

SYNOPSIS

This report contains the conclusions of the investigation relative to the accident which involved the Airbus A-320 aircraft, registration PR-MBK, on 17 July 2007.

The investigation had the participation of accredited representatives from France, Germany and the United States of America. Peru was also invited to participate, since there was a Peruvian casualty, but it opted to follow the conduction of the investigation through the final report issued by the CENIPA.

The aircraft, which operated by TAM Linhas Aéreas, was flying as JJ3054, and had departed from Porto Alegre (SBPA) at 17:19 local time (20:19 UTC) destined to São Paulo/Congonhas (SBSP).

The approach to runway 35L of Congonhas occurred uneventfully. The aircraft was operating with the number 2 engine reverser deactivated. The runway was wet and slippery, according to information provided by the Tower to the crew. After the touch-down, which occurred already at night-time, at 18:54 local time (21:54 UTC), the aircraft did not slow down as expected. The aircraft veered to the left, overran the left edge of the runway near the departure end, crossed over the Washington Luis Avenue and hit a fuel service station and the air cargo service building of the very operator.

All persons on board – six active crewmembers, and 181 passengers – perished. The crash also caused 12 fatalities on the ground among the people that were in the building.

The aircraft was completely destroyed as a result of the impact and the raging fire, which lasted for many hours.