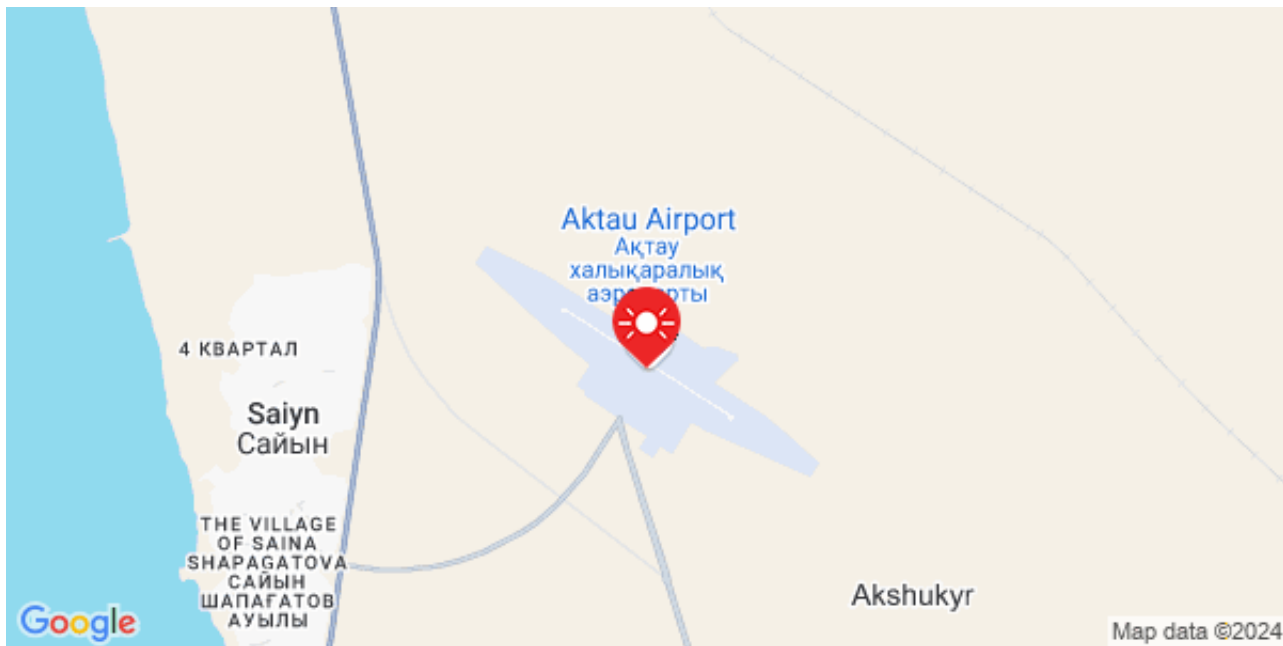




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## Kazakhstan Alert: Passenger plane crashes in field near Aktau on December 25; avoid nonessential travel to area

### Current Situation:

- Per emerging reports, a passenger plane crashed in fields near Aktau Airport (SCO), Mangystau Region, during the early afternoon hours (local time) on December 25.
- The plane, which reportedly belongs to Azerbaijan Airlines, was carrying 72 individuals on board. The airline was flying from Baku to Grozny, Russia.
- Early unconfirmed reports indicate that 66 individuals were killed, with six passengers surviving. Search and rescue efforts remain ongoing, as of writing.

Source: [News.AZ](#), [The Straits Times](#)

### Recommendations:

Those operating or residing in Kazakhstan on December 25 are advised to avoid nonessential travel to Aktau due to the aircraft crash and ongoing security and rescue operations.

