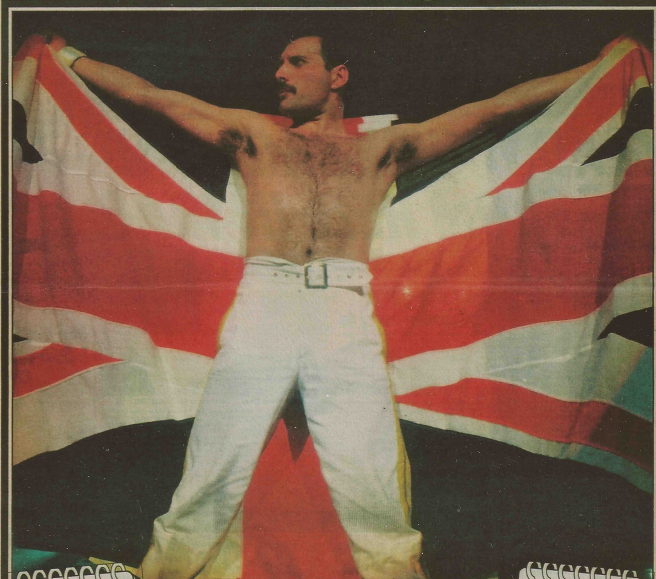


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FREDDIE IS DEAD



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Showman... Freddie draped in a Union Flag during a typically flamboyant performance

ROCK star Freddie Mercury is dead - just two days after confirming he had AIDS.

The 43-year-old gay star's parents were at his bedside as he slipped away late last night.

Freddie's doctor and close friend Gordon Atkinson was

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also with the Queen singer at his death moments.

Dr Atkinson made three separate visits yesterday to the house in Kensington, West London. After the second, he said: "Freddie has slipped a bit and I shall be staying

just before midnight the star's godmother Buxy Mendis said: "Freddie Mercury died peacefully this evening. His death was the result of long-term complications brought on by AIDS."

Showbiz stars were stunned after Freddie announced on Saturday that he had the killer virus. His family members, who has lived next door to him for

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