

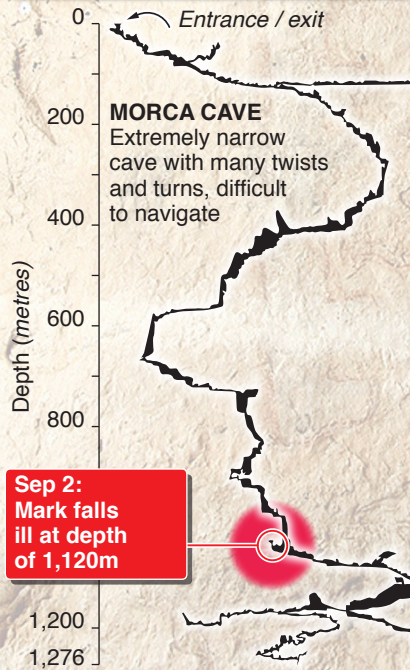
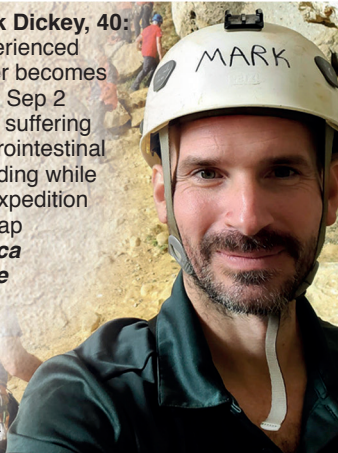
# Huge operation to save ill cave explorer

Rescuers from across Europe are racing to save an American man trapped in Turkey's third deepest cave complex



## Mark Dickey, 40:

Experienced caver becomes ill on Sep 2 after suffering gastrointestinal bleeding while on expedition to map **Morca Cave**



*Mark's condition improved after receiving 4 litres of blood, but he needs stretcher to exit*

## RESCUE OPERATION

- Involves more than 170 doctors, paramedics and experienced cavers from several countries – including Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Italy, Poland and Turkey
- Cave divided into seven sections, with different teams responsible for each section
- Narrow passages being widened – sometimes with help of small explosions – to allow stretcher lines to pass through
- Rescuers working under wet conditions and temperatures as low as 4°C