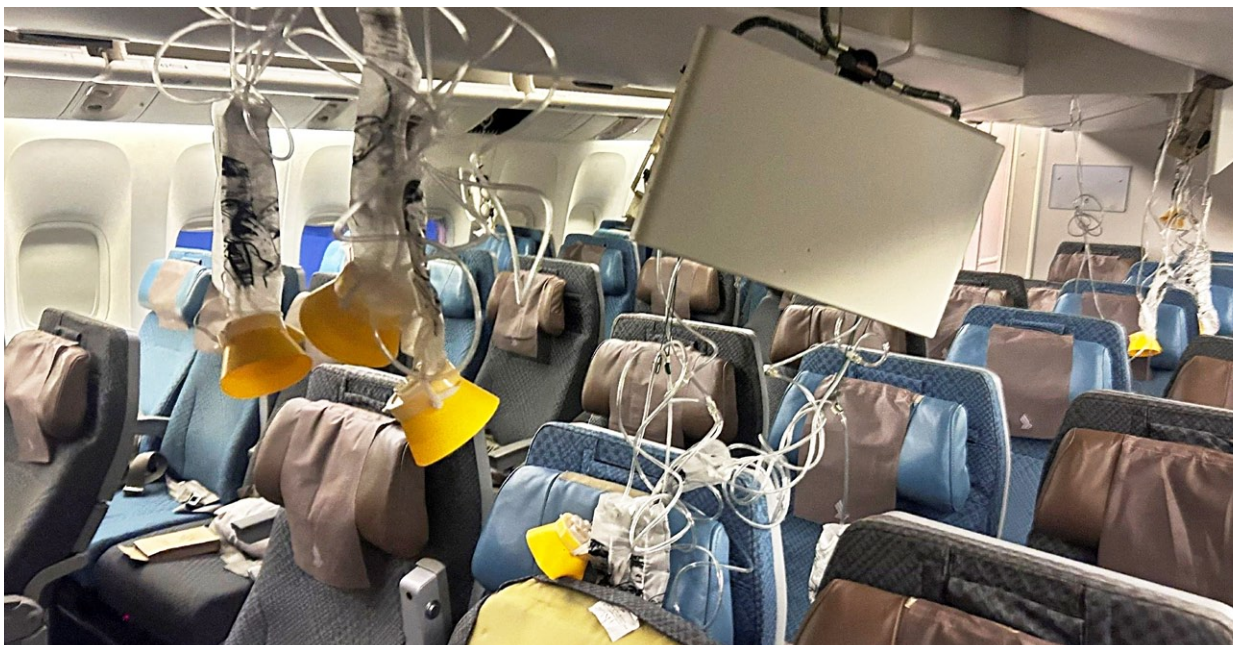




## What DID Strictly dancer Giovanni do to one partner that was so 'horrendous'?

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# NIGHTMARE AT 37,000FT



Mayhem: The wrecked cabin with oxygen masks and debris hanging from the ceiling yesterday



Victim: Holidaymaker Geoffrey Kitchen, 73

By **Sam Greenhill**  
Chief Reporter

**A BRITISH grandfather died on a storm-lashed passenger jet yesterday as it plummeted a mile in the sky.**

Musical theatre director Geoffrey Kitchen, 73, is thought to have suffered a heart attack as the Singapore Airlines jet hit extreme turbulence amid a tropical thunderstorm at 37,000ft.

Dozens more passengers were

## ++ British grandfather dead in turbulence terror ++ Plane plunges 6,000ft after hitting air pocket ++ Seven more critically injured

injured when they were sent crashing around the cabin as the Boeing 777 suddenly dropped 6,000ft in just 120 seconds.

Mr Kitchen and wife, Linda, from Gloucestershire, were among 47

Britons on board. She was taken to hospital with around 70 others for treatment to their injuries.

Last night heartbroken friends paid tribute to 'adventurous' Mr Kitchen, a keen amateur actor and former

insurance worker who ran Thornbury Musical Theatre group.

The flight from London's Heathrow to Singapore went smoothly until about ten hours in, when the captain

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