

Plane Collision at Haneda Airport, Tokyo — 379 Passengers Evacuated, 5 Coast Guard Crew Dead

Japan Airlines Flight JL516 Airbus A350 collided with Japan Coast Guard plane

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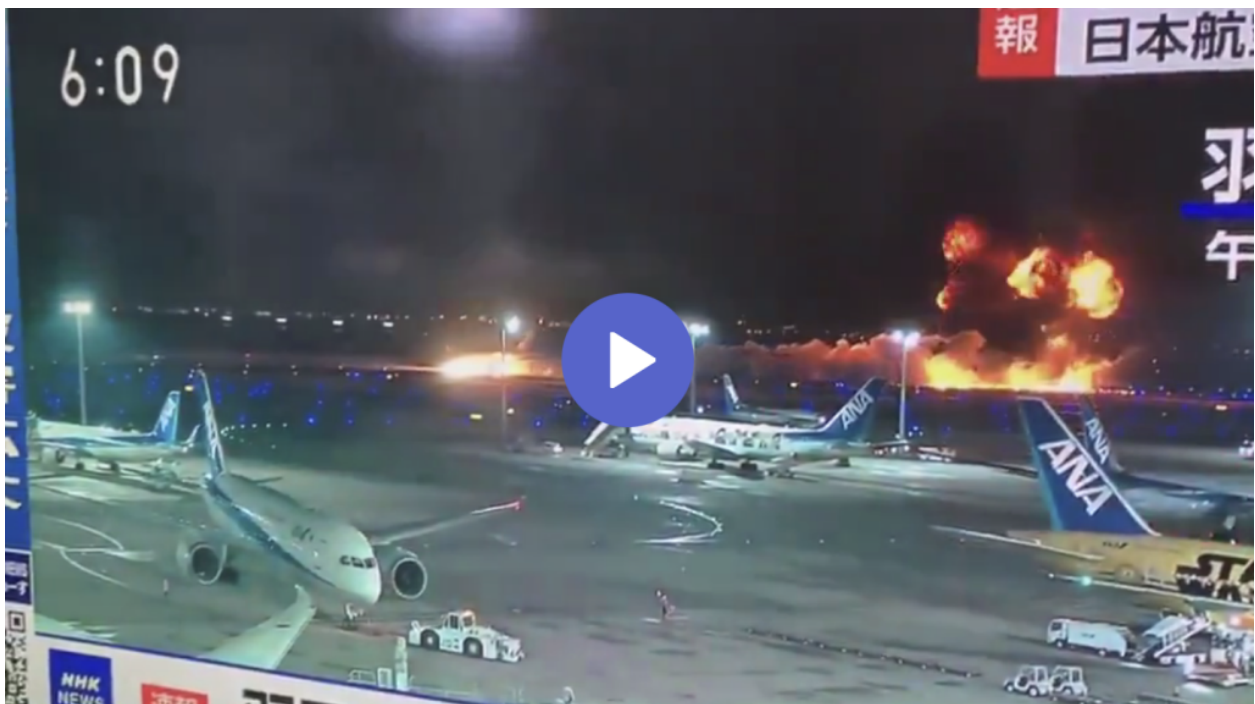
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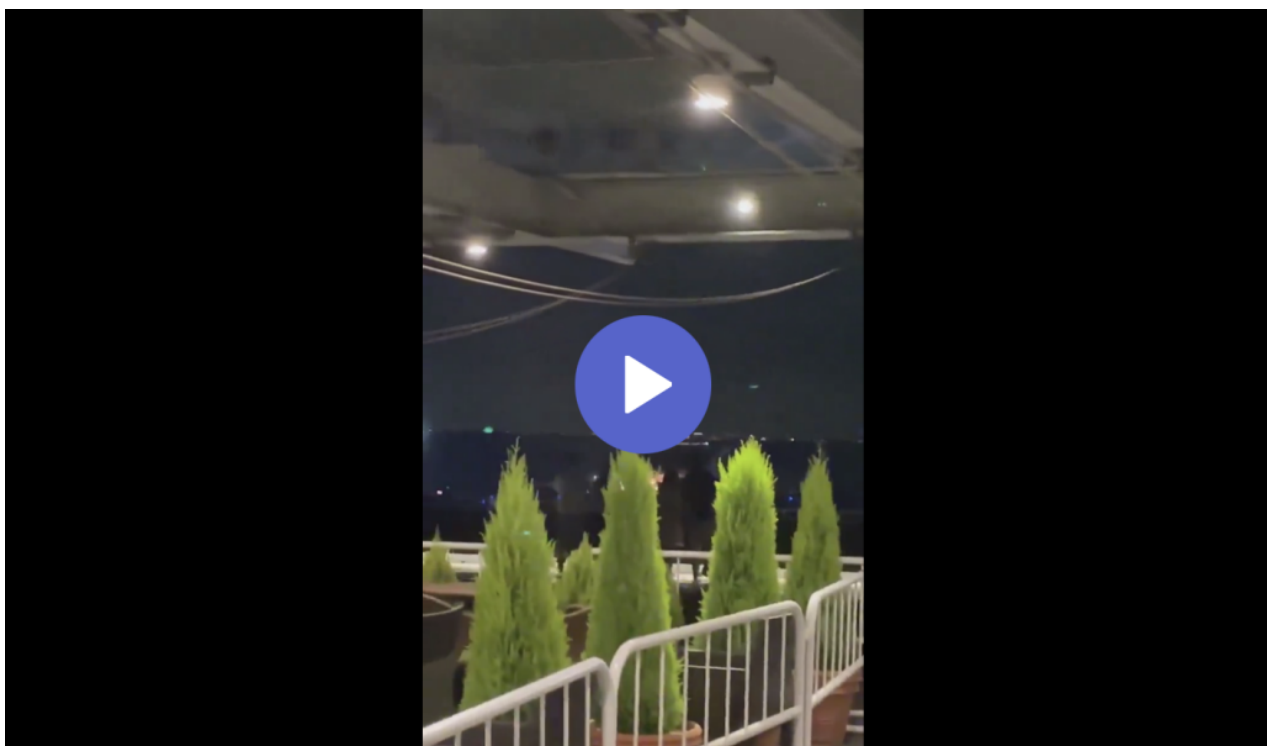
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[Jan. 2, 2024](#) – Japan Airlines Flight 516 collided with Japan Coast Guard Plane at Haneda Airport, Tokyo.

