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### **NSIB RELEASES PRELIMINARY REPORT ON HAWKER 900XP AIRCRAFT - 5N-KAL INCIDENT AT NNAMDI AZIKIWE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

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*The Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau (NSIB) has released the preliminary report on its ongoing investigation into the incident involving a Hawker 900XP aircraft, with nationality and registration marks 5N-KAL, operated by Flybird Aircraft Management Services Limited. The incident occurred on December 6, 2024, during the aircraft's climb out from Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport (DNAA), Abuja, en route to Kotoka International Airport (DGAA), Accra, Ghana.*

During the climb at flight level 260, the crew reported hearing a loud bang from Engine Number 2, followed by a temperature increase and vibrations. The crew reduced engine power and declared an emergency, requesting an air return to Abuja. While descending, Engine Number 2 experienced a second temperature spike, and the flight crew later observed that Engine Number 1 was unresponsive to thrust commands.

The aircraft landed safely at Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport at 18:16 local time. All four occupants - three crew members and one passenger, disembarked unhurt, and no damage to the aircraft was reported.

The NSIB has recommended a detailed inspection of both engines to identify the root cause of the failure and thrust anomalies. Further review of the engine maintenance records is also ongoing.

The full preliminary report, containing initial findings, is available for [download on the NSIB website](#). The investigation is still in progress, and the final report will provide comprehensive conclusions and safety recommendations aimed at enhancing aviation safety.

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