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Flight Attendant Fired for Joking About Crash Hired by Vkontakte

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Yekaterina Solovyova will begin working at the Moscow office of Vkontakte starting Monday.

An Aeroflot flight attendant who was fired for joking about the May crash of a Russian Superjet in Indonesia has been hired by social networking site Vkontakte.

"It was painful to watch as the Russian Internet attacked defenseless Yekaerina. I'm sure she learned a lesson from her mistake. And we decided to support her. Welcome aboard Vkontakte!" site deputy director Ilya Perekopsky said, Interfax reported.

Solovyova will work as office manager of the Moscow Vkontakte office from Monday.

The former flight attendant was fired from Aeroflot in May for joking about the crash on her Twitter account.

"What, a Superjet crashed? Hahaha! Piece of crap! It's a pity it's not Aeroflot's, there would be one less and maybe they would even sell the rest back to someone," she wrote.

She later deleted both the comment and her account, but she was still fired from the company.

Aeroflot head Vitaly Savelyov said about the firing, "A person who mocks a tragedy cannot fulfill their professional duty to the crew and passengers."

The Sukhoi Superjet 100 slammed into the side of a Volcanic mountain near Jakarta May 9 while on a demonstration tour, killing all 45 on board. The cause of the crash is still under investigation.

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