



MEDIA BRIEF

Heli Solutions Ltd Helicopter Accident at Gebrau, Madang Province. AIC to conduct Investigation

AIC REF: Investigation AIC 23-1006

A helicopter accident was reported yesterday involving a Heli Solutions Ltd Bell 407 Helicopter, registered P2-HSN, during a chartered passenger flight carrying 5 passengers from Sengapi to Gebrau Airstrip, about 80 km north of Mt. Hagen.

It is reported that the helicopter departed Sengapi Airstrip at 03:02 pm and was on approach to land at Gebrau Airstrip at around 03:15 pm when the accident occurred. It has been confirmed that serious injuries were sustained by all persons onboard, and the aircraft was destroyed.

I am informed that Heli Solutions Ltd subsequently conducted a rescue operation in coordination with Air Traffic Control but were unable to access the accident site due to deteriorating weather. It is reported that the nearby Gebrau villagers have assisted the pilot and passengers and have provided shelter in the meantime. Attempts for rescue are reported to recommence early this morning. I expect all appropriate rescue and medivac efforts will be at the earliest.



The Accident Investigation Commission (AIC) was called and notified about the accident at 4:50 pm on the day of the accident and commenced an investigation in accordance with Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation. A team of investigators was deployed to the accident site today. There is not much known about the circumstances of the accident and the lead up at this point.

As the AIC conducts investigations for the sole purpose of improving aviation safety, I expect that all parties will harmoniously cooperate and comply with the AIC investigation process.

