
**RUSSIA DROPS PROBE INTO AZERBAIJANI PLANE DOWNED BY ITS AIR DEFENCES:
REACTION IN BAKU**

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Azerbaijans Foreign Minister Jeyhun Bayramov has sharply criticised Moscows unexpected announcement that it is ending the criminal investigation into the Azerbaijani passenger jet shot down by Russian air defences on 25 December 2024 as it approached Grozny in Chechnya.

Russian air traffic controllers redirected the damaged aircraft to Aktau, where it crashed three kilometres from the airport. Of the 67 people on board, 38 were killed.

Speaking at a press conference in Baku on 27 December, Bayramov said the decision by Russias Investigative Committee raised very serious questions in Azerbaijan.

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