



Passengers on crashed Toronto plane offered US\$30,000 each



Delta Air Lines is offering US\$30,000 (£23,792) to each person on board a plane that crash-landed in Toronto on Monday - all of whom survived

As it landed in the Canadian city, the plane skidded along the runway in flames before flipping over and coming to a halt upside down. Passengers described their amazement as most of them walked away without injuries. Its remains unclear what caused the incident, which is under investigation. There were 76 passengers and four crew on the flight, which had travelled from the US city of Minneapolis before making its crash-landing in Canada. A spokesperson for Delta said the money offer had no strings attached and did not affect customers' rights.

Lawyer Vincent Genova said the group expected a "timely and fair resolution", highlighting that his clients "suffered personal injuries of a serious nature that required hospital attention". In an email to Mr Genova said the \$30,000 compensation is an "advance" payment meant to assist plane crash victims with short-term financial challenges, and the airline will seek to deduct it from any later settled claims. There is precedent to these types of payments, like in 2013, when Asiana Airlines offered passengers of a San Francisco plane crash \$10,000 in initial compensation.

The airline's head Ed Bastian told CBS the plane crew had "performed heroically, but also as expected", given that "safety is embedded into our system". He said Delta was continuing to support those affected. Several theories about what caused the crash have been suggested to the BBC by experts who reviewed footage, including that harsh winter weather and a rapid rate of descent played a role. One passenger recalled "

The accident was the fourth major air incident in North America in a space of three weeks - and was followed on Wednesday by a crash in Arizona in which two people lost their lives when their small planes collided.