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Russia Says No Survivors in Military Cargo Plane Crash

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Russia on Tuesday said there were no survivors in a military plane crash east of Moscow, with state media reporting earlier there were seven people onboard.

"On December 9, 2025, during a test flight, an AN-22 aircraft crashed near the village of Ivankovo in the Ivanovo region," the committee said.

"All crew members onboard were killed."

It did not say how many people were on the plane, but the state-run TASS news agency earlier reported the plane had seven crew members.

The Defense Ministry earlier said the flight took place after repair work.

Search crews have been deployed and an investigation opened into the accident, according to

the Defense Ministry.

The Ivanovo region is located around 200 kilometers (125 miles) east of Moscow.

There was no suggestion that the incident was connected to Russia's war in Ukraine or any accusations of involvement by Kyiv.

The incident is believed to have been caused by a technical malfunction with the aircraft, which had been in service for more than 50 years, the Kommersant business daily reported later, citing anonymous sources.

Accidents involving military transport and equipment have become more frequent in Russia during its almost four-year war in Ukraine, which has seen increased military movement and activity in the country.

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