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**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**AFRIQIYAH AIRWAYS A330 CRASH**

The South African Civil Aviation Authority has been informed of the aircraft accident that took place in Libya this morning. The Afriqiyah Airline aircraft took off from OR Tambo International airport on Tuesday 11 May at 19:30, and was scheduled to land in Tripoli on Wednesday morning 12 May at 04:30.

The aircraft is an Airbus A330, which as far as we know had 93 passengers and 11 crew members on board. At this stage we cannot confirm the nationalities of the passengers who were on board.

According to the Civil Aviation Regulations; the country of occurrence becomes the investigating body. Therefore the Libya Civil Aviation Authority will be investigating the accident.

**About the SACAA:**

The South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) was established on 1 October 1998 following the enactment of the South African Civil Aviation Authority Act, No.40, in September of the same year. The SACAA promotes and maintains a safe, secure and sustainable civil aviation environment, by regulating and overseeing the functioning and development of the industry in an efficient, cost-effective, and customer-friendly manner according to international standards.

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