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MEDIA RELEASE

Accident into Merpati MA-60 Aircraft registration PK-MZK at
Kaimana Bay, Kaimana, West Papua on 7 May 2011

The Indonesia National Transportation Safety Committee (NTSC) is releasing a Preliminary Factual Report into the aircraft accident involving an Xi'an MA-60 aircraft at Kaimana, West Papua on 7 May 2011. All 25 persons onboard the aircraft were killed. The report contains some factual information on the circumstances leading up to the accident, but does not contain any analysis or conclusion.

The NTSC on 18 May 2011 has released safety recommendations to PT. Merpati Nusantara Airlines and the Director General of Civil Aviation, in relation to Visual Flight Rules (VFR) landing minima and the installation of the airport facilities, such as airport lighting.

In according with the ICAO international aircraft accident investigation protocols, the NTSC has been working with accredited representatives of the Civil Aviation Administration of China, the United States of America NTSB and the Canada TSB as well as advisor to accredited representatives from Xi'an Aircraft Company and Honeywell.

The NTSC has recovered both the aircraft flight data recorder (FDR) and the cockpit voice recorder (CVR) from the aircraft. The data contained on CVR was successfully downloaded at the NTSC's recorder facility and the FDR (made in China) was downloaded in the FDR factory in China.

A copy of the Preliminary Factual Report is available on the NTSC website here:
http://dephub.go.id/knkt/ntsc_home/ntsc.htm

The NTSC investigation is continuing and a final report, including analysis and conclusions will be released in due course.

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