

INTERIM STATEMENT

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Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau

Interim Statement on the serious incident involving a Boeing 737-500 aircraft with nationality and registration marks 5N-SYS operated by Azman Air Services Limited which occurred on Runway 18R at Murtala Muhammed Airport, Ikeja, Lagos on 16 February 2021

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On 16 February 2021, at about 16:54 h, a Boeing B737-500 aircraft with nationality and registration marks 5N-SYS operated by Azman Air Service Limited departed Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, (DNAA) Abuja for Murtala Muhammed Airport, (DNMM) Lagos as AZM2325. There were 55 persons on board inclusive of six crew members, with endurance 3 hours 20 minutes.

According to the cockpit crew, on approach at about 600 ft to touchdown, there was heavy rain and wind shear warning. On reaching Minimum Descent Altitude (MDA), the crew carried out a Missed Approach and requested for runway 36L from the Approach Control but was vectored around other traffic to runway 18R after receiving the current weather. AZM2325 was advised by the ATC of the prevailing weather condition, asked to state intention and if unable to make it, elect to divert to an alternate airport.

At 17:53 h, AZM2325 stated "we would like to make one approach, runway 18R, if not [successful] we would divert to our alternate..."

At 17:58 h, AZM2325 landed on runway 18R and was instructed to continue with Ground Control on 121.9MHz.

At 17:59 h, AZM2325 reported "121.9 MHz; we have an issue; we are on the runway.... we need assistance please. We're on the runway; we have an engine indication.... we have an engine indication, number one engine, we're on the runway."

At 18:00 h ATC replied, "AZM2325 the fire unit would be with you shortly.

At 18:03 h, ATC stated "AZM2325 we advised the unit to proceed with the tow truck to assist you. But the fire unit will be with you shortly."

At 18:04 h, ATC asked "confirm you have a burst tyre on runway?" The aircraft replied in the affirmative.

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At 19:07 h, the fire unit advised ATC that disembarkation of passengers was complete with only the crew and passenger baggage on board the aircraft.

The incident occurred in daylight and Visual Meteorological Conditions (VMC) prevailed at the time of occurrence.

ACTION

The draft final report has been concluded. It will be sent to stakeholders for their comments in line with the requirements of section 6.3 of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Annex 13 to the Convention.

This interim report is being issued on the 4th anniversary of the serious incident in accordance with the provisions of Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation.

In accordance with Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation and the Civil Aviation (Investigation of Air Accident and Incidents) Regulations 2023, the objective of this investigation is to prevent aviation accidents and serious incidents. It is not the purpose of any such investigation and the associated investigation report to apportion blame or liability.