



ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION BRANCH

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Aircraft Type
and Registration: Cessna 340, 5H-JAY

Year of Manufacture: 1973

Date and Time (UTC): 6 December 1997 at 1222hrs

Location: Siwandu airstrip

Type of Flight: Air charter

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 4

Injuries: Crew - NIL Passengers - NIL

Nature of Damage: Port landing gear door separated

Commander's Licence: ATPL

Commander's Age: 48 years

Commander's Total
Flying Experience: 9500 hours

Information Source: Telephone call from the operator

History of the Flight:

The aircraft was transporting four tourists from Kiba to Siwandu. It was being flown by one pilot who was flying under visual flight rules. The flight to Siwandu was normal. At 1220 hours the pilot

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sighted the Siwandu airstrip and noticed that there was slight continuous rain.

The aircraft touched down on runway 36 and during the landing roll two impalas were seen crossing the runway from the the right. The pilot raised the nose to try to save the propellers. The aircraft missed one impala but the other one collided with the left main landing gear, ripping off its door.

The pilot subsequently shut down both engines. When the aircraft came to rest on the runway all occupants evacuated safely. Examination of the aircraft showed that the left main landing gear door had separated and the left flap was bent.