

# Aviation: Yemenia Airlines Airbus crashes at sea

Within minutes of news of a crash yesterday of a [Yemenia](#) Airbus 310-300 off Cormoros, the small airline's communications were overwhelmed. Only now is proper information slowly coming to light.

The flight aboard had started in Paris aboard an Airbus A330-200, doing a bus-stop in Marseille and then going onto Yemen. There, passengers transferred to an Airbus 310-300.

The A310 had been inspected in France in 2007, said France's transport minister Dominique Bussereau and faults found. The aircraft had not flown to France since. As a result, [Yemenia](#) had been placed on an "at risk" list but not a black list.

Khaled Ibrahim al-Wazeer, Yemen's transport minister, said that the aircraft had undergone a thorough inspection, under Airbus supervision, in May this year.

The aircraft was built in 1990, says Airbus. [Yemenia](#) has had it for ten years, the company's records show.

[Yemenia's](#) website crashed repeatedly as news leaked out, and eventually appeared to give up altogether. Telephone lines were clogged.

The 153 people aboard the flight came from at least nine countries. At the time of writing, one survivor has been picked up - a child aged 5. Only a small number of bodies have been found.