Criminal investigation launched into crash of Mi-8T helicopter in Saratov Region



Military Investigations Department of the Russia's Investigative Committee in Saratov Garrison has launched a criminal investigation into a crash of Mi-8T helicopter containing signs of a crime under article 351 of the RF Criminal Code (violation of rules for flights or preparing for them).

It is known that, on 28 May this year the helicopter of training air group of military training research center aviated by a crew of 3 people crashed during planned flights near the state farm Ivanovsky, Saratov district, Saratov Region (about 50 km off the city of Saratov). According to preliminary information two crew members, who left the helicopter by parachutes saved themselves, while a flight mechanic, who stayed in the cockpit was killed.

At the moment an operational group is working at the crash scene. Investigating operations are underway to find all the circumstances of the crash. Investigation of the criminal case is ongoing.

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