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ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION BRANCH



AIB BULLETIN

No. 6/97

Aircraft type & Registration : Piper PA 31-350, 5H-AZN

Date and time : 29 JULY 1997 at 1448 hours

Location : Dar es Salaam Int. Airport

Type of Flight : Air charter

Persons on board : 2

Injuries : NI1

Nature of damage : NIL

Commander's Licence : CPL

Experience : 1600 hours

ALL TIMES UTC

5H-AZN was operating charter flight from Zanzibar to Liuli and Dar es Salaam. It was carrying 8 passengers and one pilot. The endurance was 4 hours. The pilot said that he was also carrying 8 jerry cans in the nose baggage bay.

The aircraft took off from Zanzibar at 0826 hours and flew VFR cruising at FL 125. It landed at Liuli at 1101 hours.

The pilot also said that at Liuli the aircraft was refuelled from on board jerry cans and one passenger joined the flight to Dar es Salaam.

Take off was initiated at 1223 hours. The flight from Liuli to Dar es Salaam was normal. However, the pilot did not raise the Dar es Salaam Centre during the flight.

At 1442 hours the pilot raised the Dar es Salaam Approach on 119.6 MHZ and requested runway 14 which was consented. At 1445 hours the pilot declared an emergency and reported "no fuel-two engines out". He also requested runway 05 which was on direct track for straight-in landing. At 1446 hours he reported to have recycled the landing gear manually. At 1447 5H-AZN touched down on runway 05 and stopped on taxiway X.

The aircraft was subsequently towed to the airport fuel Depot at Terminal I.

The Dar es Salaam Int. airport ground staff who handled the aircraft after it had landed said that the aircraft had no fuel. The pilot himself said that there was some fuel in the reserve tanks which he had failed to use.

The circumstances of this incident are being investigated.