



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

MINISTRY OF ROADS AND TRANSPORT
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR AVIATION AND AEROSPACE DEVELOPMENT
AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT

INTERIM STATEMENT

AIRCRAFT TYPE : CESSNA CITATION 560XLS
OPERATOR : AMREF FLYING DOCTORS
TYPE OF FLIGHT : MEDICAL EVACUATION (MEDEVAC)
DATE OF ACCIDENT : 07 AUGUST 2025
LOCATION OF ACCIDENT : MWIHOKE, RUIRU SUB COUNTY, KIAMBU COUNTY

In accordance with paragraph 6.6 of Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, if the final report cannot be made publicly available within twelve months, the State conducting the investigation shall make an interim statement publicly available on each anniversary of the occurrence, detailing the progress of the investigation and any safety issues raised.

AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION INTERIM STATEMENT SUMMARY

OPERATOR	:	AMREF Flying Doctors
AIRCRAFT TYPE	:	Cessna Citation 560XLS
MANUFACTURER	:	Textron Aviation Inc.
YEAR OF MANUFACTURE	:	02 January 2007
AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION	:	5Y-FDM
AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBER	:	5674
DATE OF REGISTRATION	:	30 August 2022
NUMBER AND TYPE OF ENGINE	:	Two, PW545B
DATE OF OCCURRENCE	:	07 August 2025
LAST POINT OF DEPARTURE	:	Wilson Airport, Nairobi County, Kenya
POINT OF INTENDED LANDING	:	Egal International airport, Hargeisa, Somaliland
TIME OF OCCURRENCE	:	1117 (1417)*
LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE	:	Mwihoko, Ruiru Sub-County, Kiambu County (1°12'15.98" S, 36°58'32.87" E)
TYPE OF FLIGHT	:	Medical Evacuation (MEDEVAC)
PHASE OF FLIGHT	:	Enroute
NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BOARD	:	04
INJURIES	:	06 Fatal (4 on board and 2 on the ground)
NATURE OF DAMAGE	:	Destroyed
CLASS OF OCCURRENCE	:	Accident
PILOT IN COMMAND	:	ATPL holder
PIC FLYING EXPERIENCE	:	10,077.7 hours

**All times given in this interim statement are Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), with East African Time (EAT) in parentheses*

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 07 August 2025 at about 1117(1417), an accident occurred at Mwihoko in Ruiru Subcounty, Kiambu County involving a Cessna Citation 560XLS aircraft registration 5Y-FDM with four persons on board.

The aircraft belonging to the African Medical and Research Foundation (AMREF) Flying Doctors had taken off from Wilson airport (HKNW) in Nairobi County at 1114 (1414) on an Instruments Flight Rules (IFR), medical evacuation (MEDEVAC) flight to Egal international airport (HCMH) in Hargeisa, Somaliland. On board were a pilot in command, a first officer, a doctor and a nurse.

The aircraft crashed into a residential building at 1117 (1417), killing all four people on board and two on the ground. The aircraft was destroyed by impact forces and subsequent fire. Fire spread to several nearby dwellings. The crash occurred in a high-energy, high-impact, nose-down attitude. Multiple government agencies responded to the crash site immediately after the accident.

PROGRESS OF THE INVESTIGATION

During the early stages of the investigation, the Aircraft Accident Investigation Department (AAID) issued Preliminary Report No. 02/08/2025 in accordance with Chapters 7.1 and 7.4 of Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and Regulation 23(1) of the Kenya Civil Aviation (Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation) Regulations, 2024.

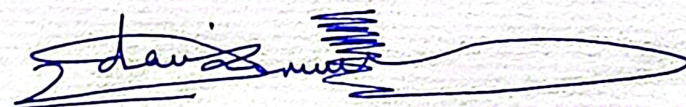
Upon completion of the on-site investigation phase, the aircraft's Flight Data Recorder (FDR) and Cockpit Voice Recorder (CVR) were transported to the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Recorder Laboratory in Washington, D.C., United States of America, for data download, readout, and analysis. These activities were successfully completed with the participation of AAID investigators. Observers from the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority (KCAA) and AMREF Flying Doctors also attended the exercise.

Preparations are currently underway for the reconstruction of the aircraft wreckage and further specialized examinations in a controlled environment in Nairobi. These activities are intended to validate and correlate the findings obtained from the flight recorder data analysis.

As part of the continuing investigation, the aircraft's two engines were subsequently shipped to the Pratt & Whitney facility in Virginia, United States of America, for detailed teardown and technical examination. The schedule for this activity is currently under review.

In addition, AAID plans to conduct an evaluation of the fidelity of the flight simulator used for crew training, as well as the effectiveness of the simulator training received by the flight crew. This evaluation is scheduled to take place at the simulator training facility in Farnborough, United Kingdom.

The investigation to determine the probable cause of the accident, together with any contributing factors and the development of appropriate safety recommendations, remains ongoing.



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