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Jet in Iran crash heavily damaged in earlier accident

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TEHRAN, Iran—A Caspian Airlines jet that crashed in Iran, killing all aboard, was heavily damaged in an accident last year that cost more than half the aircraft's hull value to repair, according to a consultant.

Caspian Airlines flight 7908, crashed shortly after takeoff Wednesday from Tehran, Iran, killing 168 passengers and crew.

General Insurance Corp. of India in Mumbai, India, wrote reinsurance coverage on the Russian-built Tupolev Tu-154, the reinsurer's London office confirmed. GIC declined to provide further coverage details.

Records compiled by London aviation consultant Ascend Worldwide Ltd. show the 23-year-old jet was involved in a nonfatal incident last year during takeoff at Isfahan, Iran. The mishap resulted in \$1.68 million in damage to the hull that was valued at \$3 million, according to Ascend.

In the June 2008 accident, the aircraft struck a support cable during takeoff, heavily damaging the undercarriage. The plane climbed to 10,000 feet to burn off fuel before landing, according to Ascend's records.