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(SBU) Russian special forces disguised as doctors apprehended a man who had taken control of an aircraft on a domestic flight from the Russian Caucasus region to Moscow, media report. All the passengers were freed safely. Embassy Moscow reports four American tourists, along with two Brazilians and one Canadian, were on board returning from a hiking trip. They said they did not know the plane had been hijacked. All passengers are currently in the airport awaiting questioning.

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