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Thread: [China Eastern Airlines Boeing 737 Crashes - 132 Presumed Lost](#)

SUI-3183372 - March 21, 2022, 8:47 am

Video showing a near free-fall to the ground. (May be disturbing to some) ([Click to View](#))

Quote:A passenger plane carrying 132 people has crashed in southern China and sparked a mountainside fire, Chinese authorities have reported.

The China Eastern Airlines flight, a Boeing 737, crashed near the city of Wuzhou in Teng County, Guangxi province. It had departed from Kunming at 1pm but did not reach its scheduled destination in Guangzhou. Flight tracking data shows the plane dropping from the radar signal to the south-west of Wuzhou shortly before 2.30pm local time. It also suggests the plane fell sharply, losing more than 8,800 metres of altitude in just a few minutes.

The Civil Aviation Administration said it had activated emergency protocols and sent a working group to the scene. State broadcasters said rescuers had been dispatched but there were no immediate details of casualties. China Eastern Airlines said it had also sent officials to the site in line with emergency measures.

Onboard were 123 passengers and nine crew members. State media said some family members of the passengers had arrived at the airline's Yunnan branch by Monday evening. The airline said no foreign nationals were aboard the plane.

Several show a plume of smoke coming from a mountainous region. Other clips show intense flames around a circular area, while another clip appears to show plane wreckage with the name China Eastern Airline visible. Drone footage of the crash site published on Monday evening showed a deep scar in the ground, and very few large pieces of wreckage.

The Guardian has not independently verified the footage.

The Wuzhou fire rescue department said it had dispatched 23 firetrucks and 117 personnel to the site. Another 538 personnel had been ordered in from surrounding detachments as reinforcements. Firefighters could not reach the site by road, and so had walked part of the way into the forested region, state media said.

CCTV said the fire was contained within a few hours.

China's leader, Xi Jinping, called for a prompt investigation into the cause of the crash, the country's first major fatal air disaster since 2010.

Aviation experts in the UK said there could be multiple reasons for the crash before further evidence emerged. Tony Cable, an air accident investigator, said that possibilities included a "loss of control event" or high altitude stall.

Others said that the pattern of the flight shown on tracking sites, which saw the plane cruising at a

steady altitude and speed before descending without any reported mayday call, and with no loss of data signal, appeared similar to the Germanwings crash in 2015. The Airbus A320 passenger plane was crashed deliberately into the French Alps by the pilot, killing himself and 149 people on board.

David Learmount, consulting editor at Flightglobal, said: "We don't have any direct evidence but we can observe that at this stage when we had observed the Germanwings disappearance, when it descended to destruction the two profiles looked very similar – so it is worrying."

The plane is a six-year-old Boeing 737-89P, according to flight data trackers. The Boeing 737-800s are among the most common passenger planes in the world, and different to the 737 Max, which was grounded worldwide after two fatal crashes in 2018 and 2019.

China operates more of the planes than any other country, with 1,177 aircraft based there, according to aviation analytics firm Cirium. State media reported China Eastern Airlines had grounded all 737-800 planes.

China Eastern Airlines, a state-owned company and one of the biggest airlines in Asia, did not answer calls from the Guardian. Its homepage had switched to black and white, which state media said was to mark the crash.

A spokesperson for Boeing told the Guardian they were aware of initial media reports and were working to gather more information.

Shares in Boeing fell 10% on news of the crash but have since climbed back to be just under 7% down.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/mar/21/chinese-plane-crashes-guangxi-province-china-eastern-737-wuzhou>

SRMGOAT - March 21, 2022, 9:06 am

Wow, terrible accident. Sad to see.

John Hawkins - March 21, 2022, 9:15 am

Wow... It really was on a vertical dive... I can't imagine all the screams inside that plane... Nothing good been happening lately in this world.

SUI-3183372 - March 21, 2022, 9:22 am

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Wafflemonger - March 21, 2022, 9:47 am

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The plummet was approximately two minutes and 30 seconds long based on metrics from flightradar24:

<https://www.flightradar24.com/data/aircraft/b-1791#2b367bc1>

I assume most were conscious and aware for a hefty portion of that time.

That's a long time to come to terms with what's about to happen, especially since absolutely nothing can be done.

SIM-2501407 - March 21, 2022, 10:27 am

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(Sorry in advance for this dark comment)

I'm surprised their stock isn't crashing harder than that plane...

Seriously, it's sad that hundreds have died due to their negligence in the past. I recommend watching the Netflix documentary about the 737 max to get the history behind it.

"Boeing: fueled by greed."

I have lost all faith in Boeing at this point. I don't see myself supporting the company in the foreseeable future. Was hesitant in ever supporting them again before this, but if they're found guilty for this, i will despise them as a company.

(Mar 21, 2022 09:58 AM)Lowkey Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) That's horrible for the people on board. I hope they're able to determine what happened quickly. Same here, for the sake of the family's. I can't imagine what they must be going thru...

dida117 - March 21, 2022, 10:34 am

Wow, terrible accident i can just imaging the pain families are going through

Omniscient - March 21, 2022, 5:31 pm

Must have run out of fuel. Shit is getting to expensive to fill the whole tank.

rathvncgod - March 21, 2022, 9:02 pm

Russia clearly infiltrated the MSR automation system and disabled manual control

Ke\$h - March 22, 2022, 12:51 am

The most peculiar thing was how it nose dived, like a sharp 90 degree dive. Looks more intentional, maybe software glitch or human action.