

Brazilian soccer team's plane crashes in Colombia; 75 dead

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LA UNION, Colombia — A chartered plane carrying a Brazilian soccer team to the biggest match of its history crashed into a Colombian hillside and broke into pieces, killing 75 people and leaving six survivors, Colombian officials said today.

The British Aerospace 146 short-haul plane, operated by a charter airline with roots in Venezuela, declared an emergency and lost radar contact just before 10 p.m. Monday because of an electrical failure, aviation authorities said.

The aircraft, which had departed from Santa Cruz, Bolivia, was carrying the up and coming Chapecoense soccer team from southern Brazil for Wednesday's first leg of a two-game Copa Sudamericana final against Atletico Nacional of Medellin — the continent's second-most-important championship.

"What was supposed to be a celebration has turned into a tragedy," Medellin Mayor Federico Gutierrez said from the search and rescue command center.

The club said in a brief statement on its Facebook page, "May God accompany our athletes, officials, journalists and other guests traveling with our delegation."



AP Photo/Luis Benavides

Rescue workers stand at the wreckage site of a chartered airplane that crashed outside Medellin, Colombia, Tuesday. The plane was carrying the Brazilian first division soccer club Chapecoense team that was on its way for a Copa Sudamericana final match against Colombia's Atletico Nacional.

World of grief

Expressions of grief poured in from all over the soccer world. South America's federation canceled all scheduled matches in a show of solidarity. Real Madrid's squad interrupted its training for a minute of silence and Argentina legend Diego Maradona sent his condolences to the victims' families over Facebook.

Rescuers working through the night were initially heartened after pulling three passengers alive from the wreckage. But as the hours passed, heavy rainfall and low visibility grounded helicopters and slowed efforts to reach the crash site.

At daybreak, dozens of bodies were quickly collected into white bags while rescuers scavenged through pieces of the plane's fuselage strewn across the muddy mountainside.

Images broadcast on local television showed three passengers arriving to a local hospital in ambulances on stretchers and covered in blankets connected to an IV. Among



AP Photo/Gustavo Garelo

Players of Brazil's Chapecoense team pose earlier this month before a Copa Sudamericana soccer match against Argentina's San Lorenzo in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

the survivors was Chapecoense defender Alan Ruschel, who doctors said suffered spinal injuries.

Two goalkeepers, Danilo and Jackson Follmann, as well as a journalist traveling with the team and a Bolivian flight attendant, were found alive in the wreckage. But Danilo

was later reported as dead, and authorities said another defender, Helio Zampier, had survived amid a confusion of sometimes conflicting early reports.

The aircraft is owned by LaMia, a company with roots in Venezuela and that has a close relationship with sev-

eral premier South American squads.

Argentina's state-run news agency said the plane involved in the crash had transported Barcelona striker Lionel Messi and the national team this month from Brazil to Colombia between World Cup qualifier matches. The airliner also

reportedly transported Venezuela's national squad and several top teams from Bolivia in the past.

LaMia's website, which is no longer online, said it operated three 146 Avro short-haul jets made by British Aerospace and with a maximum range of around 2,965 kilometers (1,600 nautical miles) — about the same as the distance between Santa Cruz and Medellin, the route it was flying when it went down.

Alfredo Bocanegra, the head of Colombia's aviation authority, said initial reports suggest the aircraft was suffering electrical problems although investigators were also looking into an account from one of the survivors that the plane had run out of fuel about five minutes from its expected landing at Jose Maria Cordova airport outside Medellin.

Fairy tale season

The team, from the small city of Chapeco, was in the middle of a fairy tale season. It joined Brazil's first division in

2014 for the first time since the 1970s and made it last week to the Copa Sudamericana finals — the equivalent of the UEFA Europa League tournament — after defeating two of Argentina's fiercest squads, San Lorenzo and Independiente, as well as Colombia's Junior.

"This morning I said goodbye to them and they told me they were going after the dream, turning that dream into reality," Chapecoense board member told TV Globo. "The dream was over early this morning."

The team is so modest that tournament organizers ruled that its 22,000-seat arena was too small to host the final match, which was moved to a stadium 300 miles (480 kilometers) to the north in the city of Curitiba.


"This is unbelievable, I am walking on the grass of the stadium and I feel like I am floating," Andrei Copetti told the AP. "No one understands how a story that was so amazing could suffer such a devastating reversal. For many people here reality has still not struck."

