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PRESS RELEASE**Russian Rescuers Arrive in Indonesia**

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On April 1 an Emercom Il-76 plane brought to the airport of Medan a team of Russian rescuers, sent to help eliminate the consequences of the earthquake in the areas of Sumatra Island.

With the participation of officials from the Russian embassy in Jakarta contacts have been established with local Indonesian authorities and the UN Coordination Center, and priority questions of the involvement of the Emercom team in the rescue work have been promptly discussed.

In line with the previously reached agreement, a helicopter unit of the Singapore air force, now stationed in Medan, will assist in transporting the Russian rescuers to the operation area on Nias Island. The advance team and a part of the equipment will be delivered there on the morning of April 2. A Russian embassy official is accompanying this group.

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