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Israel - Chief Rabbi Allows Organ Donations of Brain Dead Soccer Player

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Israel - Chief Sephardi Rabbi Shlomo Amar told the family of brain-dead soccer icon Avi Cohen it can donate before disconnecting life-support systems.

The family of Cohen, who was critically injured in an accident while riding his motorcycle last week, consulted Health Ministry health committee confirmed on Tuesday that Cohen was brain-dead.

“There is no choice other than to say that he has passed away,” said the former soccer star’s son Tamir. “Thank all of the People of Israel for their help. I ask everyone to give us a bit of peace and quiet as we try to :

Cohen, 54, played in Israel and also was the first Israeli to play for an English soccer team, having helped Liverpool national champions in 1979.

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