

Nine confirmed dead in Turkish plane crash near AmsterdamCET6

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https://www.100test.com/kao_ti2020/565/2021_2022_Nine_conf_i_c84_565080.htm A wounded passenger is wheeled away by firefighters from the site of the plane crash at Amsterdams Schiphol airport. The Turkish Airlines plane -- with 143 people on board -- crashed while attempting to land at Amsterdams Schiphol airport. Rescue workers help passengers after a Turkish Airlines passenger plane crashed while attempting to land at Amsterdams Schiphol airport Feb. 25, 2009. Nine people have been confirmed dead and more than 50 others wounded after a Turkish airplane with 135 aboard crashed near Amsterdam on Wednesday, local officials announced. A crew member was among the dead and 25 were injured seriously, said a local official, Haarlemmermeer Acting Mayor Michel Bezuijden, at a press conference at the Schiphol airport near Amsterdam. Six were very seriously injured and 24 suffered minor injuries. The cause of the accident remains unclear, said the local police. The aircraft split into three parts after it made a soft-landing on the plowed fields near Amsterdams Schiphol airport. Mirjam Snoerwang, spokeswoman for the Schiphol airport, told Xinhua that the plane crashed three to four miles away from a north-south runway where the plane should have landed, adding there were 128 passengers and seven crew members on board. Snoerwang said earlier that the list of the dead and injured may be unveiled at the second press conference, but it ended without any list. Police authorities only said that most of the passengers were of Turkish and Dutch nationalities. No fire or explosion occurred

due to low fuel in the tanks of the plane, reports quoted experts as saying. The plane, Flight TK1951, left Istanbul's Ataturk Airport at 8:22 a.m. local time. More than 60 ambulances rushed to the scene and took the injured to 11 nearby hospitals. Relatives of the dead were arranged in a reception center at the airport, the officials said. All flights in and out of the Schiphol airport, which is Europe's fifth-largest by passenger volume, were temporarily suspended after the crash. Operations have already resumed by press time. "It was very lucky. It's unbelievable. If it had moved another 250 meters away, it would have hit the trees, the risk will have been much bigger," a local official said. Reports quoted officials in Turkey's transport ministry as saying that around 56 foreigners and 78 Turkish nationals were on board the aircraft. Flight TK1951, a seven-year-old Boeing 737, was due to land at its destination at 10:30 local time. The Boeing 737-800 is a short to medium range, single aisle, narrow body jet airliner. The 737 has nine variants, from the early 737-100 to the most recent and largest, the 737-900. Series 737-600 through 737-900 are still being produced. First envisioned in 1964, the 737 series entered service in 1968. Forty years later it has become the most ordered and produced commercial passenger jet in the world. Nearly 48 million passengers passed through the Schiphol airport in 2007, according to the latest figures from an industry organization, the Airports Council International. Schiphol saw an air crash in 1992 when an El Al cargo aircraft hit a high building in the Amsterdam suburb of Bijlmermeer, killing 43 people.

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