

English Test n °4

Text : More than 250 dead in Algerian military plane crash

Il-76 transporter was carrying soldiers and their families when it crashed soon after takeoff

A military plane carrying soldiers and their families has crashed soon after take off in northern Algeria, killing 257 passengers, made up of Algerian soldiers and their relatives, died along with 10 crew members. The plane was supposed to go from Boufarik to Tindouf, and then on to Bashar. It crashed into a field on Wednesday, next to an airbase in the town of Boufarik, 20 miles (30km) from the capital, Algiers.

An eyewitness told Ennahar he was at home when he heard an explosion, and drove with a neighbor to the site, where they tried to put out the fire and reach victims.

"We saw bodies ... it was a catastrophe," he said.

"We were afraid the plane would explode. We covered some bodies and put out some fires."

The cause of the crash was unclear and an investigation had been launched. The defense ministry said that the victims' bodies were transported to the Algerian army's central hospital in the town of Ain Naadja for identification.

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Part One : Reading Comprehension (7 pts)

Activity One: Read the following statements and write true ,false or not mentioned (3 pts)

1. The plane was heading to the southern Algerian city of Ghardaia.
2. It was 8.30 a .m when the eyewitness heard the crash.
3. The cause of the crash is still unknown.

Activity Two: Answer the following questions (2 pts)

- a) Did the two men try to put out fire?
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- b) Who said that the victims' bodies were transported to the Algerian army's hospital of Ain Naadja ?
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Activity three : (2 pts)

-Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to the following :

was transporting =.....

collision =.....

-Find in the text words that are opposite in meaning to the following

southern ≠.....

uncovered ≠.....

Mastery of language (7pts)

Activity One : Spot the mistake and write the corrected sentence (2pts)

- The plane take off from Boufarik airbase on 7 :55 a.m .

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Activity Two : Write the correct form of the verb in brackets (3 pts)

1- I(to have) breakfast when I heard the crash.

2-As the policemen were invistigating the case, the newsreporters (to arrive)to the site.

3-The plane was flying low while two motorcyclists..... (ride) very fast.

Activity three : Clssify these words in the following table (2 pts)

Take off - died - fires - neighbours

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Part Two: written expression. (6 pts)

You have witnessed a tragic car accident in the past days. Write a newspaper report about what happened.

- Was overtaking the lorry
- Was coming from the airport road
- blocked the traffic.