

《专家：导弹击中马航飞机 机上人员只能绝望等死》

The explosion captured in a video likely didn't happen until the Boeing 777 aircraft crashed into the ground, Timothy Holt, a professor at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University told ABC News.

"In this case, it looks like most of the aircraft disintegrated upon impact [with the ground]," he said.

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What happened to the aircraft depends on where the missile struck, he explained, saying that if it pierced the wings -- where the fuel is located -- the plane might have exploded mid-air.

But with this explosion, "it looks like most of the gas was still contained," Holt said.

"You don't see a fireball in the sky ... you see the flame when it hits, you see the black clouds coming out."

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