

5 Injured in Biplane Emergency Landing

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Five people were injured after an Antonov An-2 biplane made an emergency landing in Russia's Far East, the local department of the Emergency Situations Ministry said Friday.

Earlier reports said three people were injured in the incident in the Khabarovsk region, about 6,100 kilometers east of Moscow, with one of them being in critical condition.

"According to latest information, five people were injured after An-2 plane crash landed in a forest near the village of Nekrasovka in the Khabarovsk Territory," the department.

The statement also specified that the biplane carried a total of nine people, including two crew members and seven passengers, instead of a previously reported figure of seven people.

The cause of the emergency landing and other details of the incident were not reported as of yet.

Hundreds of An-2s remain in service in Russia despite the aircraft's age, due to its reliability

and versatility. The first An-2 flew in 1947 and production ceased in 1992.

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