

MEDIA RELEASE

PAC-750 XSTOL AIRCRAFT, P2-SDA, RUNWAY EXCURSION DURING LANDING AT KANABEA AIRSTRIP, GULF PROVINCE, PNG.

The Papua New Guinea Accident Investigation Commission (AIC) has commenced an investigation into a serious incident involving a PAC 750 XSTOL aircraft, operated by Adventist Aviation Services and registered P2-SDA, at Kanabea Airstrip in Gulf Province on 9 January 2026.



The AIC was notified of the serious incident by Niusky Pacific Limited via email at 09:46 local time on 09 January 2026.

From initial information gathered by the AIC, the aircraft experienced a runway excursion and subsequent damage to the aircraft during landing. The incident was reported to have occurred at about 08:45 local time.

There were six (6) persons on board and no reported injuries.

Following the notification, the AIC immediately began gathering information and a team of investigators were dispatched to conduct onsite activities.

The occurrence has been classified as a 'Serious Incident' and an investigation will be conducted in accordance with ICAO Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation. The investigations will include but not be limited to the Aircraft and Pilot Performance, Airstrip Conditions, Weather, Maintenance and Serviceability of the aircraft, Organisational Aspects and Regulatory Oversight.

The AIC's investigations are conducted independent of any other agency or person for the sole purpose of determining the circumstances and contributing factors so that vital lessons are learned, and similar occurrences are avoided.

More information about this investigation will become available in due course on www.aic.gov.pg

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