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# Singapore Says Man's 2021 Death Is First Tied to Covid Vaccine



A health worker prepares a Covid-19 vaccine at the Senja-Cashew Community Centre Vaccination Centre in Singapore on March 8, 2021. *Photographer: Wei Leng Tay/Bloomberg*

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Singapore recorded its first fatality linked to the Covid-19 vaccine after the Ministry of Health announced that the death of a 28-year-old Bangladeshi man in 2021 was likely due to the jab.

The man's death 21 days after his Covid-19 vaccination was a medical misadventure, MOH said in a [statement](#) Friday. "The cause of death was certified as myocarditis. The State Coroner also found that on the balance of probabilities, it was likely to be related to Covid-19 vaccination."

The ministry said the man died on July 9, 2021, after collapsing at his workplace earlier that day. He received his first dose of the Moderna-Spikevax Covid-19 vaccine on June 18 that year.

Under the ministry's Vaccine Injury Financial Assistance Programme, a one-time payment of S\$225,000 (\$168,000) will be extended to his family, according to the statement.

To date, more than 17 million doses of the Covid-19 vaccine have been administered in the city-state, MOH said. The incidence of myocarditis remains "rare," with rates of 0.1 per 100,000 doses for the bivalent vaccines and 1.1 per 100,000 doses for the primary vaccination series of the monovalent vaccines, the ministry said.

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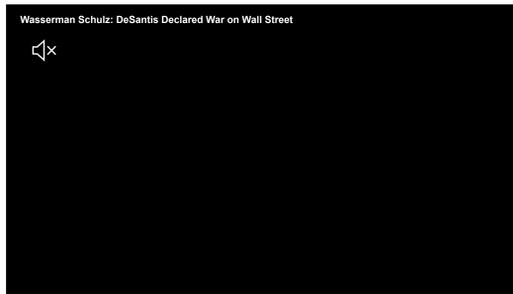
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The Florida governor is seizing on distrust among GOP voters over Covid shots ahead of a widely expected presidential run.



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Florida Governor Ron DeSantis is betting he can use one of Donald Trump's biggest successes to turn voters against the former president.

Much of DeSantis's rise to national prominence has been built on his handling of the coronavirus pandemic. The Republican star has sought to portray his state as "free Florida" – a place that got kids back into schools and allowed businesses like bars and restaurants to reopen much earlier than elsewhere. He has also opposed vaccine mandates that would make workers or students roll up their sleeves against their will.



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# Blinken Rebukes China's Top Diplomat on Balloon, Ukraine

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Wang Yi delivers a speech at the Munich Security Conference (MSC) in Munich, Germany, on Feb. 18, 2023. *Photographer: Odd Andersen/AFP/Getty Images*

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US Secretary of State Antony Blinken warned China's top diplomat against providing lethal aid to Russia's invasion of Ukraine and rebuked him over an alleged Chinese spy balloon that heightened tensions between the world's largest economies.

Blinken told Chinese State Councilor Wang Yi in Munich on Saturday evening that the US had information China was considering whether to give Russia assistance, possibly including guns and weapons, for the Ukraine war. The US has warned China since the start of the invasion a year ago not to do so.



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