SYNOPSIS

Courtesy translation:

On 02.04.2012, at 01:35 UTC¹ (07:35 local time), at day time, under VMC after the takeoff from the Roschino (Tyumen) airport RWY 21, the ATR72-201 VP-BYZ aircraft, operated by JSC "UTAir Aviation" (further referred to as "UTAir") crashed while performing the scheduled passenger flight UTA120 from Tyumen to Surgut.

According to the load sheet the A/C TOW and center of gravity were 18730 kg and 30.72 % MAC correspondingly and that was within the aircraft operation limits. Onboard there were 4 crew members (PIC, F/O and two flight attendants) and 39 passengers, all RF citizens.

After the landing gear and the flaps retraction the aircraft started descending with a significant left bank and then collided with terrain. The ground collision first led to the structural damage of left wing followed by the fuel spillage and fire, and further to the complete destruction of aircraft with the right wing, cockpit and rear section with empennage separation.

Out of the 43 persons onboard, 4 crew members and 29 passengers were killed. Others received serious injuries.

The information of the accident was received by the Interstate Aviation Committee (IAC) on 02.04.2012 at 01:57, and the initial notification was received at 05:55.

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¹ Here and further unless otherwise is stated UTC time is given.