



INTERIM STATEMENT

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Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau

Interim Statement on Serious Incident involving Embraer 145LR aircraft with nationality and registration marks 5N-BWW operated by United Nigeria Airlines Limited which occurred at Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Lagos Nigeria on 31 May, 2023

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On 31 May 2023 at 14:55 h, an Embraer ERJ 145 with nationality and registration marks 5N-BWW, operated by United Nigeria Airlines Company Limited as a charter flight NUA0563 departed Ebonyi International Airport (DNEB), Ebonyi for Murtala Muhammed International Airport (DNMM), Lagos. The incident flight was the sixth sector of the day. On board the aircraft were 50 persons including 2 flight crew and 2 cabin crew with fuel endurance of 2 hours 29 minutes. The Pilot was the Pilot Flying (PF) while the Copilot was the Pilot Monitoring (PM).

At about 15:00 h, 5N-BWW was airborne Ebonyi airport en-route DNMM, Lagos.

At 16:01:16 h, NUA0563 contacted Lagos Approach and reported 6 miles to runway 18L. Tower cleared the aircraft to continue approach and to confirm call sign, which was confirmed by the crew. NUA0563 was further cleared to continue approach and advised of traffic on runway 18L; an ATR-76 on take-off roll.

At 16:01:53 h, the ATR-76 was cleared for take-off 18L, to maintain runway heading and contact Approach on 124.7.

At 16:02:39 h, Tower cleared NUA0563 to land runway 18L, surface wind 220/10 kt. According to ATC, "weather was good at the time, no rainfall, no precipitation of any sort" and NUA0563 acknowledged in the affirmative.

At 16:04 h, NUA0563 landed on runway 18L. During the landing roll, Tower observed the aircraft veered off to the right of the runway centreline onto the grass verge between Link 3 and Link 4, coming to a stop on the grass verge parallel to the runway between Link 4 and Link 5.

At 16:04:28 h, NUA0563 called out "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY".

At 16:05:03 h, Tower activated the CRASH ALARM. The Aerodrome Rescue and Fire Fighting Services (ARFFS) moved to the site immediately after the crash alarm bell was activated.

The runway was then closed to traffic.

At 16:05:42 h, Tower raised MMF02 on the radio to confirm if the team was on ground, which was in the affirmative.

At 16:11:59 h, all passengers disembarked normally without injury.

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

ACTION

The Final Draft report has been compiled and awaiting group review. After the general review, draft final report will be sent to stakeholders for their substantial comments in line with the requirements of section 6.3 of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Annex 13 to the convention.

This interim report is being issued on the 1st 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 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.