

Jeju Air crash report blames pilot error

An investigation into South Korea's deadliest air disaster has found that the pilot mistakenly shut off the wrong engine after a bird strike. But victims' families say it unfairly blames him while overlooking other factors



Boeing 737-800



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8:58:26 am, local time: **Jeju Air Flight 2216** hit by birds while approaching **Muan International Airport**

Captain instructs pilot to “shut down engine number two” – right engine which suffered serious damage

8:58:45: Pilot mistakenly pulls fuel cutoff switch for less damaged left engine – plane left running on just one damaged engine

Jet turns around and, with limited electrical power, tries to land without landing gear

8:58:50: Plane stops recording data

9:05:57: Plane crashes into concrete wall at end of runway and bursts into flames. **All but two of 181 people on board killed**

Path of turn unknown

1km
0.6 miles

**Based on preliminary report released on Jan 27 and on official interim report shown to families of victims on Jul 19*

Sources: Simple Flying, Reuters, NYT, South Korea's Aviation and Railway Accident Investigation Board (ARAIB), FlightRadar24

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