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Plane Crash, Phuket, Thailand

Type of Event:	Plane Crash
Date of Event:	16/09/2007
Location:	Phuket, Indonesia
Number Killed:	Reports say at least 89 people feared dead
Damage Estimate:	-
Insured Loss Estimate:	-
Insured:	Includes One-Two-Go Airlines
Carriers:	Includes Global Aerospace



Summary

A One-Two-Go Airlines passenger plane with 130 people on board skidded off a runway and burst into flames at Phuket Airport on 16 September, in Thailand's worst air accident in nearly a decade. Flight OG 269 was carrying 123 passengers (78 foreigners and 45 Thais) and seven crew when it attempted to land at Phuket International Airport, according to reports. Thailand's Public Health Ministry said at least 89 people, including 34 Thais and 55 foreigners, were killed in the crash, while the remaining 41 survivors were hospitalised. A preliminary list compiled by the Thai Foreign Ministry showed that six Britons, three Israelis, two Americans, two French nationals, and one victim each from Australia, Germany, Iran, Ireland and Sweden were among the dead. The rest of the foreign fatalities have yet to be identified. Thai officials said that of the 41 people who survived, 14 were Thai and 27 were foreign.

A One-Two-Go spokesman said the plane left Bangkok at 07:30 UTC (14:30 local time) and crashed shortly after landing in Phuket at approximately 08:50 UTC (15:50 local time). Survivors described how the McDonnell Douglas MD-82 aircraft was preparing to land in heavy rain when it suddenly lifted off again and then came crashing down on the runway. Reports said the plane then skidded off the runway, smashed through a wall and broke up, before bursting into flames.

According to AFX Asia, Global Aerospace is the lead insurer for One-Two-Go Airlines and sources quoted by the publication said the McDonnell Douglas MD-82 plane was insured for US\$3m. Udom Tantiprasongchai, the president of One-Two-Go Airlines, reassured victims that the company would assume responsibility for the accident and added that the plane was covered by \$300m in insurance. Orient-Thai Airlines, which owns One-Two-Go, said the airliner would initially be providing THB100,000 (US\$3,125) to families of the dead for the funeral and other costs.

Reports said the plane's flight data recorders have been recovered and were being sent for analysis to determine the cause of the crash. Authorities said the crash may have been caused by poor visibility and bad weather.

The crash at Phuket was Thailand's deadliest aviation accident since 11 December 1998, when 101 people were killed when a Thai Airways plane crashed while trying to land in heavy rain at Surat Thani. Forty five people survived.

Sources: CNN News, BBC News, Associated Press, Agence France Presse, Reuters News, Dow Jones International News, AFX Asia, Kyodo News

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