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Twenty-one people died and three others were rescued after an MI-8 helicopter crash-landed in Russian Siberia's Yamal Peninsula due to poor weather conditions.

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The two black boxes of the ill-fated helicopter have been found by rescuers on the peninsula in northwestern Yamalo-Nenets Autonomous Region.

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One of the injured has been sent to a hospital in nearby Urengoy village for treatment.

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"Both black boxes have been found - a flight data recorder and a voice recorder. After investigative procedures, they will be sent for decryption," Russia's RIA Novosti news agency quoted a source from Russia's Federal Agency for Air Transport as saying.

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There were 22 passengers and three crew members aboard when the helicopter made the crash landing at 06:57 p.m. (1557 GMT) on Friday 80 km northwest of Urengoy. One of the three seriously injured survivors called the emergency department with a mobile phone.

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"Arrived rescuers have found three people in serious condition when entered the ruined helicopter," the Russian news agency TASS reported.

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Local emergency department has dispatched the first search and rescue team of 140 people, who took 20 pieces of equipment with them to the site of the accident.

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The helicopter was flying from Suzunskoe oilfield in Krasnoyarsk region to the Urengoy village when the accident happened.

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