RUSSIA MULLS BAN ON PASSENGER FLIGHTS TO ‘DANGEROUS REGIONS’

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Russia may suspend passenger flights to “**potentially dangerous regions**” amid security concerns following the fatal Saturday crash of a Russian jet over Egypt's Sinai Peninsula, a Russian newspaper wrote on Tuesday.

President Vladimir Putin suspended all flights from Russia to Egypt on Friday following the crash of a Russian passenger jet over Egypt's troubled Sinai Peninsula that killed all 224 people, mostly Russian citizens on board the Kogalymavia/Metrojet Airbus A321, Kommersant reported.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Putin has ordered the government to figure out how to return thousands of Russian citizens who are now stranded in Egypt, mainly at the popular Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh.

The ban on flights to Egypt may last for several years, the newspaper quoted an unnamed source

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in the government, adding that similar bans could be introduced on some other countries as well

The Airbus A321-200 went down over the Sinai about 23 minutes after taking off from Sharm el-Sheikh en route to St. Petersburg.

Most of the 224 people killed were Russians, along with several Ukrainians and at least one Belarusian.

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