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Chamber of Minerals and Energy

Today's News Update



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ANOTHER COASTAL AVIATION PLANE CRASH

Despite headlines that air travel is safer than ever yet again, we are looking at a picture of Coastal aviation plane crash that happened yesterday.



It seems never-ending. In two consecutive months two Coastal Aviation aircrafts have crashed in the Northern tourist circuit of the country with confirmed 11 fatalities in the most recent crash. The first incident occurred on 26th October at Lobo area, Serengeti, and was blamed to bad weather. In this incident there were no fatalities but three injured passengers had to be airlifted to Nairobi for treatment. 8 passengers escaped unhurt. A Cessna Grand Caravan 208 aircraft with registration 5H-THR was involved in that incident.

In the yesterday's incident, a similar type of aircraft with registration 5H-EGG belonging to Coastal Aviation and carrying 10 passengers and a Pilot crashed at Empakaai, Serengeti. It was en-route to Serengeti National park. According to a report on the airline's website, all 10 passengers and the Pilot are confirmed dead. Cause of the accident is yet to be established.

Accidents are not strange incidents in aviation, but two accidents within two months for the same airline leaves a lot to be desired. As safety is among the top priorities in the Mining industry, the Chamber would like to alert all its members to be aware of this developing trend and advice you to think twice about safety before deciding on your next charter flight.

On our part at the Chamber, words of comfort seem inadequate to express our sorrows after the loss of the passengers and crew lives. Our hearts and prayers are with the grieving families who have lost their loved ones.

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