



CNN report

Mystery and worldwide fall-out today following the crash of Ethiopian Airlines flight ET302 which killed all 157 people on board, after it went down Sunday just minutes after take-off.

The focus now for many is the plane itself. The plane: Boeing's best-selling passenger jet, the new 737 Max 8. Sunday's tragedy is the second of its type to crash in the past few months, though there is no evidence of a link. The first back in October when a Lion Air flight went down near Indonesia, killing 189 people.

China, Indonesia, and several airlines around the world have grounded their fleets of the plane, but in the US Southwest, American Airlines, and West Jet are among the airlines saying that at this stage, they are not planning to change operations, expressing confidence in the aircraft.

Boeing for its part says that safety is their n°1 priority in a statement Monday, adding "we are taking every measure to fully understand all aspects of this accident. Based on the information available, we do not have any basis to issue new guidelines to operators".

The voice recorder and flight data recorder have been found, as investigators begin to piece together what happened in those final moments. NTSB investigators are also on their way to help officials on the ground.

The flight took off on Sunday morning, reporting technical problems moments later and asking for permission to turn back. Just 6 minutes after take-off, contact with the plane was lost.

The plane was packed with many who hoped to make the world a better place, aid workers, teachers, environmentalists, some heading to a major UN environmental summit.

What really struck me was the small size of many of those bits of that plane. This plane was virtually shredded as it impacted on the ground. I spoke to an investigator who believed that it came in at a very vertical angle, at great speed, plowing into the ground, creating that massive crater.

Questions now will be asked here in Ethiopia and across the world: is this type of aircraft safe? And they'll need those answers very soon indeed.

Donald Trump

We are going to be issuing an emergency Order of Prohibition to ground all flights of the 737 Max 8, and the 737 Max 9, and planes associated with that line.

I have spoken to Elaine Chao, Secretary of Transportation; Dan Elwell, acting administrator of the FAA; and to Dennis Muilenburg, CEO of Boeing; and they will be available shortly after our conference today.

They are all in agreement with the action. Any plane currently in the air will go to its destination and thereafter be grounded until further notice. So, planes that are in the air will be grounded, if they are the 737 Max, will be grounded, upon landing at the destination.

Pilots have been notified, airlines have been all notified. Airlines agreeing with this, the safety of the American people and all people is our paramount concern.

