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It seems that the man was **close to a block that had been placed on the ground**. For reasons yet to be clarified, the roughhewn marble block moved and struck the worker in the chest. Doctors could not do anything to save him. Rescuers tried to revive him for almost half an hour, but in vain. Many quarries immediately suspended work as a sign of respect.

Savio had a contract signed on 6 July, but began working on 9 July, and **“his contract was only for six days of work**. A young worker has lost his life for a work contract of only six days' length,” said the secretary of CGIL of Massa Carrara. “The marble industry is paying too high a price in human lives. It is unsustainable for any city that wants to be called civilised,” said Francesco De Pasquale, the mayor of Carrara (Massa Carrara). He was the second victim in two months in the stone sector in Carrara: on 11 May, a 58-year-old quarryman died in Fantiscritti.