

Navigation blamed in Indonesia air crash

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JAKARTA - A report by the Indonesian government published Tuesday says a faulty navigation system distracted pilots while flying, causing a fatal 2007 crash. "The cockpit voice recorder revealed that both pilots were concerned about navigational problems and subsequently became engrossed with troubleshooting ... with minimal regard for other flight requirements," the report said. An Adam SkyConnections Airlines flight crashed into the Indian Ocean on Jan. 1, 2007, killing all 107 people on board. The cockpit voice recording highlight the pilot's problem with the navigation system. The pilot could be heard saying, "This is messed up," and "We can get lost if it's like this," the report said. Other flight logs for the plane, a Boeing 737-400, said Adam Air pilots issued complaints regarding the navigation system at least 150 times in the three months before the January 2007 crash. The report comes on the heels of international criticism of Indonesian air safety records and regulations following several other incidents, The Wall Street Journal reported. U.S. and EU aviation bodies banned Indonesian carriers from flying to the United States and Europe in light of Indonesia's poor safety record.

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