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21 Injured in Thailand Bus Crash

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About 20 Russian tourists and one Ukrainian citizen were injured after their bus flipped over 15 kilometers from the Thai resort of Pattaya early Sunday, Interfax reported.

No one died in the incident, but a Russian tourist, Alexander Konin, and the Ukrainian, Irina Kravchenko, remained hospitalized in stable condition, the report said. The other 42 tourists escaped with minor injuries.

The tourists had to get out of the bus by themselves by breaking its windows, Thai media said.

Initial reports said the driver might have fallen asleep at the wheel, but local investigators later said the driver apparently just lost control of the bus on a turn.

All tourists will likely have their medical expenses covered by their travel insurance, said Sergei Shpilko, president of the Russian Association of Travel Agents, RIA-Novosti reported. They were traveling to the western Kanchanaburi province after booking a cheap excursion from a small local operator in the streets of Pattaya.

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