

Egypt to Send Russia Jet Recording Abroad for Analysis



Cairo, November 13 (RHC)-- Egyptian officials say a copy of the black box recording of a Russian Airbus that crashed in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula will be sent abroad for analysis amid efforts to identify the exact cause of the incident.

The Airbus A321, which was on its way to Saint Petersburg, crashed in the Sinai Peninsula on October 31st, minutes after it took off from the Egyptian Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh, leaving all 224 people on board dead.

Last week, an Egyptian-led investigative committee announced that a sound was caught by the black box just before the disaster, but it said further analysis was needed.

"This sound will be analyzed with specific equipment that is not available in most countries," Egypt's Civil Aviation Minister Hossam Kamal told state newspaper al-Ahram in an interview published on Friday. He added that "the last seven minutes of the black box recording will be sent to one of the countries that manufacture airplanes and that have this equipment to analyze this sound and its cause."

The Airbus was reportedly manufactured in Germany, with a French design, and its engine was built in the United States. "The investigation has not yet arrived to a conclusion on the cause of the incident, and all scenarios are still open," said Kamal.

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