



C6-JTJ Preliminary Occurrence Report

Location Lynden Pindling Int'l Airport (MYNN), Nassau, Bahamas	Accident number OCC-2024/0012
Destination Fresh Creek Airport (MYAF), Andros, Bahamas	Registration C6-JTJ
Date & Time 17 th February 2024 4:40 pm local (2140 UTC)	Make/Model Cessna 402C
Flight Conducted Under Visual Flight Rules	Serial Number 402C-0648

Information:

Narrative:

On 17th February 2024 at approximately 4:40 pm local time (2140 UTC), a Cessna 402C aircraft with Bahamas registration C6-JTJ, operated by AOC holder Blessings Aviation, impacted the perimeter fencing at the Lynden Pindling International Airport (MYNN), Nassau, Bahamas before bursting into flames after having a left engine failure during takeoff from runway 14. The pilot in command was the sole occupant on board the aircraft.

The flight was for commercial purposes and had a destination of Fresh Creek Airport (MYAF), Fresh Creek, Andros, Bahamas. The pilot in command reported that upon contacting Nassau air traffic control, he requested a runway 14 departure from taxiway Bravo, but his request was denied.

He subsequently requested a departure from taxiway Lima, which was granted by air traffic control. The pilot advised that upon receiving takeoff clearance from air traffic control for runway 14, he entered the active runway and backtracked for additional room before commencing take off roll.

Shortly after adding takeoff power and accelerating for some distance down the runway, the pilot indicated that the left manifold pressure started to drop, and the aircraft started to “pull to the left”.

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Fig.1: Google Earth imagery of crash site in relation to runway 14 at MYNN

Recognizing that the left engine was malfunctioning, the pilot added more power to the right engine and continued takeoff roll but after achieving some lift, the pilot reported to observe the aircraft “stall” and it was unable to clear the inner layer of perimeter fencing (height of approximately 12 feet), at a distance of approximately 820 feet from the approach end of threshold of runway 32.

The aircraft impacted the first inner layer of perimeter fencing, hitting the surface and travelling for some 57 feet on a heading of approximately 123° before impacting the second outer layer of perimeter fencing. The aircraft’s trajectory continued in that general direction travelling for an additional 73 feet, sliding across the Coral Harbour Road before come to rest in a swampy area.

The pilot advised that shortly after the aircraft came to rest, he observed flames from the left side of the aircraft which prompted him to make a hasty exit from the aircraft. While making good his escape, the pilot observed flames on the outside, around the aircraft, and it was during his attempt to vacate the area, he received some burns to the face.

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As soon as he was able to vacate the general area of the downed aircraft, the pilot observed an explosion and the aircraft continued to burn.

Nassau Air Traffic Control alerted the requisite emergency services personnel including the Royal Bahamas Police Force (RBPF) and the Airport Authority Airport Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF) Services. ARFF promptly responded to the crash site with three (3) fire trucks (Oshkosh 6x6; Striker Oshkosh 6x6; Striker Oshkosh 4x4).

The ARFF team were able to suppress and ultimately extinguish the flames that had engulfed the aircraft and some of the foliage in the immediate vicinity. The pilot was taken by ambulance to receive medical attention for some burns received to the face. The aircraft was ultimately destroyed by fire.



Fig.2: Photo of burnt remnants of C6-JTJ

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Fig.3: Drone photo of C6-JTJ from approach end of runway 32 at MYNN

This is preliminary information, subject to change, and may contain errors. Any errors in this report will be corrected when the final report has been completed.

Aircraft and Owner / Operator Information:

Aircraft Manufacturer	Registration
Cessna	C6-JTJ
Model / Series	Aircraft Category
402C	Normal



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Amateur Built

Not Applicable

Operator

Blessings Aviation

Air Carrier

Operating Certificate

Yes

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan:

Conditions at Accident site

Visual Meteorological Conditions

Condition of Light

Day

Observation Facility

MYNN

Observation Time

2100 UTC

Distance from Accident Site

N/A

Temp /Dewpoint

27°C/19°C

Lowest Cloud Condition

FEW025

Wind Direction / Speed

21009KT

Lowest Ceiling

BKN200

Visibility

>6 statute miles

Altimeter Setting

29.88 in. HG

Type of flight Plan

Filed

Visual Flight Rules

Departure Point

Lynden Pindling Int'l Airport (MYNN), Nassau, Bahamas

Destination

Fresh Creek Airport (MYAF), Andros, Bahamas



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Wreckage and Impact Information:

Crew Injuries	Aircraft Damage
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Minor

Destroyed by fire

Passenger Injuries	Aircraft Fire
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Not Applicable

Yes

Ground Injuries	Aircraft Explosion
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None

Yes

Total Injuries	Latitude, Longitude
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Administrative Information:

Investigator in Charge

Saint-Tino Morley

Date of Release

16th March 2024
