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Reports of Russians Injured in Deadly Egypt Bus Crash Disputed

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33 people died and dozens were injured when two buses collided in Egypt.

Arabic-language television channel Alhurra has denied earlier reports an unknown number of Russian tourists were injured when two buses collided before dawn on Friday in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula.

Citing the head of Sinai's emergency services, the U.S.-based television channel said there appeared to be no Russians among the four foreigners to have been injured in the crash, identifying those injured as citizens of Yemen, Saudi Arabia and Ukraine, Lenta.ru reported.

The Egyptian Health Ministry said in an online statement 33 people were killed in the collision.

Earlier on Friday, the Middle East News Agency (MENA) quoted local health ministry official Mohamed Lashin as saying that Russian, Yemeni and Saudi Arabian citizens were among

the more than 40 people injured but did not give further details.

Lashin said that the injured were being transferred to two hospitals in the area. He said bodies were still being lifted from the wreckage so the death toll could rise.

The buses were travelling in the southern part of the Sinai, one of them from the Red Sea resort city of Sharm el-Sheikh and the other from a Nile Delta province, security sources said.

Egypt's roads and railways have a poor safety record and Egyptians have long complained that successive governments have failed to enforce even basic safeguards, leading to frequent, deadly crashes.

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