



Accident Investigation Bureau

Interim Statement on the accident involving AgustaWestland AW139 helicopter operated by Caverton Helicopters Limited with nationality and registration marks 5N-CML, which occurred at Kabba, Kogi State on 2nd February, 2019.



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On the 2nd of February 2019 at about 1434 h, an AgustaWestland AW39 Helicopter with nationality and registration marks 5N-CML, operated by Caverton Helicopters Limited on a charter VIP flight crashed in the football pitch at Kabba, Kogi state following the loss of external visual cues caused by Brownout, which set in during the final approach to land.

There were 12 persons on board, including three (3) crew and nine (9) passengers; all the twelve persons were evacuated un-injured.

ACTION

The draft final report has been completed and sent out to stakeholders for their review and comments within 30 days, in line with the requirements of chapter 6.3 of Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation. The issues raised by the stakeholders will be addressed and the Final Report be made public soon.

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, Civil Aviation Act 2006, Civil Aviation (Investigation of Air Accident and Incidents) Regulations 2019, 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.