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Lessons learned from accident investigation

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PARTICIPATES IN INVESTIGATIONS ABROAD

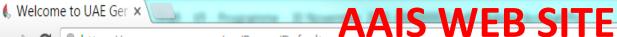
ISSUES REPORTS & SAFETY STUDIES

SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS









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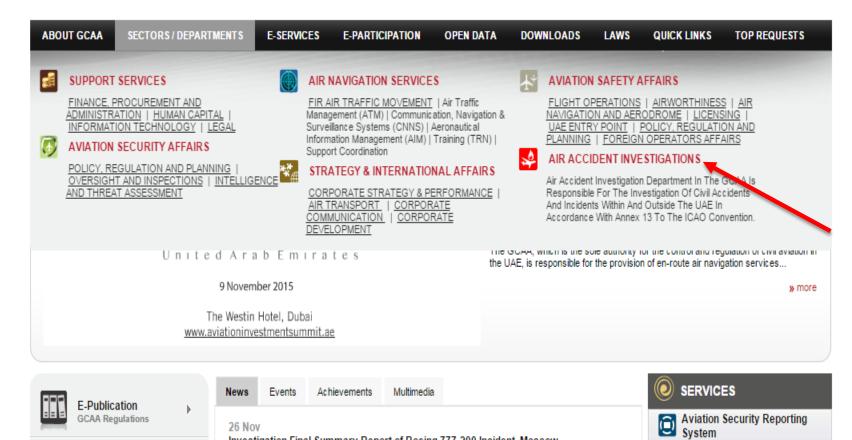
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UNITED ARAB EMIRATES GENERAL CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY





Investigation Final Summary Report of Boeing 777-200 Incident, Moscow





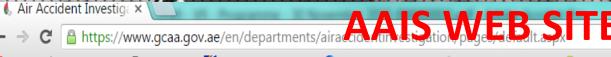












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Publication/Activities:

- 1. Memorandum of Understanding
- 2. Meetings and Seminars
- 3. Training and Workshop
- 4. The 'Investigator' Magazine
- 6. International Reports and Studies
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Air Accident Investigation

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The objective of the air accident and incident investigation is to enhance aviation safety by determining the causes and contributing factors related to the occurrence and issuance of safety recommendations to prevent reoccurrence. Investigations are conducted in accordance with UAE Civil Aviation Law No. 20 of 1991, in compliance the Civil Aviation Regulation (CAR) Part VI Chapter 3, and in conformity with Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation. It is not the purpose of the investigation activity to apportion blame or liability

Reports

- Accident/Incident Investigation Reports (AIFN Air Investigation File Number)
- 2. Safety Studies
- 3. Safety Recommendation Reports
- 4. Annual AAIS Safety Reports

24 hour Duty Investigator Contact Details:

Immediate reporting of an Accident/Serious Incident: Hotline: +971 50 6414667

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To Submit a Report of Safety Incident: ROSI To Submit a Voluntary Report: VORSY

