

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## TAIL ROTOR STRIKE ON POWER LINE OCCURRENCE AT AIYURA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE OBURA WONENARA DISTRICT, EASTERN HIGHLANDS PROVINCE, PAPUA NEW GUINEA INVOLVING SIL AVIATION BELL HELICOPTER B206L3 REGISTERED P2-SIL.

The Acting Board Chairman of the PNG Accident Investigation Commission (AIC), Captain Aria Bouraga, MBE today announced that the AIC has commenced an investigation into an accident involving a Bell Helicopter-B206L3 registered P2-SIL.



Captain Bouraga stated that, *“the AIC was notified at 10:15 am on 05 October 2022 by CASA PNG about an accident involving Bell Helicopter B206L3 registered P2-SIL, operated by SIL Aviation which occurred at 03:00 pm, on 04 October 2022, at Aiyura National High School, Obura Wonera District, Eastern Highlands Province.”*

P2-SIL was taking off when its tail rotor struck power lines. According to reports provided to the AIC, there were five passengers and one crew member onboard P2-SIL. There were no reported injuries.

Captain Bouraga added that *“in accordance with the Civil Aviation Act 2000 (As Amended) and pursuant to Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, the AIC is conducting a full Annex 13 investigation into the accident to understand the circumstances and contributing factors for the purpose of improving aviation safety. A team of investigators has been dispatched to conduct on-site activities.”*

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