

France to lift secrecy on plane crash

President Macron has ordered the release of secret documents linked to a mysterious crash of an Air France passenger plane that plunged into the Mediterranean 50 years ago, killing all 95 people aboard



Crash of Air France flight 1611 from Ajaccio, Corsica, to Nice on Sep 11, 1968, remains deadliest aviation incident in Mediterranean Sea

Sud Aviation SE-210 Caravelle III

ITALY

FRANCE

Cannes

Nice

MONACO

Levant Island:
Military missile test centre

Marseille

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Radar tracking of flight path

CORSICA
(France)

**10:09
(local time):
AF1611
departs
Ajaccio**

**10:34:
Plane
crashes**

■ Official version blames fire on board that prompted pilots to lose control

■ **May 10, 2011:** *Michel Laty*, former army secretary, alleges on French TV channel TF1 that aircraft was hit by missile misfired from **Levant Island** during weapon test

■ **2019:** *The Guardian* newspaper reports that Sep 11 page in logbook for French Navy missile frigate **Le Suffren**, in area at the time, was torn out

■ **Mar 9, 2021:** President **Emmanuel Macron** announces declassification of pre-1970 archives relating to Algerian War (1954-62).

Move could also shed light on fate of AF1611

20km
12 miles