

# Russian-Made Jets Delayed, Grounded After Deadly Fire

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A Russian-made passenger plane has encountered delays days after an emergency landing ended in a plane fire that resulted in the deaths of 41 people in Moscow.

Questions resurfaced about the Sukhoi Superjet 100's safety after one of the planes crash-landed shortly after takeoff at Sheremetyevo Airport on Sunday, killing 40 passengers and one flight attendant. An investigation is considering several causes of the disaster, including a defect on the plane.

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In the wake of the tragedy, two international flights and one domestic flight had been delayed at Sheremetyevo, while two other domestic flights have been grounded.

Aeroflot replaced an SSJ [bound](#) for Riga and an SSJ [headed](#) for Minsk with other Sukhoi

Superjet 100s, delaying departure times by at least two hours late Tuesday and early Wednesday.

A Moscow-bound SSJ was grounded due to a malfunction in the southern city of Rostov-on-Don, the state-run RIA Novosti news agency [quoted](#) an unnamed source with knowledge of the situation as saying on Wednesday. The passengers were said to have reached Moscow via other flights.

A fourth Superjet 100 — another Aeroflot flight departing toward Ulyanovsk from Sheremetyevo — was delayed because of issues with reverse thrust on Wednesday. The airport's departures table [lists](#) an Ulyanovsk-bound SSJ 100 departing with a three-hour delay, indicating that the malfunctioning plane had been replaced with another Russian-made jet.

A Wednesday afternoon Moscow-Perm and evening Perm-Moscow flight has been entirely [canceled](#).

SSJ flights had been rescheduled over malfunctions in the past, but “no one paid much attention” before Sunday’s tragedy, an unnamed source within Aeroflot was [quoted](#) by the RBC news website as saying.

Meanwhile, a widely spread Twitter thread by an anonymous user who claims to have worked as an Aeroflot flight attendant lists a number of technical faults on the SSJ.

These include a [freezing door slide switch](#) and [malfunctioning backdoors](#) that “can literally fall off on opening.” Maxim Moiseyev, the 22-year-old flight attendant who died onboard the fatal SU 1492 flight, was reported to have [tried](#) but failed to open the back door.

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