
Check launched in human remains and 1935 plane wreckage in Khabarovsk Territory



The investigating bodies of the Far Eastern Transport Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee are carrying out a check into the remains resembling human ones and fragments of an aircraft, presumably of a Savoia-Marchetti S.55 which crashed in the area on 26 June 1935, found in the remote area, 60 km to the north of the village of Lazarev, Nikolayevsk District, Khabarovsk Territory.

In early September 2015, the investigative bodies received an appeal from the president of the Khabarovsk Territory Historical Heritage Public Council of the territorial office of the Russian Association for Protection of Historical and Cultural Monuments. The appeal said that, a Savoia-Marchetti S.55 passenger plane travelling from Alexanderovsk-Sakhalinsky to Khabarovsk had crashed in Nikolayevsk District on 26 June 1935, claiming lives of 3 crew members and 9 passengers (including a child).

There have been several expeditions sent to the crash site over 80 years. In August 2015, members of Primorye regional youth NGO Search Association AbiaPoisk during their search operation at the crash site found human remains.

An investigative team of investigators and criminalists of the transport investigations directorate and members of the Khabarovsk Historical Heritage Public Council of the Russian Monument Protection Association have been sent to check the facts alleged in the appeal.

The investigators examined the place where remains and plane wreckage had been found.

They also examined the place where the remains found in 2006 are kept and seized biological samples, fragments of personal things belonging to the crew and passengers.

In addition, they examined another place where biological remains (found in 2006) are kept on the outskirts of the village of Lazarev and seized some biological material as well.

The investigators have questioned local residents, representatives of the Lazarev administration and police.

To identify the victims using the remains found, the investigators are planning to run some forensic tests (DNA file, medical and some others). To find out possible reasons for the crash, the seized fragments of the plane will be examined by specialists, the investigators are going to request and analyze the information on the weather on the day of the crash, data on the technical structure and condition of the plane that are kept in the state archives.

A procedural decision will be made following the check.

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