Other Information: View/Upload Documents

- AAIS Publications

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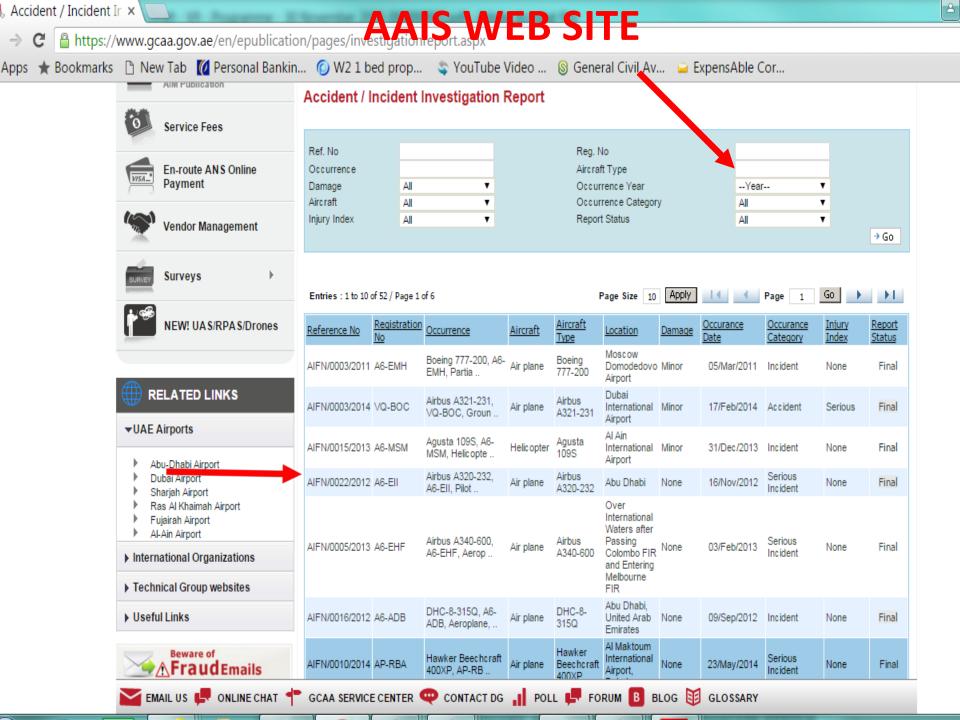












LESSONS LEARNED FROM OTHERS NTSB (USA) AAIB (UK) ATSB (Australia) AAIASB (Greece)





Helicopter Accident number

decline over the last 10 years

but

no reduction of fatal accidents





Crash fire and blunt force trauma

FAA issued life saving rules in the 1980s & 1990s

US helicopter fleet in the end of 2014

Only 16 % included crash-resistant fuel systems

Only 10 % had energy absorbing seats.





The Rotorcraft Occupant Protection Working Group





Loss of Control Sundance Helicopters, AS350-B2, N37SH Safety issues identified:

Improper reuse of degraded self-locking nuts.

Maintenance personnel fatigue.

Need for work cards with delineated steps.

Lack of human factors training for maintenance personnel.





Loss of Control Sundance Helicopters, AS350-B2, N37SH Safety Recommendations:

Establish duty-time regulations for maintenance personnel

Encourage operators and manufacturers to develop and implement best practices for conducting maintenance.

Require that personnel performing maintenance or inspections receive initial and recurrent training on human factors(the causes of human error, including fatigue, ...)





North Sea Helicopter Accidents





Events over last 10 years
Safety Recommendations/Safety Actions
Impact of these Events
Lessons Learned for Accident Investigation





20 Safety Actions

54 Safety Recommendations





Impact

CAA Safety Review Feb 14

Airbus helicopters

Helicopter Terrain Awareness and Warning System

Rig landing systems

Survivability





Lessons Learned

Inshore water CVFDR recovery

Underwater search and recovery plan

Use of press statements and special bulletins

Technical investigation work –time consuming and expensive

Effect of grounding aircraft; Oil and Gas risks

Understanding the culture of helo ops

Dealing with survivors and bereaved next of kin expectations





ATSB (AUSTRALIA)

Light utility helicopters safety

Equipment improvements





AAIASB (GREECE)

1.1 helicopter accidents per year

Number of accidents in 2002 2003 (same Operator)

CAA Oversight

Heliports oversight, risk assessment, equipment

Operator's training efficiency

Helicopter equipment (ELT, search lights, CVR)





UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

8 Investigation reports involving helicopters

(2008 - 2012)

20 Safety Recommendations

11 to the GCAA, 8 to Operators, 1 to an Airport

22 Safety Actions Taken





UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

20 Safety Recommendations proposed changes to GCAA Regulations

GCAA Oversight

GCAA SMS acceptance process

UAE ELT interface

Offshore helideck requirements, certification & oversight Training requirements & processes





THE FUTURE









Thank you for Listening









