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1026-INDONESIA-PLANE ACCIDENT BOVEN DIGOEL, PAPUA, INDONESIA JUNE 14, 2009 NATURAL WITH BAHASA INDONESIA NARRATION DURATION:01:15

SOURCE:METRO TV

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INTRO:

HEADLINE: Commercial plane slides off runway at Papua, no injuries.

TV AND WEB RESTRICTIONS~NO ACCESS INDONESIA**~ RESENDING WITH FULL SCRIPT** Amateur video shows an Indonesian commercial plane slipping off the runway while trying to land at Papua. SHOWS: BOVEN DIGOEL, PAPUA, INDONESIA (JUNE 14, 2009) (METRO TV - NO ACCESS INDONESIA) 1. DORNIER 238 FROM EXPRESS AIR LANDING IN TANAH MERAH AIRPORT, BOVEN DIGOEL 2. PLANE'S ROTOR BROKEN 3. PASSENGERS RUNNING OUT FROM PLANE 4. PASSENGERS CRYING 5. PLANE 6. PEOPLE STANDING AROUND PLANE 7. OFFICIALS TRYING TO HOSE DOWN PLANE 8. VARIOUS OF PLANE ON SIDE OF RUNWAY STORY: An Indonesian commercial plane slipped off the runway at Tanah

Merah Airport in Papua on Sunday (June 14) as it lost control while trying to land. No casualties were reported. The transport plane, a Dornier 238 model, operated by local flight company called Express Air, was flying from Sentani airport with 29 passengers and four crew onboard. The plane reportedly lost control after a dog ran across the runway and the pilot failed to handle the plane. Amateur video aired on a local news channel showed passengers were shaken after the accident. Local police spokesman Nurhabri told Metro TV that the plane lost its grip after landing, could not make a left turn, and slipped to the side of the runway. Indonesia has a poor air safety record both in military and civilian aircraft. In Papua, most of the airports have very low safety standards, like no fences preventing people or animals from trespassing. More than 100 people died after a C-130 Hercules military transport plane crashed in East Java last month. Defence Minister Juwono Sudarsono said last month that maintenance should be 20 to 25 percent of the military budget but was below 10 percent due to limited resources. ENDS. Kind regards, ***Reuters TV Editorial Support*** Tel: +44 20 7542 2244 email: tvnews@thomsonreuters.com website: www.videopoint.reuters.com For library/archive material, contact website: www.itnsource.com email: uksales@itnsource.com (searches can be also be done on this website once you register (free of charge) For Support Services, contact ***** Tel: + 44 20 7542 7330 / +20 2 2773-6151 Fax: + 44 20 7542 6874 / +20 2 2773-6154 E-mail: desk@vcss.tv Requesting two-way interviews (phonos etc) with Reuters Correspondents contact: Courtney Dolan +1 646 223 8406; Alex Honeysett Tel. +44 207 542 8509