

FSB Helicopter Crashes in Urals, Killing Crew

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A Mi-8 helicopter. Bill Ingalls

A Federal Security Service (FSB) helicopter has crashed in Russia's Ural Mountains, killing all three crew members on board, authorities and state media<u>reported</u> Thursday.

"An Mi-8 helicopter crashed in a forest during a routine flight near the village of Prudny in the Sosnovsky district [of Russia's Chelyabinsk region]," an anonymous emergency services representative told the RIA Novosti news agency.

The cause of the deadly air disaster is believed to be a "technical malfunction," the news agency reported.

The Mil Mi-8 transport helicopter belonged to the FSB's fleet of aircraft, Chelyabinsk region Governor Alexei Teksler <u>said</u> on the Telegram messaging app.

There were no casualties among residents near the crash site, Teksler added.

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