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YEMENIA AIRWAYS A310 CRASH INTO THE INDIAN OCEAN



On June30, 2009, around 0150hrs local time(22:50 UTC, June 29) , Yemenia Airways Flight IY626, an Airbus A310-324 with 142 passengers and 11 crew on board, crashed into the Indian Ocean, 10 miles off the coast, while attempting a second approach to Hahaya Airport in Moroni. The lone survivor of the crash is a 14-year-old girl.

The weather reported around the time of the accident (01:50 local, which is 22:50 UTC, June 29) was reported as follows: FMCH 292200Z 18022G33KT 9999 FEW020 24/17 Q1018 NOSIG= [wind from 180 degrees at 22 knots, gusting to 33 knots; unlimited visibility; few clouds at 2000 feet; temperature 24°C, dew point 17°C; 1018 mb] FMCH 292300Z 21025G35KT 9999 FEW020 25/16 Q1017 TEMPO 18015G30KT= [wind from 210 degrees at 25 knots, gusting to 35 knots; unlimited visibility; few clouds at 2000 feet; temperature 25°C, dew point 15°C; 1017 mb; temporary winds from 180 degrees at 15 knots, gusting to 30 knots]

In line with the ICAO Annex 13 international convention, Airbus is providing technical assistance to the French BEA as well as to the authorities who will be responsible for the accident investigation. A team of specialists from Airbus were dispatched to the Comoro Islands. The investigation is going on.