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TV LISTINGS

Evening listings
TUESDAY

TUESDAY EVENING												NOVEMBER 29	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Middle (N)	Am. Housewife (N)	Fresh Off-Boat (N)	Real O'Neals (N)	SHIELD "Deals with Our Devils" (N)		KATU News at 11	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
4	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Middle (N)	Am. Housewife (N)	Fresh Off-Boat (N)	Real O'Neals (N)	SHIELD "Deals with Our Devils" (N)		KOMO 4 News	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
5	KING	(5) NBC Nightly News	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	The Voice "Live Top 10 Eliminations" (N)	This Is Us "The Trip" (N)	Chicago Fire "Lift Each Other" (N)	Bull "Unambiguous"	KING 5 News		KING 5 News	(35) Tonight Show
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 at 6	CBS Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer	NCIS "Spinning Wheel"	Bull "Unambiguous"	KIRO 6 News			KIRO 6 News	(35) S. Colbert
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News	CBS Evening News	The Insider	Ent. Tonight	Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer	NCIS "Spinning Wheel"	Bull "Unambiguous"	KIRO 7 News			KIRO 7 News	(35) S. Colbert
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m.		Live at Seven	Inside Edition	The Voice "Live Top 10 Eliminations" (N)	This Is Us "The Trip" (N)	Chicago Fire "Lift Each Other" (N)	KGW News at 11			KGW News at 11	(35) Tonight Show
9	KRCW	(9) Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	The Flash "Invasion" (N)	Tomorrow "No Rest for the Weary" (N)	KGW News at 10	Two and a Half			Two and a Half	Met Your Mother
10	KOPB	(10) Ask-Old House	Nightly Business	PBS NewsHour		Trains Around North America	David Holt tours America's historic railroads.	The Highwaymen Live at Nassau Coliseum					Downton Abbey
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News		Family Feud	Family Feud	Brooklyn 99 (N)	New Girl (N)	Scream Queens "The Hand" (N)	10 O'Clock News			11 O'Clock News	2 Broke Girls
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's 8 O'Clock News on PDX-TV	FOX 12's 9 O'Clock News on PDX-TV	The Simpsons	Family Guy			American Dad	Cleveland Show
13	KCPO	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Brooklyn 99 (N)	New Girl (N)	Scream Queens "The Hand" (N)	Q13 News at 10			Q13 News	The Simpsons
20	TBS	(20) Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)	The Simpsons
22	KZJQ	(22) Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Friends	Friends
29	ESPN	(29) (4:30) NCAA Basketball	NCAA Basketball	ACC/ Big-10 Challenge	Michigan State at Duke	(SportsCenter)	30 for 30 "Muhammad and Larry"	College Basketball	Fantasy Football	Jalen & Jacoby (N)		ESPN2	SportsCenter
30	ESPN2	(30) NCAA Basketball	ACC/ Big-10 Challenge	Michigan State at Duke	(SportsCenter)	30 for 30 "Muhammad and Larry"	College Basketball	Fantasy Football	Jalen & Jacoby (N)			ESPN2	SportsCenter
31	NICK	(31) Henry Danger	Henry Danger	The Thundermans		Henry Danger	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends		Friends	Friends
32	DISN	(32) Liv Maddie Cali	Stuck in the Middle	"Stuck With a Guy on the Couch"		Liv Maddie Cali	K.C. Undercover	Girl Meets World	Bunk'd	The Lodge		Stuck in Middle	Liv and Maddie
34	FAM	(34) (5:00) *** The Holiday	(2006, Romance) Kate Winslet, Jack Black, Cameron Diaz.	Happily "What Happens in Vegas..." (N)		Aaron Eckhart.	(40) FXM Presents	*** X-Men: The Last Stand '06	Patrick Stewart.	(55) FXM Presents		What's Your Number? ('11) Anna Faris.	
35	FAM	(35) (20) *** Battle Los Angeles	(2011, Sci-Fi) Michelle Rodriguez, Bridget Moynahan.	Dance Moms: Dance and Chat		Dance Moms (SP) (N)		Dance Moms Mothers live vicariously through their daughters.					
36	LIFE	(36) Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Champions Tennis	Helpful Cup PowerShares Series	Golf Life		Mark Few	Halls of Fame	UEFA Soccer Champions League			
38	ROOT	(38) (5:00) NCAA Basketball	N. Colo./Okla. (L)	Mark Few (N)		Champions Tennis	Helpful Cup PowerShares Series	Golf Life					
