

# Plane Crashes Near Moscow, Killing 2 Pilots

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Crash site of the Aviatik Alliance Aleks-251 aircraft. [epp.genproc.gov.ru](http://epp.genproc.gov.ru)

A small propeller-powered plane crashed during a training flight at an airfield in the Moscow region, killing the two pilots on board, authorities [said](#) Monday.

The Aviatik Alliance Aleks-251 twin-engine aircraft [crashed](#) near the Vatulino airfield in the town of Ruza, around 80 kilometers (50 miles) west of Moscow.

The transportation arm of Russia's Investigative Committee, which probes major crimes, said it [launched](#) a criminal probe into flight safety violations.

Moscow's transportation prosecutor's office told the state-run news agency TASS that a senior official was [dispatched](#) to identify the causes and circumstances of the plane crash.

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