

11 Bodies and 154 Fragments of Crashed Aircraft Recovered from Black Sea

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Russian rescue workers carry a body from the wreckage of the crashed plane, at a pier just outside Sochi, Russia, Dec. 25, 2016. **Viktor Klyushin / AP**

Rescuers have recovered 11 bodies and 154 airplane components from the Tu-154 passenger aircraft that [crashed](#) in the Black Sea on Sunday.

Ten bodies and 86 fragments from the Defense Ministry plane will be transported to Moscow, the RBC news outlet [reported](#) Monday.

Meanwhile, an extensive rescue mission is continuing. Around 3,500 people are working at the crash site, and 39 ships and deep-diving vehicles are taking part in the operation.

The Tu-154 plane, en route to Syria, was carrying military personnel, journalists, and musicians due to perform at a New Year's concert for servicemen at the Hmeimim military base. It took off from the Chkalovsky military airport in Moscow at 1:30 a.m. local time, and stopped to refuel at Sochi-

Adler airport. The crash occurred minutes after the plane departed from Sochi.

All 92 people on board, including 8 crew members, are presumed dead.

Among the passengers confirmed to be on the plane was the prominent humanitarian and charity worker Elizaveta Glinka – widely known as Doctor Liza. 64 members of the Alexandrov Ensemble, also known as the Red Army Choir, were also on board.

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