39	FST	(39) (5:30) NCAA Basketball	Buffalo vs. Creighton (L)	Fox College Hoops	TMZ Sports (N)	Speak for Yourself		Skip and Shannon: Undisputed	Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.				
43	SPIKE	(43) Ink Master "Duck and Cover Up"	Ink Master "Road to the Finale"	Ink Master "Heavy Lifting"		Ink Master "Bio-Mechanical Failure"		Ink Master "No One Is Safe" (N)		Ink Master (N)		Ink Master	
44	COM	(44) Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Drunk History (N)		The Daily Show (N) @midnight (N)	
45	HIST	(45) Counting Cars	Counting Cars	Counting Cars	Counting Cars	Counting Cars	Counting Cars	Counting Cars	Counting Cars	(05) Motors	(35) Motors	(05) Counting Cars	
46	A&E	(46) The First 48	Intervention "Jonel"	Intervention "Todd" (N)		Intervention "Katie S." (N)		L. Remini "Disconnection" (N)		(05) Intervention "Bryceton"			
47	TLC	(47) Kate Plus Eight "Ten Year Anniversary"	L.P. "Gonna Be a Long Road" (N)	Little Peo. "Pumpkins in Jeopardy" (N)		OutDaughtered "A Quint in Crisis" (N)		Kate Plus Eight (N)		OutDaughtered "A Quint in Crisis"			
48	DISC	(48) Moonshiners	Moonshiners "Whiskey Rebellion"	Moonshiners: Outlaw Cuts (N)		Moonshiners "Luck of the Irish" (N)		Homicide Hunter "Blood Brothers" (N)		Moonshiners "Luck of the Irish"			
49	NIGCO	(49) Continents of the World "Antarctica"	Continent 7 "Not Fit For Human Life"	Life Below Zero "Against the Tide"		Behavi. "Your Mama Had a Hard Night"		Behavi. "Your Mama Had a Hard Night"		Castle "Kick the Ballistics"			
50	TNT	(50) (5:30) *** The Dark Knight	(2008, Action) Heath Ledger, Aaron Eckhart, Christian Bale.	Chopped Junior "Fries Wise" (N)		Chopped "Viewers' Baskets"		House Hunters (N)		House Hunters (N)		Fixer Upper	
51	AMC	(51) (4:30) Liar Liar '97	*** Home Alone 2: Lost in New York	(1992, Comedy) Joe Pesci, Daniel Stern, Macaulay Culkin.		*** Enchanted (2007, Adventure)	Amy Adams, Patrick Dempsey, Julie Andrews.					Runaway Bride	
52	USA	(52) (5:00) *** Shooter	(2007, Action) Michael Peña, Danny Glover, Mark Wahlberg.	WWE Smackdown! WWE superstars do battle in long-running rivalries. (N)		Shooter "Musa Qala" (N)		Fast & Furious (2009, Action) Vin Diesel.		Chopped "Viewers' Choice Ingredients"			
53	FOOD	(53) Chopped "Judge Knows Best"	Chopped "Judges Face-Off"	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		House Hunters (N)		House Hunters (N)		Fixer Upper	
54	HGTV	(54) Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		House Hunters (N)		House Hunters (N)		Fixer Upper	
56	FX	(56) (5:00) *** Jack Reacher	('12, Action) Rosamund Pike, Richard Jenkins, Tom Cruise.	*** World War Z (2013, Action)	Mireille Enos, Daniella Kertesz, Brad Pitt.	*** World War Z (2013, Action)	Mireille Enos, Brad Pitt.						
57	CNN	(57) CNN Special	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Special		Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon			
58	FNC	(58) The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly	Hannity	The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly		Hannity		On the Record			
61	CNBC	(61) The Profit "Susana Monaco" (N)	Billion Buyer "Are You Committed?" (N)	The Profit "Susana Monaco"		Billion Buyer "Are You Committed?"		The Profit "Los Gemelos"		Paid Program		Paid Program	
63	BRAV	(63) Below Deck "Bombed by a Care Bear"	Below Deck "Bosun Blues"	Below Deck "Bemily"		Below Deck (N)		Ladies of London (N)		WatchWhat (N)		Below Deck	
64	TVM	(64) Movie	(45) *** The Major and the Minor	('42) Ray Milland, Ginger Rogers.		*** The Big Clock	('48, Cr) Charles Laughton, Ray Milland.	(15) *** Too Young to Kiss	('51, Romance) Van Johnson, Gig Young, June Allyson.				
65	SYFY	(65) (4:55) *** Raiders of the Lost Ark	('81) Harrison Ford.	*** G.I. Joe: Retaliation	(2013, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Adrianne Palicki, Channing Tatum.	Afterma. "Hieronymo's Mad Again" (N)		The Legend of Hercules	Kellan Lutz.				
162	RFD	(162) (5:30) Cattlemen	LandLeader TV	Downunder Horseman.		Chris Cox		Rural Eve. News		Ag PhD		Cattlemen to Cattlemen	



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