

**Airbus 321 Pakistan Plane Crash
Kills All 152 Aboard
July 28, 2010**

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The airliner, en route from Karachi to Islamabad, was flying through heavy fog and rain when it lost contact with air traffic controllers. Two Americans are among the dead.

The plane, which belonged to Air Blue, a private Pakistani airline, was on its way from Karachi to the Pakistani capital and had been flying through heavy fog and rain when it crashed at about 9:45 a.m. local time in the Margalla Hills region just outside Islamabad, authorities said.

An Airbus 321, was at 2,600 feet and preparing to land at Islamabad's Benazir Bhutto International Airport when air traffic controllers directed the pilot to change his approach and land on a different runway. The pilot veered off to make a different approach, but then made a sudden ascent to 3,000 feet. The abrupt change in altitude is "an unaccounted for factor."

Pakistan air crash



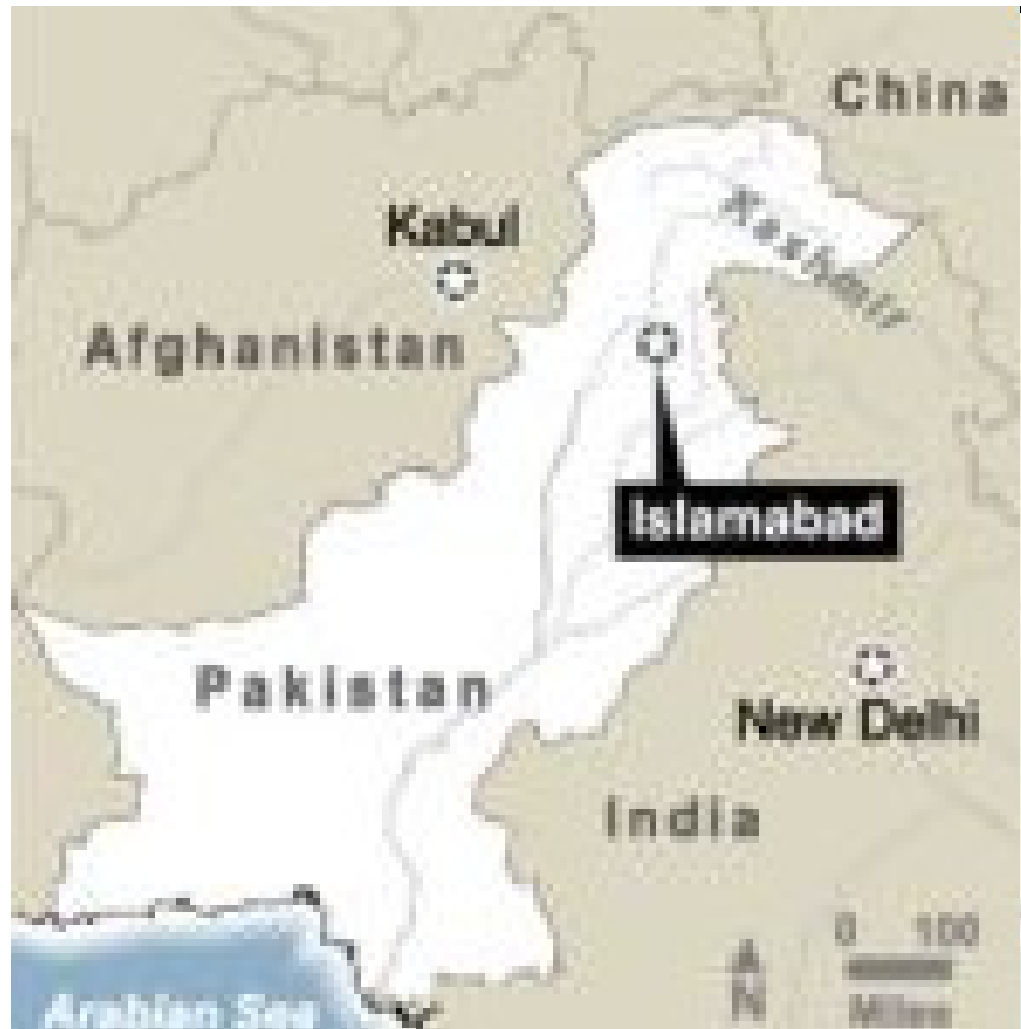
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Pakistani rescuers surround the wreckage of a plane that crashed with 152 people on board, in Islamabad, Pakistan on Wednesday, July 28, 2010.



Helicopters have been helping rescuers reach a passenger plane which crashed in Islamabad