

18 Russians Injured in Egypt Tour Bus Crash

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Eighteen Russian tourists have been injured in a collision between a tour bus and a truck on a highway near the Red Sea resort of Hurgada in Egypt, Russia's Emergency Situations Ministry said.

According to preliminary reports, 18 Russian citizens have been hospitalized in Hurgada with "traumatic injuries of various levels of severity" following the Wednesday accident on the Safaga-Hurghada highway, the ministry said in a statement Thursday, Interfax reported.

Two Egyptians were also killed in the accident, Business Standard reported.

Road accidents killed about 13,000 people in Egypt last year, Canada's CBS reported. However, Business Standard cited Egypt's Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics as saying only 6,716 people died but 22,411 others were injured in road accidents in the country in 2013.

Last week, at least 38 people were killed and 41 others were injured when two tourist buses collided near the resort of Sharm el-Sheikh, media reports said. One of the injured was a Ukrainian citizen, CBS reported.

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