

The Russian airline whose plane crashed in the Sinai with the loss of 224 lives has said that **external forces** were the only possible reason for the disaster.

At a news conference in Moscow, a senior official of the airline Metrojet **ruled out** a technical fault and pilot error.

He **acknowledged** that there had been damage to the plane's tail before it took off from Egypt but said the damage had been repaired.

Vocabulary

external forces

energy coming from outside an object or system

ruled out

decided that something is not possible

acknowledged

accept the truth or existence of something

Choose the correct summary of this story

- a) People's mistakes were not the cause of the Russian plane crash, according to the plane's owners.
- b) Something from outside the aircraft caused a Russian plane to crash in Egypt, according to the plane's owners.
- c) The plane's owners said that a problem with the tail caused it to crash.

Answer

- b) Something from outside the aircraft caused a Russian plane to crash in Egypt, according to the plane's owners.

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