

## Plane 'ran out of fuel', 60 dead in crash

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At least 60 people died when a Colombian jetliner with 156 passengers and crew disintegrated on impact after reportedly running off the runway on approach to Kennedy Airport last night.

The Avianca Boeing 707, en route from Bogotá to New York City, broke into two pieces and fell into the lower Manhattan neighborhood of Lincoln Square, about 10 miles south of the airport, where a densely populated area of Long Island City is located.

Initially, the apparent cause of the crash was the exhausted pilot, who was

and landing time in New York City.

According to an airport spokesman, the plane was supposed to land and was cleared for a go-around when the pilot apparently lost control of the aircraft.

The pilot, who was reported to have had no previous experience in a 707, was given recorded instructions for a go-around, but he did not follow them.

Radio and radar evidence was lost moments later, but

An amateur radio operator reported that the pilot was saying "I am out of control" and "I am out of control." This was repeated several times.

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Police expect more bodies to be recovered.

"It's a disaster, but the death toll would have been a lot worse if it wasn't a rescue or caught fire," a police worker said.

After the survivors walked away from the wreckage with only slight bruising, the bodies were seriously injured. Seven bodies were found on Long Island and in New York City were treated.

Fog and light rain forced the 22-year-old Boeing 747-200 to the airport 15 minutes after its scheduled

Several eyewitnesses said the plane's four engines "went dark" just before the crash.

The Atlanta Flight 747, carrying 259 passengers and a crew of nine, narrowly missed crashing into the Hudson River, but included and exclusive of Bay Area residents of Long Island.

A 10-minute search of the wreckage site, which was the second airplane "appeared to have been hit by lightning," said a spokesman, "and the casualties were reported on the ground."

Rescue workers were hampered by the remoteness of the crash site. There were no roads or bridges nearby, and the wreckage was scattered

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