



INTERIM STATEMENT
AIRPEACE/2018/12/14/INTR/01

Accident Investigation Bureau

Interim Statement on Serious Incident involving Boeing 737-300 aircraft belonging to Air Peace limited with Nationality and Registration marks 5N-BUO which occurred at FL310 Enroute Enugu from Lagos on 14th December, 2018

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On 14th December 2018, a Boeing 737-300, nationality and registration marks 5N-BUO with flight number APK7100 was operated as a scheduled passenger flight from Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Lagos to Akanu Ibiam International Airport, Enugu on Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) Flight Plan.

At 10:27 h, 5N-BUO departed Lagos for Enugu with 136 persons on board and about 9,000 kg fuel. The First Officer was the Pilot Flying while the Captain was the Pilot Monitoring. The take-off/climb phase was normal. The flight crew stated that at cruising level of 31, 000 ft above mean sea level, the cabin pressure altitude was normal for about thirteen minutes. However, at about 20 miles to Top of Descent (TOD), while the first-officer was briefing the Captain for descent; a BLEED TRIP-OFF light came ON and the crew carried out the Quick Reference Handbook (QRH) procedure.

According to the First-Officer, shortly after the checklist procedure was carried out, the cabin altitude started climbing at the rate of 3,500 ft per minute. The crew requested descent and were cleared to FL110 by the Lagos ATC although they did not disclose any emergency or operational difficulty to the ATC.

Two attempts were made to land the aircraft on runway 26 but the first attempt was unsuccessful. The second attempt was successful and the aircraft landed at 11:32 h.

The crew and passengers disembarked normally without any injury.

The incident occurred in daylight and Visual Meteorological Conditions (VMC) prevailed.

The aircraft later departed Enugu at 17:43 h and landed at 18:34 h as a ferry flight to Lagos on FL100.

The draft final report is been complied. Upon completion, it will be sent to stakeholders for their substantial comments in line with the requirements of section 6.3 of International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Annex 13 to the Convention.