



INTERIM STATEMENT
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Accident Investigation Bureau

Interim statement on the Serious Incident involving Bristow Helicopters Nigeria Ltd Embraer 135 aircraft with nationality and registration marks 5N-BSN which occurred at Port Harcourt Military Airport (NAF Base), Port Harcourt on 9th March 2020

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On 9th March 2020 at about 07:35 h, an Embraer EMB-135ER aircraft with nationality and registration marks 5N-BSN owned and operated by Bristow Helicopters (Nigeria)Limited departed Lagos and arrived Port Harcourt Military base about one hour later.

The flight from Lagos to Port Harcourt was normal.

At 09:19 h, 5N-BSN was airborne Port Harcourt Military (DNPM). According to the flight crew, climbing through 300 feet after gear retraction, a loud bang was heard on the left side, aircraft yawed to the left, Engine-Indicating and Crew-Alerting System (EICAS) showed that the left engine had failed. The crew stated that the aircraft was put under control and climbed to a safe altitude of 1,500 ft. Thereafter, they completed the one-engine inoperative checklist. The Quick Reference Handbook was consulted for abnormal and emergency procedures.

At 09:21 h, 5N-BSN declared May Day to Port Harcourt Military tower and requested diversion to Port Harcourt International Airport (DNPO) and was granted.

At 09:22 h, 5N-BSN contacted DNPO Approach explained the situation and requested to land at DNPO airfield.

At 09:40 h, 5N-BSN landed safely and DNPM was informed

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