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Charges in Kaczynski Crash

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WARSAW — Polish military prosecutors have charged two officers with negligence for their role in organizing the 2010 flight to Russia in which President Lech Kaczynski and 95 others died — the first criminal charges to be filed in the case.

Marcin Maksjan, a spokesman for the prosecutors, said Monday that the two men had roles of responsibility in the regiment that organized the flight that crashed near Smolensk.

He said they had failed in their responsibilities to properly assign crew members and prepare them. He did not identify the men but said the charges carry prison sentences of up to three years.

A government report last month found several reasons for the crash, including poor pilot training and a lack of coordination among crew members.

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