
Russian Emergencies Ministry to make legal evaluation of actions of both airport staff and their bosses



At this point it is obvious, that the cause of the crash was not a tragic coincidence as representatives of the airport are trying to present it, but criminal negligence of officials, who failed to ensure that the staff's actions were coordinated.

At present investigators and representatives of the Interstate Aviation Committee continue examining the crash scene. They have retrieved a cockpit voice recorder and parametric recorder and have passed them on to specialists to decode. They have also confiscated technical documents regulating the airport's operation, CCTV and phone records. The investigators and specialists are going to analyze all that very carefully to make final conclusions on the cause of the crash and name the ones guilty of it.

As for the snowplow driver Vladimir Matrynenko, he has already been put in detention for 48 hours and the investigators are going to file an arrest request soon. Cause and effect connection between his actions and the crash will be checked during the probe.

Other theories are being considered as well, with an error of air traffic controllers among them. The

investigators have questioned them and I can tell that they are going to take alcohol and drug tests as well.

Additionally, the investigators are going to take measures shortly to dismiss a number of airport officials, who may impede the investigation. Although there are suspects, it is obvious that there are much more high ranking managers of the airport behind the criminal negligence of the staff. The actions and omission of those top managers will be legally evaluated, so more defendants can be expected in this case.

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