

# Qatar 2022 plagued by controversy

The FIFA World Cup in Qatar is considered by many to be the most controversial sports mega-event for many years, with issues such as basic human rights and workers' rights in the spotlight



*Lusail Stadium, Doha*

**\$200bn** Figure claimed to have been spent by Qatar to host World Cup, almost 20 times what Russia spent in 2018

**6,500** Number of migrant workers from India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka who died in connection with Qatar World Cup from 2010-21, according to report in **Guardian** newspaper

**37** Number of deaths among labourers at World Cup stadium construction sites from 2014-20 – only three of them “work-related” – according to Qatari government



**50** Number of foreign labourers who died in World Cup related incidents in 2021 alone, according to **International Labour Organisation**

**14-18** Hours worked per day by many migrant workers in Qatar, particularly in domestic and security sectors, according to **Amnesty International**

**119** Qatar's ranking, out of 180 countries, on **World Press Freedom Index** – down from high of 74 in 2008. Human rights groups say reporters are likely to face surveillance at World Cup

**7** Maximum prison sentence in years for extramarital sex. **Human Rights Watch (HRW)** says this disproportionately impacts women, who can find themselves prosecuted if they report rape

**11** Cases of ill-treatment in detention for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people between 2019 and 2022, according to HRW report in Oct 2022