
In Possession of Relatives Identified Remains of Air Disaster in Cuba

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The director of the Institute of Forensic Medicine of Cuba, Sergio Rabell, stated today that 36 relatives were in possession of the remains identified until the moment of the air disaster occurred last Friday in this capital.

In statements to journalists, the official said that experts continue to work to establish the identity of the other 74 fatal victims of the accident in the Boeing 737-200, leased by Cubana de Aviación, which with 113 people on board crashed shortly after taking off from the José Martí International airport.

Rabell offered details of the process at the Institute's headquarters and assured that 'when we give a positive identification, we are 100% certain that the body we are delivering is what we say it is'.

When the person is identified, a group moves to the place where the family members are so that they do not have to come and to alleviate their pain, a team that includes specialists, Civil Registry authorities in charge of preparing the documents, psychologists and psychiatrists, among others, he pointed out.

He also explained that a system of at least two daily parts has been created to keep both Cuban and foreign relatives informed.