

Ukraine's interior minister among at least 14 killed in helicopter crash outside Kyiv

Ukraine's interior minister was among at least 14 people killed after a helicopter crashed near a kindergarten outside Kyiv on Wednesday, authorities said.

The cause of the crash, which comes as the country's war with Russia approaches the 11-month mark, was not immediately clear.

At least nine of those killed had been onboard the emergency services helicopter when it crashed in Brovary, a suburb about 15 miles northeast of the capital, Ihor Klymenko, the head of the national police, said in a statement.

He said the dead included Ukrainian Interior Minister Denys Monastyrsky, his deputy, Yevhen Yenin, and Yuriy Lubkovych, the state secretary. One child was also among the dead, officials said.

Officials had earlier put the death toll at 18, including four children, but it was later revised down as authorities stressed the final figure was uncertain.

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