

Mexico temporarily suspends charter company that owned plane in crash



Mexico City, May 22 (RHC)-- Mexico's civil aviation authority has temporarily suspended operations of Global Air, also known as Damojh, which owned the plane that crashed shortly after takeoff in Havana's International Airport last Friday, killing more than 100 people.

In a press release, the authority said the measure will be in place while it reviews the airline service company to make sure it is adhering to regulations and gather information to help the ongoing investigation into the causes of the accident.

Damojh has been subject to annual reviews, most recently in November 2017, the aviation authority said. The company has also renewed its airworthiness certificates every two years, most recently in October 2017.

Cuban investigators have so far recovered the cockpit voice recorder and were still looking for the flight data recorder.

Cuba will lead a probe, with the aid of Mexican and US investigators. It will receive technical assistance from Boeing and Pratt & Whitney, part of U.S.-based industrial group United Technologies, which manufactured the engines of the plane that crashed.

Friday's crash was the worst in Cuba since a Soviet-built Ilyushin-62M passenger plane came down near Havana in 1989, killing all 126 people on board and another 14 on the ground.

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