RUSSIA CONFIRMS TERRORISM DOWNED SINAI AIRCRAFT

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FSB chief Alexander Bortnikov has confirmed to Russian president Vladimir Putin that an "**act of terro**r" brought down a Russian A321 airliner in Egypt last month.

The Russian security chief said "traces of foreign explosives" were found amid debris from the Airbus plane.

A branch of so-called Islamic State said it downed the plane.

Nearly all of the 224 people killed were Russian.

In a transcript of the meeting released on the Kremlin website, Bortnikov said a bomb had been planted on board the Kogalymavia jet.

The device was thought to be the equivalent of up to one kilogramme of TNT.

The bomb shattered the plane mid-air on October 31st.

Russia has offered a $50m reward for information on the Sinai plane attackers.

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Most of the A321 passengers were Russian tourists flying home from the Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh.

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