

# *Messi scores seventh World Cup goal in Argentina's Qatar-2022 debut*

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Lionel Messi scores his first goal in Qatar-2022 and seventh in World Cups.

Doha, November 22 (PL) - Argentinian star Lionel Messi scored today his seventh goal in the history of the World Cups of soccer, scoring against Saudi Arabia in the debut of his team in Qatar-2022.

Messi took the penalty in the 10th minute, firing an unassailable shot into the far corner where goalkeeper Mohammed Al Tani dived.

The foul came without the ball inside the box, when Leandro Paredes was brought down in a perhaps overly rigorous foul called by Slovenian referee Slavko Vinčič.

In this way, the Albiceleste striker moved to within one goal of the legendary Diego Armando Maradona in the list of Albiceleste goal scorers in World Cups, a list headed by Gabriel Batistuta, with 10 goals.

Messi's goal put Argentina in the lead after finishing the first half 1-0, in which three goals were disallowed for offside.

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