



INTERIM STATEMENT
MDEA/2020/07/29/INTR/01

Accident Investigation Bureau

Interim Statement on the Serious Incident involving Airbus 330-243 aircraft owned and operated by Middle East Airlines with nationality and registration marks OD-MEA and a Parked Turkish Airlines Boeing 777 aircraft with nationality and registration mark TC-LJC which occurred at Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Lagos State
On 29th July, 2020

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At 17:14 h, MEA572 contacted ATC for departure clearance from the international wing of Murtala Muhammed Airport, Lagos to Beirut Rafic Hariri International Airport (OLBA), Lebanon with 245 persons on board inclusive of 16 flight crew members. The request was to confirm ATC had the flight plan and clearance for FL390 routing via UB731 and exit point "NASTO", which ATC granted.

At 17:15 h, MEA572 requested push back and start-up which was approved. MEA572 later requested taxi and was instructed to taxi holding point runway 18R.

From the voyage report, the Captain stated as follows "taxiway f3 one-way taxiway out, noticed Turkish B777 parked gate E55 taxied very slowly looking out, deviated slightly to the right for extra clearance [but] the left wingtip hit parked B777 tail cone stopped immediately shutdown engines".

At 17:27 h, MEA572 requested to proceed towards the gate because of the damage to the winglet.

At 17:28 h, the crew shut down the engine and passengers disembarked without any injury.

The incident occurred in daylight

The draft final report has been concluded. It will be sent to stakeholders for their comments in line with the requirements of section 6.3 of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Annex 13 to the Convention.