.

Yvette Cooper, the Home Secretary, announced plans to proscribe Palestine Action on June 23, saying that the

vandalism of the two planes was “disgraceful”.

However, Palestine Action’s co-founder has since won an attempt to bring a High Court challenge over the terror ban.

Lawyers for Huda Ammori described it as an “unlawful interference” with freedom of expression.

In a decision on Wednesday, judge Mr Justice Chamberlain said two parts of the arguments on Ms Ammori’s behalf were “reasonably arguable” and would be heard at a three-day hearing in November.

However, he later refused an attempt to temporarily pause the ban until the outcome of the challenge.

He said there was a powerful public interest in the ban continuing.