SYNOPSIS

Courtesy translation:

Date and time of incident

Sunday 21 August 2011 at 03H15mn UTC¹

Site of accident

On Abidjan Airport runway Average altitude: 6 metres

Geographic coordinates:

Latitude: 05°18′ 03"N Longitude: 003°55′ 44"W

Type of flight

Scheduled international public transport of passengers

Aircraft

Airbus A330-243 Registered OD-MEA

State of Registry Republic of Lebanon

Owner and operator Middle East Airlines – AirLiban – S.A.L.

State of operator Republic of Lebanon

Persons on board: 245

Crew: 12 including 2 PNT

Passengers: 233

The crew conducted an ILS approach for landing on Runway 21 at Abidjan Airport. On final, the Captain (PF) after reported the runway in sight, was cleared to land and continued descent. The Copilot (PNF) having found that the aircraft was approaching the runway edge lights on his side, suddenly requested the PF to veer left. The PF then acted accordingly. At touchdown PF elected to go-around. The main gear went off the runway on the left side and rolled on the slope beyond the limits of Runway 21. The PF then reported to the tower controller that visibility was nil on the runway.

The crew, after waiting 14 minutes at an altitude of 2700 ft, was informed that the weather conditions were not improving. PF decided to divert to Accra (Ghana) and received clearance from the tower controller. The flight continued normally and the aircraft landed in Accra. The overrun of the Airbus A330 -243 OD- MEA was observed Sunday, August 21, 2011 at 06H50mn.

¹ All times in this report are expressed in Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). The legal time Republic of Côte d'Ivoire coincides with UTC.