

AIB concludes probe into Sao Tome air crash – Punch Newspapers

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The Accident Investigation Bureau has concluded its investigation into a recent air accident in Sao Tome and Principe.

The Commissioner and Chief Executive Officer of the AIB, Mr Akin Olateru, last week, led his team to submit the final report on the accident involving Cavok Airlines CVK 7087 AN-74TK-100 Aircraft Registered Ur-CKC, which occurred at Sao Tome International Airport, Sao Tome on July 29, 2017.

He said the Banjul Accord Group Accident Investigation Agency had invited AIB Nigeria to conduct an investigation into the crash, which, by the International Civil Aviation Organisation Annex 13, was the responsibility of the state of occurrence.

He said it was very significant as for the first time in the history of the AIB, accident investigation was handled by the bureau on behalf of another state or a regional body outside Nigeria.

He said the AIB came into terms and executed a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Civil Aviation Authority of Sao Tome and Principe in four parts –cooperation, capacity building, exchange of information on accident investigation and assistance in case of any air accident within both countries.

“This was in a bid to further strengthen good relationship and effective collaboration towards achieving a common goal in the

air accident investigation sector in Africa,” the AIB said in a statement.

It said the investigation determined that the cause of the accident was due to the presence of birds on the runway, which made the take-off to be rejected at a speed above decision speed V1, which was inconsistent with CAVOK’s Standard Operating Procedures.

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