

Faro air disaster victims do not believe the new investigation report

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"The [The Hague] court has appointed three foreign experts to find out the cause of the disaster. They have now finished their work, but we are critical of it," lawyer Veeru Mewa told RTL News after reporting in the AD. He assists the victims and the relatives. "The report consists of 140 pages. I have written 98 pages of criticism."

The victims have already received compensation. Yet some of them believe that the actual cause of the aircraft disaster was not the sudden extreme weather, but serious procedural errors of the pilots.

Conflicting results

Lawyer Mewa cannot comment on the content of the report, but can say that an important point is about the use of sources. "The researchers take the statements of the crew as a starting point. But there are four statements, which one do you take?"

"In addition, you can also use the cockpit voice recorder and data from measuring equipment. We believe that too much attention is paid to the statements of people who have made mistakes and too little to data. Our experts therefore come up with conflicting results."

The plane crash in 1992

On December 21, 1992, Martinair's DC 10 crashed in Faro, Portugal. The device crashed during very bad weather conditions. There were 327 passengers on board, mostly Dutch who wanted to spend Christmas in the Algarve. 54 passengers and two crew members died. More than 200 people were injured. A rescue worker died shortly after the plane crash.

"Report raises questions"

It is not common for a lawyer to ask the court to hear the experts that the court itself has designated. "But the report raises more questions than it provides clarity," says Mewa.

"If there is so much criticism from other experts, then the court must do something about it. The court must be well-informed. I must be given the opportunity to ask questions. Only then will I know whether the report is sufficiently workable to make a judgment to come."

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