US-Bangla Airlines aircraft crash-lands at Kathmandu's Tribhuvan International Airport, at least 50

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The plane from US-Bangla, a Bangladeshi airline, went off the runway while landing and crashed on the east side of Kathmandu's Tribhuvan International Airport's runway.

US-Bangla airlines passenger aircraft crashes at Nepal's Kathmandu airport Pic courtesy - @isarojb

Kathmandu: A US-Bangla Airlines aircraft with 67 passengers and 4 crew members on board overshot the runway and crashed at Nepal's Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA).

The plane caught fire after it careened off the runway during landing and crashed onto a football ground near the airport.

Plumes of black smoke could be seen rising from the football ground where the plane crashed.

Officials have suspected technical glitch as the cause of the incident. The aircraft took off from Dhaka and landed at the airport at 2:20 pm (local time).

Live updates:

5:15 pm: Over 50 people are feared dead. We are carrying out rescue work. We are collecting details: Raj Kumar Chhetri, TIA General Manager

Authorities say the fire has now been extinguished and rescue work is on.

4:40 pm: Nepal plane crash kills at least 50: Army spokesman

4:15 pm: The aircraft careened off the runway during landing and crashed onto a football ground near the airport, catching fire: TIA spokesperson Prem Nath Thakur

US-Bangla Airlines is a unit of the US-Bangla Group, a US Bangladeshi joint venture company. The Bangladeshi carrier launched operations in July 2014 and operates Bombardier Inc and Boeing aircraft.

4 pm: All planes from India to Kathmandu have been diverted to Kolkata

3:50 pm: Nepal PM KP Oli arrives at the crash site to take first-hand stock of the situation

3:40 pm: 17 deaths have been confirmed by the authorities

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At least 7 people have been rescued, authorities said, according to IANS

3:26 pm: All the flights to and from TIA have been halted after the crash

3:15 pm: At least 50 people are feared dead

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