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Pakistan Plane Crash

On December 7th Pakistan international Airways plane crashed north of Islamabad, killing 48 passengers that were on board, including a former pop star Junaid Jamshed. Initial reports suggest an engine on Pakistan International Airlines flight PK-661 developed fault leading to the crash that killed everybody on board. However, reports in Pakistan say that the initial inquiries indicated that the left engine exploded seriously damaging the aircraft's wing. Although there are serious allegations to the cause of the crash, the PIA has yet to release a report on the cause of the crash. The pilot had reportedly told the control tower that the engine had developed a technical fault. Moments later he made a mayday call shortly before the

plane disappeared.

Witnesses reported that the aircraft crashed into a mountainous area, and was on fire before it hit the ground.

As for the fatalities, the remains of the 47 passengers have been recovered and taken to Islamabad for identification.

Footage on TV was also found at the site showing debris from the plane, with villagers collecting the remains of the bodies. According to reports, on the flight were 5 crew members, an engineer, 2 Austrians, a Chinese citizen and a number of children, along with Junaid Jamshed and his wife.

However, one of the most shocking factors of the horrific crash to many was that former celebrity Junaid Jamshed was one of the victims, a pop inspiration who was famous for his 1980s era hits as

his conversion to Islam later in life.

Rescuers quickly realised that there was very little hope of finding any survivors and say that no one was alive after the crash. Villagers told the media that, 'they were all dead bodies,' and their attempt to help consisted merely of picking up burnt pieces of bodies instead.

The crash has had a huge impact on the community and all around the world, and the cause of the fatal accident has yet to be officially identified.



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