

Final results of probe on May 2018 plane crash in Havana to be released soon



Havana, March 15 (RHC)-- The investigation to determine the causes of the plane crash of May 18, 2018 in Havana is entering its final phase, Armando Daniel Lopez, president of the Cuban Institute of Civil Aeronautics, said Thursday.

In a statement to national TV, the head of the governmental commission to probe the reasons of the accident said all the rigorous tests we had proposed to carry out have finished. In each case, the protocols sought points of agreement.

Lopez added that a thorough inspection of the two black boxes (one of data and the other of voices) allowed experts from Cuba, the United States and Mexico to accurately determine elements such as speed, height, turns, engine power and possible technical failures of the Boeing 737-200.

"To this type of aircraft, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) assigns a year for the investigation and at the moment we are approaching the tenth month. We ratify that the final results will be disclosed as established," the executive added.

The governmental commission pointed out that there is no relationship between the aircraft that crashed in Havana in May 2018 – in which more than a hundred people died – and the recent air catastrophes of the Boeing 737 max 8 aircraft.

According to the source, the final results of the investigation will be made public soon.

The aircraft of the Mexican company Damojh, leased by Cubana de Aviacion, would cover the Havana – Holguin route, however, minutes after taking off it fell to the ground in the surroundings of the Jose Marti international airport.

The plane carried 113 people, including 102 Cubans, six Mexican crew members, two Argentine tourists and one Mexican, and two Saharawis living in Cuba.

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