
Progress of investigation into Mi-8T helicopter crash in the Krasnoyarsk Territory

West-Siberian Transport Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee continue investigating a criminal case over a crash of Mi-8T helicopter at Yurubchensky deposit in the Krasnoyarsk Territory (part 2 of article 263 of the RF Criminal Code – violation of safety rules for traffic and operation of air transport entailing by negligence death of a person).

During the primary investigating operations documentation on the weather conditions during the flight and connected with technical state of the helicopter and its preparing for the flight was seized. The survived crew members and passengers were interrogated. Forensic medical expert examinations were arranged and are underway, including those to establish the state of pilots during the flight.

At present investigating operations at the crash scene are complete. During the examination of the crash scene the helicopter was lifted from its right side on which it overturned at the moment of crash and was set on undercarriage. Fragments of fuselage and main parts of the helicopter needed for further examination, airborne recorders, registering flight parameters of the aircraft and talks of the crew (radio exchange) were seized from the scene. Fuel samples were taken from the reserve tank of the helicopter and in the take-off airport.

Fragments of the helicopter, fuel samples, flight documentation and airborne recorders were sent to specialists of Interstate Aviation Committee for examination.

Taking into account the evidence collected during the primary investigating operations, the investigators consider the following as the main versions of the crash: pilot's mistake and technical failure of the helicopter. According to preliminary data, the weather conditions in the flight area were favorable.

Investigation is to be continued.

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