

2 planes collide at Minsk Airport due to stormy weather

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Several planes have been damaged by a storm at the airport in the capital of Belarus, with two aircraft colliding on the airfield. There have been no reports of injuries.

The planes that collided belong to the Belarusian Belavia Airlines and the Ruby Star Air Carrier Company, pictures posted on social media show. Belavia officials have already confirmed to the local media that the company's airplanes were hit by the storm.

"There are problems in the airport because of the storm," a Belavia representative told Belorussian <u>Tut.by</u> news portal, adding that "some aircraft are damaged, including ours."

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"There are no dead or injured from the incident," the company representatives added.

There were no passengers onboard the two planes that collided, the Belavia press service told journalists.

The airport press service <u>said</u> that several windows in the airport terminal had been smashed and a suspended ceiling system was deformed in several places due to rough wind and heavy rains.

Several flights were also re-routed to alternate airport in the Belorussian city of Gomel, and another was re-routed to the city of Vilnius in neighboring Lithuania.



The airport now is now operating as usual, the press service added.