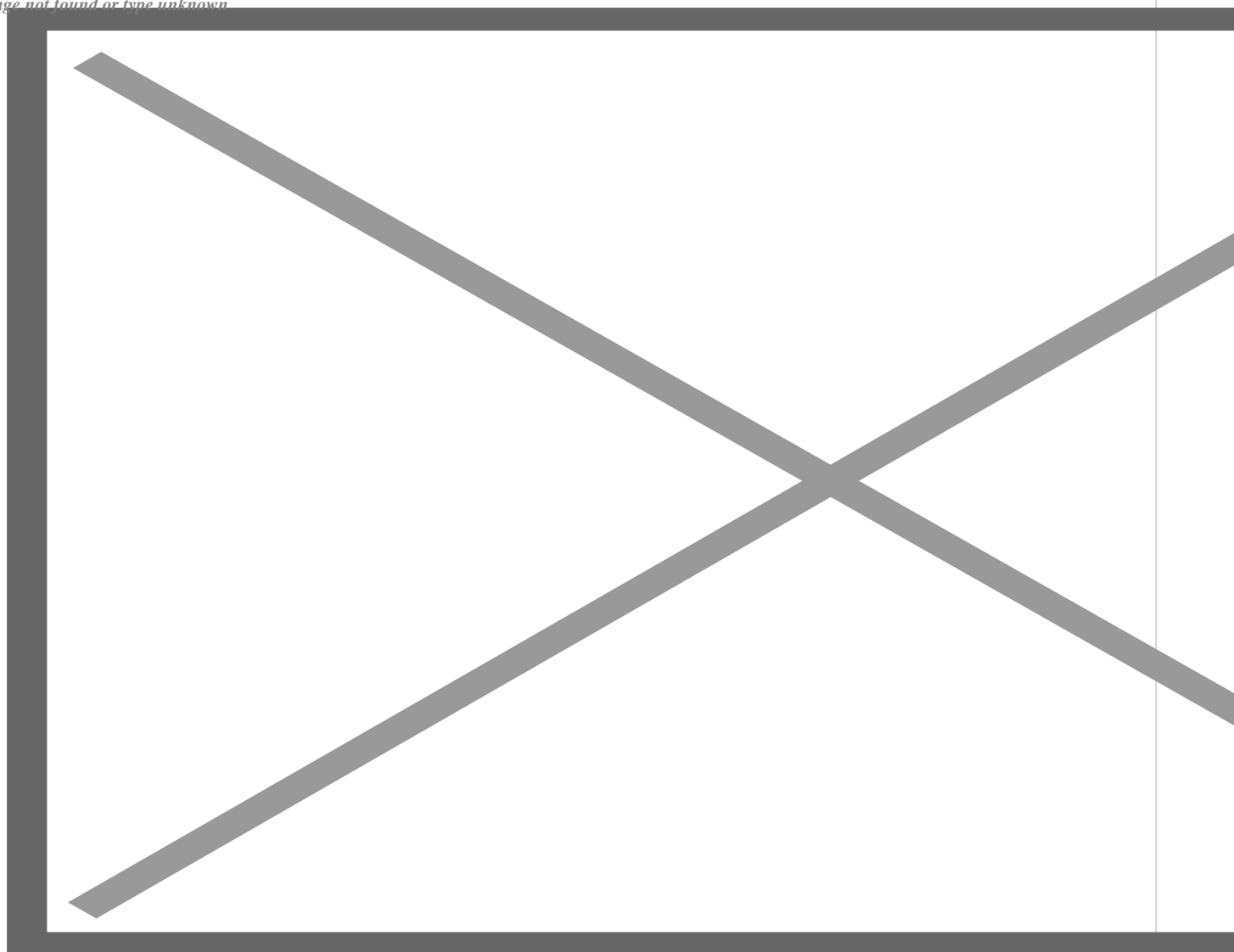


# *Hirving Lozano: Messi is the best in the world, but...*

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**Hirving Lozano / Lionel Messi?**

Doha, November 25 (PL) - Mexico's Hirving Lozano today defined Lionel Messi as the best player in the world, but said he feels ready to challenge Argentina in a duel that will define the history of both teams in Qatar 2022.

"We are going to face a great rival. They have the best player in the world, who for me is Messi, and players who play for big clubs," said "Chucky" Lozano at a press conference held at the 22nd World Cup Media Center.

The Italian Napoli attacker considered that the South Americans "have the responsibility to go all out," after the surprising failure against Saudi Arabia (2-1) in the Group C opener.

"I love playing against the best, and this is a special occasion, because seeing him face him and playing against him is something beautiful," he added about the figure of the Argentine "10", seven-time Ballon d'Or winner.

"We are working to be in the best shape for this match because we are both playing for something important in the World Cup," he said, before assuring that coach Gerardo "Tata" Martino "has the experience of knowing his opponent".

He also showed confidence in his team despite facing one of the favorites of the tournament: "We have great teammates and players with a lot of quality. We still have hope and the chance to advance.

The striker also spoke about the 0-0 draw in the opening match against Poland. "It was a difficult match. We showed a different side and played a good game," he said.

Argentina and Mexico will meet tomorrow at 19:00 local time at the Lusail Stadium, the same stadium where the Scaloneta's failure took place and the venue for the final on December 20.

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