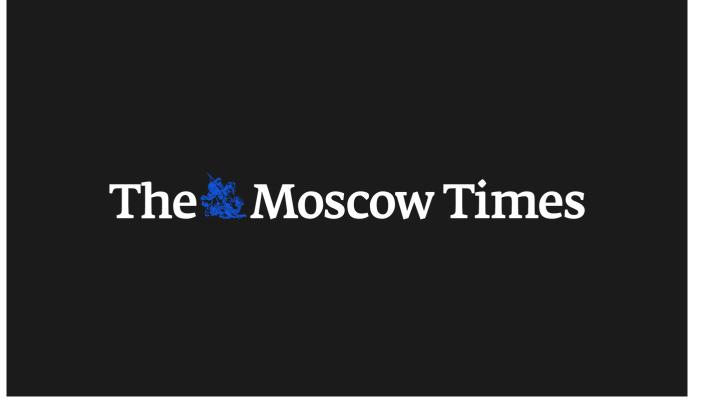


## **Chimp Remark Angers Poles**

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WARSAW — Poles are fuming over a Russian aviation official's remark that even if "a chimpanzee" had been running the control tower the day their president's plane crashed in Russia the disaster would still be entirely their fault.

Media and officials widely condemned Oleg Smirnov's remarks, broadcast live in Poland to a public still hurting over the April death of their president and 95 others.

Edmund Klich, a Polish official involved in investigating the crash, said that he found Smirnov's remarks "insulting."

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