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# Scores dead in Brazilian plane crash (VIDEOS)

The passenger jet fell from an altitude of five kilometers, smashing to pieces when it hit a residential area near Sao Paulo



A still from a video purportedly showing the wreckage of an ATR-72 aircraft in Vinhedo, Brazil, August 9, 2024 © X / @MeanLILMeoW

All 62 people on board an ATR-72 aircraft have died after the plane abruptly plummeted from the sky in the Brazilian city of Vinhedo on Friday.

The plane, operated by regional airline Voepass Linhas Aereas, was en route from Cascavel in the state of Parana to Sao Paulo at the time of the crash. Data from FlightRadar24 showed the aircraft cruising at 17,000 feet (5,190 meters) until it entered a seemingly uncontrollable flat spin while banking right for Sao Paulo and crashed to the ground in a residential area of Vinhedo two minutes later.

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Voepass said 58 passengers and four crew members were on board. Emergency services rushed to the scene but local authorities announced shortly afterwards that there were no survivors.

Video footage posted on social media captured the turboprop aircraft's final moments as it spiraled toward the ground.

**! ✈️💥 BR - Other angles of the ATR 72 crash this afternoon in the Brazilian city of Vinhedo, in the state of São Paulo. From the various images we see that the aircraft fell vertically, without any support.**  
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**A Voepass ATR 72 passenger aircraft has crashed in Finhedo (São Paulo state, Brazil). The aircraft involved is PS-VPB, a 14-year-old ATR72-500, built in 2010. The flight, #2Z2283, departed Cascavel (CAC) at 14:56UTC bound for Sao Paolo (GRU). The last signal we received from the...**  
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Footage from the crash site showed a pile of flaming wreckage. It is unclear whether there were any casualties on the ground.

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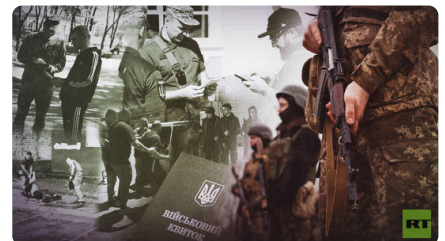
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**BRNO SURVIVORS REPORTED YET FROM BRAZIL PLANE CRASH** Voepass Flight 2283, carrying 62 people, has crashed near São Paulo with no confirmed survivors as of now. The ATR 72-500 aircraft went down in Vinhedo after departing from Cascavel, Paraná. <pic.twitter.com/nB0H8053mb>

— Nasir Ali Khan (@Nasir\_Alikhan57) August 9, 2024

Speaking at a military event in the southern city of Itajai, Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva held a minute's silence for the victims of the crash.

The cause of the crash is still unknown. In aviation, a flat spin typically occurs when a plane's center of gravity shifts too far towards its tail, pitching its nose up and reducing airflow over the wings. With less air flowing over the wings, the plane loses altitude, and any subsequent horizontal rotation can cause it to enter an uncontrollable spin. With reduced air flow over control surfaces, recovering from such a spin can be extremely difficult, particularly on larger aircraft. Icing on a plane's wings can also trigger a flat spin.

The Brazilian Air Force has sent a team of investigators to determine the cause of the accident, local media reported.

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