



PRELIMINARY REPORT

Aircraft Registration	C6-HBW	Most Critical Injury:	
Accident ID:	17-000602	ICAO Report Submitted:	
Occurrence Date:	7 th February 2017		
Occurrence Type:	Accident	Date Report Submitted to ICAO	

LOCATION/TIME

Nearest City / Place	State / Island	Zip Code	Local Time	Time Zone [Universal Zulu Time]
Freeport	Grand Bahama		Approx. 5:00 pm	UTC 22:00
Airport Proximity:	Approximate Distance From Airport			

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION SUMMARY

Aircraft Manufacturer Saab Aircraft	Model/Series SF340A	Type of Aircraft (ASEL, AMEL, ASEL, AMES) AMEL
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NATURE OF FLIGHT: (Private, Recreational, Emergency, Commercial)	Commercial
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NARRATIVE

On the 7th February 2017 at approximately 5:24 pm local (2224 UTC), the Air Accident Investigation Department of The Bahamas was notified of an accident involving a fixed winged, multi-engine Saab 340A aircraft operated by Western Air Ltd. The aircraft with registration C6-HBW was a scheduled commercial flight operating as WST508 departing from Grand Bahama International Airport (MYGF) enroute to the Lynden Pindling International Airport (MYNN). About three minutes into the flight there was a failure of the left main and essential bus that prompted a return to MYGF. Upon landing RWY06, there was a collapse of the left main gear and subsequently a runway excursion occurred. There were 36 souls on board, three crew and 33 passengers. Minor injuries were reported to passengers.

The scheduled flight was under a Visual Flight Rules (VFR) plan and visual meteorological conditions (VMC) prevailed at the time. Both pilots were licensed and certified by the Bahamas Civil Aviation Department and possessed valid first class medicals as required by regulations.

The Air Accident Investigation Department of The Bahamas is conducting the investigation with the assistance of the National Transportation Safety Board (USA) and aircraft manufacturer Saab Aircraft (Sweden). For further information contact telephone 242-397-5513/5509 or aaid.mota@gmail.com.

Please be advised that the information contained here is preliminary only and subject to change as more information is gathered. Any changes or further information gathered will be addressed in the final report.



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FACTUAL REPORT - AVIATION

LANDING FACILITY / APPROACH INFORMATION

Airport Name	Airport ID:	Airport Elevation	Runway Used	Runway Length	Runway Width
Grand Bahama International Airport	MYGF	7 (Ft. MSL)	RWY06	11,021 ft.	150 ft.

Runway Surface Type: Asphalt

Runway Surface Condition:

Type Instrument Approach:

VFR Approach / Landing:

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Aircraft Manufacturer	Model / Series	Serial Number
Saab Aircraft	SF340A	340A067

Airworthiness Certificate (s): Valid

Landing Gear Type:

Homebuilt Aircraft? No	Number of Seats: 33	Certified Max Gross Wt. 28500 LBS	Number of Engines: 2
Engine Type: Turbo-prop	Engine Manufacturer: General Electric	Model / Series:	Rated Power:

AIRCRAFT INSPECTION INFORMATION

Type of Last Inspection	Date of Last Inspection	Time Since Last Inspection (Hours)	Airframe Total Time (Hours)
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EMERGENCY LOCATOR TRANSMITTER (ELT) INFORMATION

ELT Installed? Yes	ELT Operated?	ELT Aided in Locating Accident Site? N/A
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OWNER / OPERATOR INFORMATION

Registered Aircraft Owner Western Air Limited	Street Address		
	City / Island San Andros	Country Bahamas	Zip Code
Operator of Aircraft Western Air Limited	Street Address		
	City / Island San Andros	Country Bahamas	Zip Code

TYPE OF BAHAMAS CERTIFICATE (S) HELD:

Operator Does Business As: Western Air

Operating Designator Code: WST

Operator Certificate Number: WAAA-468

Regulations Flight Conducted Under:

Type of Flight Operation Conducted: Commercial



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PILOT INFORMATION

Name Wesley Sturrrup		City Nassau	State	Date of Birth 14 th December 1966	Age 50
Sex: Male	Seat Occupied: Left	Principal Profession: Pilot		Certificate Number: 02947-ATPL	
Certificate (s): Airline Transport Pilot, Commercial					
Airplane Rating(s): Multi-Engine Land, Single Engine Land & Sea					
Rotorcraft / Glider / LTA:					
Instrument Rating(s): Instrument					
Instructor Rating(s):					
Type Rating / Endorsement for Accident / Incident Aircraft? Yes			Current Biennial Flight Review? Yes		
Medical Cert.: First Class		Medical Cert. Status: Valid		Date of Last Medical Exam: 24 th November 2016	

FLIGHT TIME MATRIX

	All A/C	This Make and Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multi-Engine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air
						Actual	Simulated			
Total Time										
Pilot in Command (PIC)										
Instructor										
Last 90 Days										
Last 30 Days										
Last 24 Hours										
Seatbelt Used?	Shoulder Harness Used?		yes	Toxicology Performed?		Second Pilot? yes				

FLIGHT PLAN / ITINERY

Type of Flight Plan Filed: VFR

Departure Point	Grand Bahama International	State / Island	Airport Identifier	Departure Time	Time Zone
		Grand Bahama	MYGF		
Destination	Lynden Pindling International	State / Island	Airport Identifier		
		New Providence	MYNN		

Type of Clearance: VFR

Type of Airspace: Class D



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WEATHER INFORMATION SOURCE

Source of Briefing:

Method of Briefing:

WEATHER INFORMATION DATA

WOF ID	Observation Time	Time Zone	WOF Elevation	WOF Distance From Accident Site	Direction From Accident Site
			Ft. MSL	NM	Deg. Mag.

Sky / Lowest Cloud Condition: Ft. AGL Condition of Light:

Lowest Ceiling: Ft. AGL Visibility: SM Altimeter "Hg

Temperature: °C Dew Point: °C Wind Direction / Speed: Density Altitude: Ft

Wind Speed: Gusts: Weather Conditions at Accident Site:

Visibility (RVR): Ft. Visibility (RVV): SM Intensity of Precipitation:

Restrictions to Visibility:

Type of Precipitation:

ACCIDENT INFORMATION

Aircraft Damage: Substantial Aircraft Fire: None Aircraft Explosion: None

Classification:

- Injury Summary Matrix	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None	Total
First Pilot				X	
Second Pilot				X	
Student Pilot					
Flight Instructor					
Check Pilot					
Flight Engineer					
Cabin Attendants				X	
Other Crew					
Passengers			x		33
- TOTAL ABOARD -					36
Other Ground					
- GRAND TOTAL -					36

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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INVESTIGATOR-IN-CHARGE (IIC) Capt. Delvin Major

C6-HBW

