

Supreme Court Chair Hurt in Ghana Car Crash

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ACCRA, Ghana — Supreme Court head Vyacheslav Lebedev was injured in a car crash while on a visit to Ghana, authorities said, prompting the Emergency Situations Ministry to send a plane with a medical team to evacuate him.

Court spokesman Pavel Odintsov said he spoke with Lebedev by telephone Tuesday and said "he feels OK," Interfax reported. Lebedev was placed in intensive care at a military hospital.

An unidentified source told Interfax that Lebedev was expected to be flown out of Ghana on Wednesday. A team of doctors is traveling on board the plane sent by the emergencies ministry, the source said.

Lebedev, 70, was traveling outside Ghana's capital Monday when a truck veered into his lane and struck his vehicle, authorities said.

Lebedev had gone to Ho, about 160 kilometers east of Accra, to open a meeting of the Ghana Bar Association and was returning to the capital at the time of the crash.

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