

## 9 Dead in Azeri Plane Crash

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KABUL, Afghanistan — An Azeri cargo plane chartered by foreign troops in Afghanistan crashed north of Kabul early Wednesday, killing all nine Russian crew members on board, officials said.

The Il-76 cargo plane operated by Silk Way Airlines crashed 25 kilometers from Kabul, the carrier's parent company, Azeri state-owned air company Azal, said in a statement. "According to preliminary information, the crash may have been the result of a collision with an unknown object," it said. Azal said the plane was carrying 18 tons of cargo.

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