

PICTORIAL: JULY 7, 2008 - KALITTA 747-200 CARGO JET CRASHES NEAR BOGOTA, 2 KILLED ON GROUND

BOGOTA, Colombia - A flower-laden U.S. cargo plane headed for Miami crashed near the Colombian capital, killing two people on the ground. None of the plane's U.S. crew was reported killed, although one was in serious condition. The plane's crew told air traffic controllers that one of the engines was on fire and radio contact was lost seconds later.

Madrid village Mayor Diego Humberto Sicard said the plane hit a ranch roughly 15 miles (25 kilometers) northwest of Bogota. The two people who died lived in a small house on a ranch, the mayor said. The plane, with eight crewmembers aboard, had stopped in Bogota to pick up flowers and was scheduled to land in Miami.



Two crew members were treated at a local hospital, while six others were sent to the Central Police Hospital in Bogota. One was listed in serious condition.

The cause was under investigation and U.S. NTSB investigators have been called in to assist.



Photos above and below show firefighters extinguishing burning wreckage, jet engine and fuselage wreckage and 747 forward fuselage on its side.

