

# Russian Warplane Crashes During Training Flight

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Su-34 aircraft. **Dmitry Terekhov (CC BY-SA 2.0)**

A Russian fighter bomber has crashed during a training flight in southwestern Russia, state media [reported](#) Wednesday, citing Russia's Defense Ministry.

The supersonic Su-34 strike aircraft was not equipped with weapons when it crashed in the Voronezh region, which borders the partially-occupied Luhansk region of eastern Ukraine.

"There's no destruction on the ground," the Defense Ministry was quoted as saying by the Interfax news agency.

The Sukhoi Su-34's two-man crew ejected and was evacuated to the airfield where the aircraft was based.

Wednesday's incident marks the tenth Russian warplane to crash inside the country this year, [according](#) to The Moscow Times' Russian service.

Russia's military has seen several deadly air crashes since Moscow launched its invasion of

Ukraine in February 2022.

Overall, Russia has lost 20 Su-34s since the start of the war, including three that were destroyed in non-combat related incidents, [according](#) to the Dutch open-source intelligence project Oryx.

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