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## CHINA AIRLINES B737 destroyed by fire after landing

On August 20, 2007 at 10:27, flight CI-120, a China Airlines Boeing B-737-809 on a scheduled flight from Taipei Taiwan, after landing at Naha Airport, Okinawa, south Japan taxied to the gate after which the crew was told the aircraft was on fire by the ground crew. The left engine of the aircraft had caught fire.

All 165 passengers and crew scrambled down emergency chutes or jumped from cockpit windows. Within seconds there were explosions and the aircraft caught fire and thick black smoke bellowed. The accident occurred around 10:30, and daylight visual conditions prevailed at that time. The aircraft was destroyed in the fire. ( see the accompanying photos).

It is reported that the aircraft after landing at and taxiing to the gate experienced fuel leak followed by fire. This aircraft delivered in July 26, 2002 had accumulated 13,666 flight hours and had its latest safety check on July 13.

The accident is being investigated by the Japanese Aircraft and Railway accident investigation commission JARIC. Personnel from US NTSB, FAA, Boeing and GE/CFM have been dispatched to the scene to assist in the investigation.

Meanwhile, 15 Boeing 737-800s of China Airlines and its subsidiary mandarin Airlines have been grounded for a thorough inspection.

