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### **PNG ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION COMMISSION RELEASES FINAL REPORT ON TROPICAIR LIMITED CESSNA CITATION 525B BAGGAGE SMOKE INDICATION SERIOUS INCIDENT**

The Chief Commissioner of the PNG Accident Investigation Commission (AIC), Mr. Hubert Namani today announced the public release of the Serious Incident Investigation Final Report involving a Cessna Citation aircraft. The flight crew received a baggage smoke indication in the cockpit, causing the crew to declare a PAN and conduct an emergency evacuation after they landed in Jacksons Airport. The medivac flight was enroute from Kunaye Airport, Lihir New Ireland Province to Jacksons Airport, Port Moresby on 20 October 2020.

Mr. Namani explained that *"The AIC was made aware about the serious incident on 20 October 2020. The AIC initiated an investigation on the same day, in accordance with its mandate under the Civil Aviation Act 2000 (As Amended) and pursuant to Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation."*

Mr. Namani stated that during the investigation, it was identified that the Master Warning along with the baggage smoke light indication was received by the crew during the arrival descent. The crew actioned the 'baggage smoke' emergency procedure and a normal landing. When the investigators subsequently arrived at the aircraft, the aft baggage compartment had already been cleaned out by the Operator and passengers had taken away their baggage without being quarantined or checked. With unavailability of crucial evidence to the investigation, the investigation was unable to determine the cause of the Smoke Detector activation.

The AIC's report also discusses some other safety related factors. The Final Report is available following the link below.

[https://www.aic.gov.pg/index.php/investigation.](https://www.aic.gov.pg/index.php/investigation)

