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## PNG ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION COMMISSION RELEASES PRELIMINARY REPORT ON A CESSNA U206G AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

The Acting Chief Commissioner of the PNG Accident Investigation Commission (AIC), Captain Aria Bouraga, MBE today announced the public release of the Preliminary Report, AIC 23 - 1004, related to Strickland Bosavi Foundation Cessna U206G aircraft, registered VH-MZL, which, after an aborted take-off at Dodomona Airstrip, Western Province, the aircraft slid off the end of the strip down a steep embankment and overturned coming to rest inverted. The aircraft sustained substantial damage.

Captain Bouraga explained, “it is the policy of the AIC to publicly release a preliminary investigation report for each accident or serious incident being investigated within 30 days of the occurrence date pursuant to requirements of *Annex 13* to the *Convention on International Civil Aviation*.

“The investigation is continuing and will include environmental, operational, organisational and technical aspects. The analysis, findings, safety action taken, and any recommendations to address safety concerns will be included in the *Final Report*.”

Capt. Bouraga said, “On 22 June 2023 the operator informed the AIC that the windsock at the landing threshold had been serviced since the accident, and a new windsock had been installed opposite the parking bay about 40 metres from the take-off threshold. Both windsocks were tested and found to be serviceable. The location of the windsocks was to enable pilots to see both of them before commencing a take-off roll”.

The AIC investigation will determine the circumstances and contributing factors to ensure all safety lessons which can help improve aviation safety are learned.

In accordance with its legal mandate, all AIC investigations are conducted with the sole purpose of improving safety for the travelling public, with complete independence from other State authorities, aviation service providers and stakeholders. AIC investigations do not apportion blame or liability to any person or organisation.

More information about this investigation can be found at [www.aic.gov.pg](http://www.aic.gov.pg)

**Captain Aria Bouraga, MBE.**

*Acting Chief Commissioner*  
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