



INTERIM STATEMENT

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Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau

Interim Statement on the Serious Incident involving a Boeing 737-300 aircraft operated by Air Peace Limited with nationality and registration marks 5N-BUQ which occurred after take-off from Sam Mbakwe Airport, Owerri en route Lagos on 22 November 2021



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On 22 November 2021, at 17:52 h, a Boeing 737-300 aircraft operated by Air Peace Limited, with nationality and registration marks 5N-BUQ, departed Sam Mbakwe airport, Owerri (DNIM) to Murtala Muhammed airport, Lagos (DNMM) as a scheduled passenger flight APK7159 on an Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) flight plan.

The aircraft had operated four sectors earlier in the day with a different set of crew. The incident flight was the fourth and last sector for the day for the operating crew; in total, 5N-BUQ had operated seven sectors prior.

On board were 101 persons inclusive of two (2) cockpit crew members and four (4) Cabin Crew members, with endurance of three hours. The Captain was Pilot Flying (PF) while the First Officer was Pilot Monitoring (PM).

Some seconds after 17:53 h, passing 2,400 ft AGL, the aircraft experienced an engine failure which the crew identified as the left engine. The appropriate checklist was accomplished and the failed engine secured. The crew declared MAYDAY first to Owerri Tower and emergency services was activated.

At 17:59 h, the crew decided to divert to Port Harcourt Intl. Airport instead. APK7159 flew without further event for the next 22 minutes.

At 18:04 h, Owerri ATC in communication with DNPO ATC, confirmed that APK7159 was en route to Port Harcourt Intl. Airport.

At 18:15 h, APK7159 landed safely at DNPO and all passengers disembarked normally without injuries. Port Harcourt Tower subsequently notified Owerri ATC of the safe arrival of APK7159.

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



ACTION

The draft final report has been completed and is undergoing Technical Review. Subsequently, it will be sent to stakeholders for their substantial comments in line with the requirement of section 6.3 of International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Annex 13 to the Convention.

This interim report is being issued on the 3rd anniversary of the incident in accordance with the provisions of ICAO Annex 13.

In accordance with Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, Nigerian Safety Investigation (Establishment) Act 2022, Civil Aviation (Investigation of Air Accident and Incidents) Regulations 2023. The purpose 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.