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### **FUKUOKA, JAPAN : AEROPLANE ACCIDENT**

At 12h09 (local time) today, a Garuda Airlines headed for Jakarta via Denpasar, crashed during take off from Fukuoka Airport (900 km south-west of Tokyo). After over-running the runway and the boundary fence it broke into two pieces and caught fire. There were 260 passengers and 15 crew members aboard.

The fire was extinguished within an hour. The Japanese Red Cross Fukuoka Chapter despatched a 5-member medical team (a doctor, three nurses and an administrator) and six Chapter staff members immediately to the accident site. The Fukuoka Red Cross hospital treated 23 patients so far. No figures are yet available on the death toll. As at 13h25, three bodies had been found.

We will keep you informed as we receive further reports from the Japanese Red Cross Society.

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