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Second Data Recorder of Russian Crashed Plane Recovered

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Moscow, Dec 28 (Prensa Latina) Rescue personnel have recovered the second flight data recorder from the wreckage of the Russian Tu-154 in the Black Sea, as well as 15 bodies of the 92 people that perished in the crash last Sunday.

They've also discovered 12 large plane fragments and 1,547 smaller ones, the Russian Defense Ministry reported Wednesday.

Rescuers have retrieved a total of 15 bodies and 239 body parts at the crash site of the Russian military plane in the Black Sea and sent to Moscow for genetic identification, the Defense Ministry said.

Samples have been collected from 105 relatives of the victims for examination.

Some 45 ships, 15 submarines, 192 divers, 12 planes, five helicopters and crane-ship para taking part in the search and rescue operations.

The Tu-154 plane was carrying 92 people, all dead, of whom 8 were crew members and among the rest there were 64 members of the Alexandrov Ensemble, popularly known as the the Red Army Choir.

There were also two Government officials, nine journalists and leading members of humanitarian organizations.

The aircraft left the resort city of Sochi on its way to the Russian air base of Hmeimim, Syria. The artists as well the rest of the passengers were going to take part in celebrations over the victory on terrorism in Aleppo and the return of peace to that Syrian northern city.