

Airplane Lands Safely After Pilots Blinded by Laser Beam

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Unidentified assailants shot a powerful laser-pen beam at a commercial airplane.

Police have opened an investigation after unidentified assailants shot a powerful laser-pen beam at a commercial airplane that was descending in the Siberian city of Omsk, temporarily blinding the pilots, a news report said.

The Boeing 757 with 226 passengers and eight crew members aboard managed to land safely after being hit by the green-colored beam, which appeared to have been directed from a central street in Omsk, the regional Interior Ministry branch said in a statement, Interfax reported.

The aircraft was about five kilometers away from the landing strip when the incident happened early Wednesday, according to the report.

Nobody was injured during landing, and operations at the airport were not disrupted, the report added.

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