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[FBIS Translated Excerpt] [Presenter] Criminal proceedings against the top military leadership of Ukraine are possible as a result of the investigation into the Tu-154 airline disaster over the Black Sea. [omitted: parliament backed this initiative today - rpt]

Russian Deputy Prosecutor-General Sergey Fridinskiy said today that the investigation into the blowing up of the Sibir airlines plane which led to the death of 78 people will be completed by the Ukrainian courts. As he put it, the state commission has every reason to believe that the Tu-154 was brought down by a missile and the relevant evidence has already been passed on to Kiev.

\* [Fridinskiy, at news conference] An unidentified flying object whose trajectory crossed with that of the aircraft was picked up on \*radar. No-one tracked the movement of this unidentified flying \*object in full because that wasn't one of the set objectives. The work is still continuing and much of the back-up investigation will be carried out by our team and then I think the issue of handing the criminal proceedings to Ukraine will come up because the investigation, the legal investigation will have to be seen through to its conclusion there.

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