

Latest Updates for the Jeju Air Crash in Muan Airport

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As of 14:00 PM on 6 January 2025, the current status of countermeasures to the Jeju Air Flight 2216 accident in Muan International Airport, which occurred approximately at 9:03 AM on Sunday 29 December 2024 (KST), is as follows:

[Identification of the victims, and funerals]

All 179 deceased out of 181 occupants from the Jeju Air have been identified (147 via fingerprints, 32 via DNA) and have been escorted to funeral homes as of noon today, with 2 survivors being in hospitalized.

[Investigation of the accident]

The Aviation and Railway Accident Investigation Board is conducting an ongoing investigation of the two engines and other critical components that have been transferred to a hangar, while putting continuous efforts to collect and transport aircraft debris from outside the airport perimeter to within the secured area, with the officially extended closure period of the Muan Airport until 5:00 AM on 14 January 2025 in consideration of the ongoing accident investigation.

The Cockpit Voice Recorder (CVR) transcript was completed on 4 January, while departing for the transfer of the Flight Data Recorder (FDR) to Washington D.C., US this afternoon carried by two representatives from the Investigation Board.

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[Targeted safety inspections]

Specially targeted and focused safety inspections have been being conducted on the same aircraft model (B737-800, total of 101 aircrafts from 39 Jeju Air, 19 Jin Air, 27 T'way Air, 10 Eastar Jet, 4 Air Incheon, 2 Korean Air) operated by six airlines covering the adequacy of maintenance history of key systems, pre- and post-flight checks, operational and maintenance record management, and the management of maintenance personnel, and so forth, and will be until January 10th.

Additionally, inspections of air navigation safety facilities at 13 airports nationwide, including Incheon, Gimpo, and Jeju, etc. have been underway since 2 January, and until 8 January.

[Support for bereaved families]

Supports will be continued following the funerals such as psychological checkups, temporary housing, additional extension period of joint mourning altars, and so on, by reflecting any needs of the bereaved families.

In preparation for weather forecasts of heavy snow and strong winds under cold spell between 7 and 8 January, dedicated snow removal vehicles and equipment have been deployed near roads around Muan Airport, while providing secured accommodations at Mokpo National University dormitories until when it gets general.

Moreover, the government is establishing plans for holding a joint memorial service led by government, including necessary support from local governments of Jeonnam province and Gwangju metropolitan city.