
Criminal investigation launched in Moscow into KA-52 helicopter crash



Moscow Inter-Regional Transport Investigations Directorate has launched a criminal investigation into an emergency landing of a Ka-52 Alligator helicopter as containing signs of the crime under part 1 of article 263 of the RF Penal Code (violation of safety rules for traffic and operation of air transport entailing massive damage).

According to investigators on 29 October 2013, at 3:57 PM, during experimental test flights the K-52 helicopter near No 50 in Primovolnaya Street in Moscow crashed while trying onto land and fell into pieces. The owner of the helicopter – the Russian Ministry of Defense – suffered a loss of 800 million rubles. The crew members – 1 class test pilot Yuri Timofeyev and 1 class test navigator Vladimir Yurtayev were delivered to city clinical hospital No 36 in Moscow with different injuries.

An investigating group has been set up to conduct the probe. They have examined the scene, seized the emergency and experimental airborne recorders, samples of fuel, helicopter documents and the flight task and are questioning the witnesses. In the near future additional examination of the scene with participation of the specialists of the Ministry of Industry and Trade is planned. The investigators are planning to assign forensic chemical expert examinations of the fuel and forensic medical analyses to find how bad the crew's injuries are, and other search and investigation operations designed to find all the circumstances of the crash.

The investigation is ongoing.

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