



A Romanian Airlines Antonov An-24 on charter which crashed moments after take-off, killing all 46 people aboard

Fatal accidents: regional and commuter airlines

Date	Carrier	Aircraft Type/Registration	Location	Fatalities crew/pax	Total occupants crew/pax	Phase
10 January	Merpati Nusantara	DHC Twin Otter 300 (PN-NUK)	Molo Strait, Flores, Indonesia	4/10	4/10	ER
<i>En route from Bima, Sumbawa, to Ruteng, Flores, the aircraft went missing in bad weather and crashed into the sea.</i>						
17 January	Royal Nepal Airlines	DHC Twin Otter 300 (9N-ABI)	Nr Kathmandu Airport, Nepal	1/1	3/21	TO
<i>In daylight and good weather the aircraft failed to get airborne more than a few metres, hit the boundary fence and force-landed ahead.</i>						
20 January	Abakan Airlines	Let 410 (RA-67120)	Krasnoyarsk, Russia	2/1	2/17	TO
<i>Crashed into trees shortly after take-off with right propeller feathered. Fuel contamination and a TOW allegedly 250kg above maximum are believed to be under investigation.</i>						
13 February	Las Vegas Airlines	Piper PA31-350 (N27245)	Nr Grand Canyon Airport, USA	1/7	1/9	C
<i>Shortly after take-off, pilot declared an emergency, citing loss of engine power. The pilot appeared to have attempted to return to the airport, but the aircraft crashed in a wooded ravine 4.5km north-east of the airport.</i>						
29 March	Kiwi West Aviation/Eagle Airways	Beech Queen Air 8800 (ZK-TIK)	Hamilton, New Zealand	2/4	2/4	C
<i>Loss of power on first the port engine, then the starboard, having reported climbing through 5,000ft. Aircraft stalled and crashed in daylight, in generally good weather.</i>						
23 April	Bristow Helicopters Nigeria	DHC Twin Otter 300 (5N-AJQ)	Lagos, Nigeria	1/-	2/7	L
<i>Veered off runway and collided with parked air force Fokker F27. Heavy rain with strong, gusting crosswinds.</i>						
1 May	Bearskin Lake Air Services	Fairchild Metro 23 (C-GYVB)	Nr Sioux Lookout, Ontario, Canada	2/1	2/1	AA
<i>Scheduled flight. Collided with departing Navajo Chieftain. Both aircraft were using the global-positioning system to operate arrival/departure to this uncontrolled airport. Weather was visual meteorological conditions, but ground was snowy and the Navajo's livery was pale.</i>						
1 May	Air Sandy	Piper Navajo Chieftain (C-GYPZ)	Nr Sioux Lookout, Ontario, Canada	1/4	1/4	C
<i>Collided with arriving Metro 23. See above.</i>						
24 May	Knights Air	Embraer Bandeirante (G-OEAA)	Nr Leeds/Bradford, UK	3/9	3/9	C
<i>Aircraft came down in stormy weather, with partial airframe break-up before impact. The co-pilot reported that an artificial horizon had failed, and the crew had requested recovery to Leeds/Bradford. Weather radar was unserviceable on departure. Electrical storms were reported in the area and there is evidence of a lightning strike.</i>						
25 May	Lineas Aereas Colombianas	Douglas DC-3 (HK-3213)	Nr Miraflores, Colombia	-/2	2/9	AA
<i>Crashed shortly before landing at Miraflores. The aircraft was registered as a freighter only.</i>						
9 June	Ansett New Zealand	DHC Dash 8-100 (ZK-NEY)	Nr Palmerston North, New Zealand	1/2	3/18	AA
<i>Struck ridge during bad-weather approach using a new approach pattern.</i>						
16 June	Far Eastern Directorate	Antonov An-2	Herputchi, Russia	2/11	2/12	C
<i>Encountering deteriorating weather, the pilot elected to turn back, but hit trees while carrying out a steep turn at low height.</i>						
12 July	Milne Bay Air	DHC Twin Otter 300 (P2-MBI)	Nr Gurney Airport, Papua New Guinea	2/13	2/13	ER
<i>Aircraft crashed out of control into sea just offshore near Alotau. Evidence suggests in-flight fire in rear of fuselage, possibly caused by an item in passenger luggage, although there were no emergency calls.</i>						
17 July	Merpati Nusantara Airlines	DHC Twin Otter 300 (PK-NUT)	Bintuni Airport, Irian Jaya, Indonesia	1/-	2/16	TO
<i>Veered off wet runway into trees.</i>						
9 August	Inter Austral	CASA/IPTN CN-235-200 (LV-VHM)	Nr Cordoba, Argentina	1/0	??	C/ER
<i>A flight attendant fell out when a forward passenger door detached during a Cordoba-Mendoza flight. The aircraft returned to Cordoba.</i>						
14 August	Aires Colombia	Embraer Bandeirante (HK-2594)	Nevado del Huila, Nr Santander, Colombia	2/8	2/8	ER
<i>On scheduled Neiva-Cali service, aircraft hit mountain at 14,500ft level. No indications of any problems before impact.</i>						
21 August	Atlantic Southeast Airlines	Embraer Brasilia (N256AS)	Nr Carrollton, Georgia, USA	1/7	3/26	ER
<i>The left propeller shed part of a blade, then the damaged propeller would not feather. The aircrew decided to make a forced landing in fields because the aircraft could not maintain height. Just before touchdown in fields the left wing hit a tree. The aircraft was destroyed by post-crash fire.</i>						
9 September	SATENA	CASA 212-200 (FAC1152)	Nr La Macarena, Colombia	4/17	4/18	AA
<i>The crew, operating to La Macarena from Villavicencio, were believed to have carried out a go-around, having attempted more than one approach in bad weather, when the aircraft hit a hill about 9km from the airfield. SATENA, a branch of the Colombian armed forces, operates civil schedules to remote communities.</i>						
11 September	Ariana Afghan Airlines	Antonov An-26	Nr Jalalabad, Afghanistan	-/3	6/40	?
<i>Reports say that the aircraft force-landed having run out of fuel on the Kabul-Jalalabad schedule. The casualties and numbers on board are best estimates.</i>						
15 September	Malaysia Airlines	Fokker 50 (9M-MGH)	Tawau, Sabah, Malaysia	2/32	4/49	L
<i>The aircraft touched down some 1,200m along a 1,700m runway. Pilot then attempted a go-around and the aircraft cleared perimeter fence, but sank back and crashed into a shanty town, injuring nine people on ground.</i>						
21 September	Mongolian Airlines	Antonov An-24RV (BNMAU-10103)	Choho Googlogoh Uul, Nr Moron, Mongolia	6/36	6/37	AA
<i>Descending inbound to Moron from Ulan Bator, the aircraft flew into a mountain. Reports based on CVR readbacks indicate that the crew broke SOP by descending early, believing they had sufficient visual information.</i>						