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Families of A321 Victims Sue Russia's Metrojet and Ingosstrakh

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An Egyptian military helicopter flies over debris from a Russian airliner which crashed at the Hassana area in Arish city, north Egypt.

The families of those killed on Metrojet Flight 9268 that disintegrated over Egypt's Sinai Peninsula in October have filed a lawsuit against the airline and the Ingosstrakh insurance company for non-pecuniary damages and loss of earnings, the Meduza news website reported Wednesday.

Ingosstrakh's director general Mikhail Volkov said cases have been filed against the company by more than ten families, the RBK news website reported.

"According to the Russian legal system, the amount of compensation for the loss of a breadwinner is established by the court," Volkov said. "The matter can either be resolved there, or settled out of court by mutual agreement."

Volkov added that the company is ready to speed up payments that are owed to the families, and agree with relatives on the amount of compensation, Meduza reported.

Volkov said that Ingosstrakh will pay the full amount of compensation determined by court, despite acting as a co-defendant with the airline, Meduza reported.

According to Insurance Defense Council president Nikolai Tyornikov, compensation awarded for loss of earnings can be up to 10 million rubles ($127,000).

The A321 plane was flying from the Egyptian resort of Sharm el-Sheikh to St. Petersburg on Oct. 31, 2015 when it was shot down, killing all 224 on board.

The Islamic State — a terrorist organization banned in Russia — claimed responsibility for the attack.

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