



INTERIM STATEMENT
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Accident Investigation Bureau

Interim statement on the Serious Incident involving a
Bombardier DHC-8-Q400 aircraft owned and operated by Arik
Air Nigeria Ltd with nationality and registration marks 5N-BKX
which occurred en route Kotoka International Airport Accra,
Ghana

On 6th March, 2018

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On 6th March 2018 at about 1810UTC, the scheduled flight ARA304 operated by Arik Air Nigeria - Bombardier DHC-8-Q400 aircraft with nationality and registration marks 5N-BKX - departed Murtala Mohammed Airport Lagos, Nigeria for Kotoka International Airport Accra, Ghana.

In his statement, which was corroborated by the cabin crew in their individual statements, the Captain stated that, at about 81 Nautical Miles to Accra VOR, smoke was observed in the midsection of the cabin and seemed to be emanating from the right air vent.

The Captain immediately declared the emergency to the Approach unit (APP), requested priority landing and evacuation, and instructed the cabin crew to prepare the cabin for an emergency landing.

The Captain stated that while executing the checklist "FUSELAGE FIRE, SMOKE or FUMES" in the aircraft Quick Reference Handbook (QRH), the smoke cleared prior to the localizer intercept. ARA304 then informed Tower (TWR) that they would no longer evacuate passengers on the runway as initially planned as the smoke had cleared and therefore requested to exit the active runway on landing through taxiway "Y" to "E" bay.

The aircraft landed on runway 21 at about 1911UTC. All persons on board disembarked without injuries.

The incident occurred at dusk in Instrument Meteorological Condition.

The draft final report has been reviewed by stakeholders and substantial comments received in line with the requirements of section 6.3 of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Annex 13 to the Convention.

The draft final report is ready for publication.