

Russian plane with 30 onboard crashes in Siberia, no casualties reported

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Yakutia: A Russian military aircraft has crashed in Yakutia in Siberia with 30 people on board.; no fatalities have been reported, according to the Russian Defense Ministry.

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The BBC, however, reported that 16 people were injured.

The plane crashed at 12:07 local time, a law enforcement source told Russian news agency Tass.

Weather conditions were reportedly bad in the area when the crash happened.

The plane was carrying out a scheduled flight from Kansk when it came down about 30km (18 miles) short of Tiksi at 04:45 (19:45 GMT Sunday), reported BBC.

The plane broke into three pieces in what appears to have been an emergency landing.

Three Mi-8 helicopters were despatched to the crash site by Russia's Emergency Ministry.

"The Il-18 plane, which flew from the Koltsovo airport in Yekaterinburg, on Monday, December 19, crashed 27 kilometers from the Tiksi village," the source added.

The crew and passengers are being evacuated and have been taken to a hospital in Tiksi, a village near the crash site.

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