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## INDONESIA: PLANE CRASH 5 September, 2005

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### The Situation

A Mandala Airlines Boeing 737 passenger jet departing from an airport in the Indonesian city of Medan to Jakarta crashed into a local residential area upon take-off this morning (10:06 local time). Media reports citing Government sources initially indicated that all 117 people on the plane were killed, but there appears to be some discrepancy in this figure and the number of survivors. An unknown number of persons on the ground are also presumed killed or wounded. The Governor and former governor of the Province were reportedly on the plane.

*At right: one of the PMI ambulances that assisted at the scene of the crash.*

### Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Over 30 Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) volunteers from the Bingi and Deli Senlai chapters, supported by nine Red Cross ambulances, provided first aid assistance on the scene of the crash, bringing the injured to local hospitals (Adam Malik military hospital and Pringadi hospital), and will continue evacuating bodies through the night. The specially-trained Red Cross disaster response teams were on the scene within 30 minutes of the accident to help injured people. The Red Cross team provided first aid supplies to persons living in the area for treatment of the injured, and focused on looking for survivors and evacuating the dead.



The International Federation's Medan office has supplied materials to hospitals (including 400 body bags), and is transporting medical supplies in the form of burn dressings and medication donated by the International Committee of Red Cross delegation in Banda Aceh. The Medan-based Indonesian Red Cross disaster response team are veterans of the 26 December 2004 tsunami operation in Banda Aceh and other northern Sumatran communities, and were the first team to arrive on the island of Nias after a massive earthquake almost six months ago. Two more volunteer teams are on their way to join body recovery efforts.

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