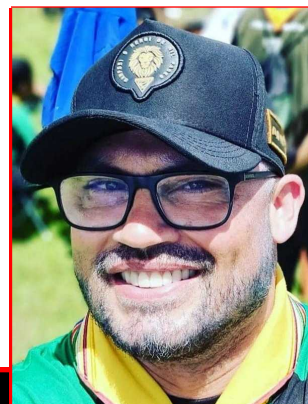


2023

PDMC

2239 **PG fatality** -- 51-year-old soaring parachutist**January 1, 2023** Hohe Salve (5997'), Kitzbuhel Alps, Hopfgarten, Tyrol, **AUSTRIA****Spiral.** The very experienced operator entered a spiral, lost control and crashed onto a grassy slope with full force. 1617 Claudia Thurner, *Kronen Zeitung* 1618 *Exxpress* 1619 *Heute*2240 **PG fatality** **Thomas Felipe Perez Echeverry, 22****January 2, 2023** Potrerito, Bello, Antioquia, **COLUMBIA****Collision with trees.** Strong winds caused the young man to lose control of the paraglider and crash into the trees. He lost his life. 1620 *Caracol Radio* 1621 *Infobae*2241 **PG fatality** **Dr. Clerio Alessandro Alves de Almeida, 41****January 5, 2022** Vista Alegre, Roncador, Mato Grosso, **BRAZIL**

Clerio Alessandro Alves de Almeida was a medical doctor on vacation, visiting relatives in Roncador. On a flight from the Serra do Roncador, he struck power lines, fell and suffered multiple fractures upon impact. He was rescued alive by his family and taken to the Municipal Hospital of Roncador, where he died.

 1622 *Tribuna do Interior* PHOTO 1623 *GMC*2242 **PG fatality** soaring parachutist, 47, from Germany**January 10, 2023** Lion's Head, Cape Town, **SOUTH AFRICA**Rescuers arrived by helicopter to find the German paragliderist wedged between two large rocks, being tended to by bystanders. He had sustained severe injuries to his **head** and was in a critical condition. Medics provided advanced life support before flying him to Groote Schuur Hospital, where he died early the next morning. 1624 *IOL*1617 AUSTRIA: Thurner, Claudia, "Paragleiter-Pilot prallte gegen Berghang - tot! / Paraglider pilot crashed into mountain slope - dead!" *Kronen Zeitung*, 4 Jan 2023, <<https://www.krone.at/2894311>>1618 AUSTRIA: "Paragleiter (51) stürzt bei Landeanflug in den Tod / Paraglider, 51, falls to his death on landing approach," *Exxpress*, 2 Jan 2023, <<https://exxpress.at/paragleiter-51-stuerzt-bei-landeanflug-in-den-tod/>>1619 AUSTRIA: "51-Jähriger stürzt bei Neujahrsflug in den Tod / 51-year-old falls to his death on New Year's flight," *Heute*, 1 Jan 2023, <<https://www.heute.at/s/51-jaehriger-stuerzt-bei-neujahrsflug-in-den-tod-100246919>>1620 BRAZIL: "Un joven perdió la vida en Bello mientras volaba en parapente / A young man lost his life in Bello while paragliding," *Caracol Radio*, 3 Jan 2023, <<https://caracol.com.co/2023/01/03/un-joven-perdio-la-vida-en-bello-mientras-volaba-en-parapente/>>1621 COLUMBIA: "Murió joven parapentista al caer en zona rural al norte de Medellín / Young paraglider died after falling in a rural area north of Medellín," *Infobae*, 25 Jan 3 2023, <<https://www.infobae.com/americas/colombia/2023/01/03/murio-joven-parapentista-al-caer-en-zona-rural-al-norte-de-medellin/>>1622 BRAZIL: Pereira, Walter, "Biomedico morre em tragico acidente com parapente em Roncador / Biomedical doctor dies in tragic paragliding accident in Roncador," *Tribuna do Interior*, 6 Jan 2023, <<https://www.tribunadointerior.com.br/policial/biomedico-morre-em-tragico-acidente-com-parapente-em-roncador/>>1623 BRAZIL: Photo of Clerio Alessandro Alves de Almeida, unattributed; "Biomédico de Maringá morre após sofrer acidente com parapente na região / Biodoctor from Maringá dies after suffering a paragliding accident," *GMC*, 6 Jan 2023, <<https://gmconline.com.br/noticias/cidade/biomedico-de-maringa-morre-apos-sofrer-acidente-com-parapente-na-regiao/>>1624 SOUTH AFRICA: Engel, Kristin, "German paraglider given life support after crashing into Lion's Head dies in hospital," *IOL*, 11 Jan 2023, <<https://www.iol.co.za/capeargus/news/german-paraglider-given-life-support-after-crashing-into-lions-head-dies-in-hospital-682fabef-a8e5-475e->>