- In a transcript of communications between the air traffic control tower and both the JAL jet and the Coast Guard plane, it appeared that the commercial flight was given permission to land while the Coast Guard aircraft was told to "taxi to holding point" just next to the runway.
- Officials were trying to learn why the Coast Guard plane ended up on the runway.
- In video footage of the JAL plane's landing, it appeared to be lined in flames as it plunged down the runway
- Yet the fuselage withstood the flames pouring from the engines for the 18 minutes that passed between the plane's touchdown, at 5:47 p.m., and the moment the last person left the aircraft, at 6:05
- Safe evacuation of 367 passengers (379 with crew) came down to a relative absence of panic.
- Japan Airlines said that 15 people had been injured in the evacuation, none critically
- 5 of 6 crew members on the Coast Guard aircraft, a Bombardier Canada DHC-8-315, most likely died "in the actual impact itself" when the two planes collided, given that the Coast Guard propeller plane was much smaller than the passenger jet.

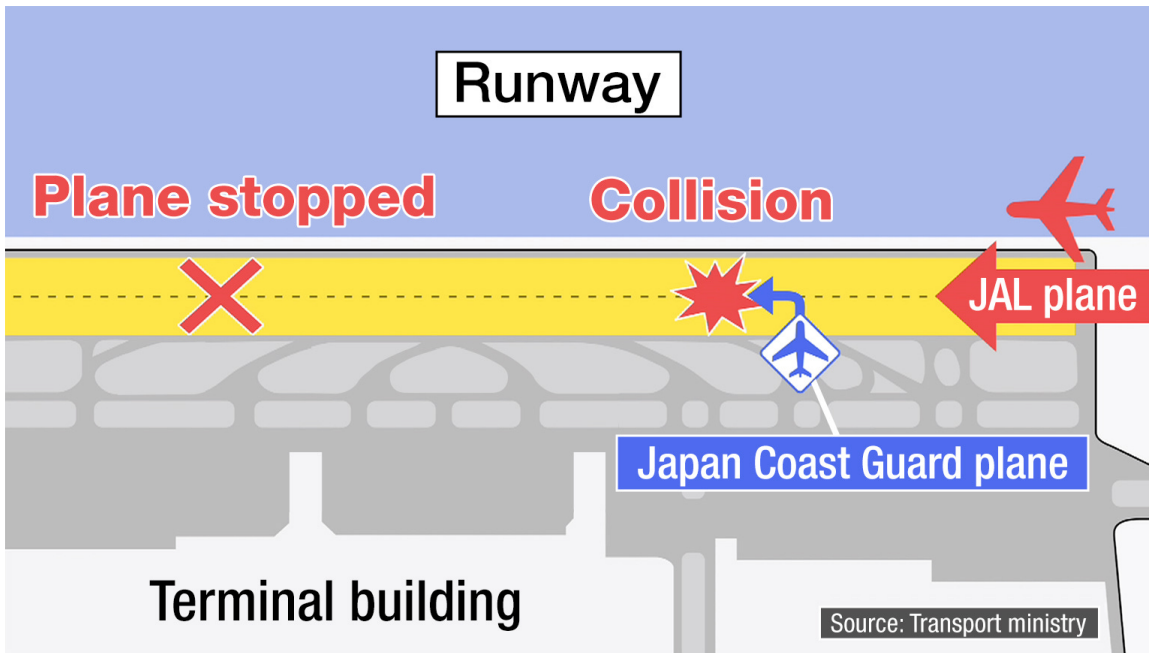


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