

SYNOPSIS

Registered Owner:	Kish Airlines
Registered Operator:	Kish Airlines
Aircraft type and model:	Fokker F27 Mk 050
Nationality:	Islamic Republic of Iran
Registration:	EP-LCA
Place of Accident:	2.6 nm final to Sharjah International Airport, UAE.
Date and Time:	10 February 2004 at 11:38 local UAE time

The aircraft involved was a Fokker F27 Mk.050, owned by the Kish Airlines, based at Ekbatan in the Islamic Republic of Iran. The Islamic Republic of Iran was the State of Registry and the State of the Operator. The Netherlands was the State of Design and the State of Manufacture. On this particular flight, IRK 7170, EP-LCA, was operating a scheduled passenger flight from Kish Island to Sharjah, UAE, and was approaching to land on runway 12 at Sharjah International Airport in good daylight visibility. The aircraft was observed to pitch down and suddenly turn to the left. The aircraft continued to descend and turn at high pitch and roll angles and impacted a sandy area within a residential area 2.6 nm from the runway threshold. Immediately a large explosion was seen. The aircraft was destroyed and there were 43 fatalities.

The cause of the accident was attributed to the movement of the propellers from the Flight Control Range to the Ground Control Range.

Four safety recommendations have been made. Unless otherwise indicated, recommendations in this report are addressed to the regulatory authorities of the State having responsibility for the matters with which the recommendation is concerned. It is for those Authorities to decide what action is taken.