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CRASH OF CASPIAN AIRLINES TU-154M NEAR TEHRAN



On July 15, 2009 at 0709 UTC, a Caspian Airlines flight 7908, a Tupolev Tu-154M took off from Tehran's Imam Khomeini International Airport on a scheduled flight to the Armenian capital Yerevan. There were 153 passengers and 15 crewmembers on board. Sixteen minutes later, the airplane crashed near the village of Jannat Abad outside the city of Qazvin, around 75 miles northwest of Tehran. According to an unidentified witness plane's tail burst into flames in the air and the aircraft circled as if looking for a place to land before it crashed.

The impact created a crater in the dirt field, which was littered with smoking wreckage and body parts. Footage aired on state TV showed a large chunk of a wing, but much of the wreckage appeared to be in small shreds, and emergency workers and witnesses picked around the shredded metal for bodies and flight data recorders to determine the cause of the crash. The cause of the crash was not immediately known.

The investigating team has recovered two of the three black boxes in damaged condition and are hopeful of extracting flight data.

In February 2006, another TU-154 operated by Iran Airtour, crashed during landing in Tehran, killing 29 of the 148 people on board.

