

READING COMPREHENSION
TEST # 13 “PLANE CRASH IN RUMBEK”

SITUATION REPORT # 01

On 02/05/08, a Beechcraft 1900 plane that was operated by Southern Sudan Delta Connection crashed after reaching about 25 kilometers from Rumbek near a village called Bolmanyango. The plane was said to have departed from Wau and was heading for Juba via Rumbek. The two engines were said to have failed and there was nothing the pilot could do. The 21 passengers that were on board perished including the crew members.

SITUATION REPORT # 02

On 04/05/08, UNMIS Police Commissioner assigned Disaster Victim Identification (DVI) Team from the MHQ Khartoum comprising 3 Police Advisors who were expert in Forensic Sciences. This assignment was the first collocation activity for the DVI Operations.

DVI Team arrived at Rumbek Team Site on the same day at approximately 16.30 hours, the Team Site Leader briefed the team through a power point presentation on the series of actions taken after the plane crash. He also led the team to the Head of Office where the team was also briefed. During the briefings, the team was told that 19 bodies were recovered from the scene including two females. 6 bodies were taken to Juba for burial, 10 bodies were also taken to Wau for burial while 3 badly burnt and unidentified bodies were left in Rumbek hospital mortuary. The two bodies suspected to belong to the crew members were not found.

DVI Team was given the passenger manifest and out of 21 dead bodies, there were 2 VIPs who were Ministers.

SITUATION REPORT # 03

On 05/05/08, the team was joined by the Civil Aviation Accident Investigation team from Khartoum to visit the scene of the plane crash. The DVI team searched the

wreckage for the two bodies but to no avail. The team however found some burnt flesh and bones as well as other personal belongings in the cock pit area of the burnt plane.

The team discovered that the plane fell from the sky and hit the right wing that was housing one of the engines against a tree. The left wing housing the second engine also hit another tree before the engine fell on the cockpit area. The plane later went up in flames. There were also empty rifle magazines found around the cockpit area which might have aided the explosion. Some of the passengers were thrown into different directions after the crash.

Some of the burnt flesh that were recovered were handed over to the representative of the airline company while the remaining ones were packaged by the DVI team for further examination. The Civil Aviation Accident Investigation team also recovered the black box and the recorder from the wreckage. The team later took the items away for further investigations.

After leaving the crash scene, the team visited the SSPS Police Commissioner to discuss its findings and later demanded to go to the mortuary to view the 3 bodies. When the team arrived in the mortuary in the company of Commander of Rumbek Central Police station, the team was told that the remaining bodies were already taken to the airstrip enroute Juba. The team went to the airstrip and saw the 3 caskets containing the 3 bodies being taken into the aircraft. The DVI team hoped to continue with the investigation.

QUESTIONS: READING TEST # 13
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Family Name:..... First Name:

Country:..... Date of birth:.....

Q 1: Where was the crash scene?

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Q 2: When and where did the DVI Team arrive?

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Q 3: How many bodies were recovered from the crash scene?

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Q 4: What was the route of the Plane?

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Q 5: How many female were in the plane?

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Q 6: Why did the DVI team search the wreckage?

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Q 7: What did the DVI Team find in the cockpit area of the burnt plane?

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Q 8: How many passengers were on board?

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Q 9: What was the model of the plane?

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Q 10: Which team came from Khartoum and joined the DVI Team?

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