



ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION BUREAU NIGERIA

First Interim Statement on Bristow Helicopters Nigeria Limited Sikorsky S76 C+ with registration 5N-BGD at Lagos Lagoon, Oworonshoki on 12th August 2015.

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On 12th August 2015, about 1531hrs, 5N-BGD, Sikorsky S-76C+, a domestic chartered flight operated by Bristow Helicopters (Nig.) Limited, crashed into the Lagoon at Oworonshoki area of Lagos. Visual Meteorological Conditions (VMC) prevailed at the time and a Visual Flight Rule (VFR) flight plan was filed. The two flight crewmembers and four of the ten passengers were fatally injured. The helicopter was destroyed and there was no fire.

The point of departure was an offshore oil rig (SEDCO Express) and the destination was Murtala Muhammed Airport (DNMM), Lagos.

Alert Service Bulletin (ASB) 76-67-57 issued by Sikorsky was followed by Emergency Airworthiness Directives (EAD) issued by Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

AIB has virtually completed all investigative actions and has initiated a follow-up action on interim safety recommendations-2015-009 with Sikorsky through National Transportation Safety Board, NTSB.

The draft report will soon be sent to stakeholders for review and comments within 60 days.

This interim statement is being issued on the 1st Anniversary of the accident in accordance with ICAO Annex 13.

In accordance with Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, Nigeria Civil Aviation Aircraft Accident Investigation Regulation and the Civil Aviation Act 2006, the sole 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.

A safety recommendation shall in no case create a presumption of blame or liability for an occurrence.