

11 Passengers Killed in Bus-Truck Collision in Central Russia

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Eleven people died when a bus collided with a truck late on Thursday in central Russia, around 700 kilometers east of Moscow.

Republic of Chuvashia emergency services released a video of the destroyed vehicles, with emergency services at the scene. They said the Moscow-bound bus was carrying passengers from the town of Kanash.

Authorities <u>said</u> 11 people had died at the scene of the crash and at least eight others were hospitalized.

The heavy duty truck had swerved into oncoming traffic on a Moscow-Kazan highway and crashed into the minibus, police said on Friday.

The 58-year-old truck driver, the 51-year-old minibus driver and at least six minibus passengers survived, the Chuvash Interior Ministry branch <u>said</u> in an online statement.

Police opened a criminal case into traffic violations punishable by up to five years in prison.

The Chuvash administration declared a day of mourning.

Last week, 13 people died in a similar head-on collision 170 kilometers north of Moscow.

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