

 <b>National Transportation Safety Board</b> <b>FOREIGN NOTIFICATION</b> <b>AVIATION</b>		NTSB ID: DCA01RA024		Most Critical Injury: Fatal		
		Occurrence Date: 03/03/2001		Investigated By: Foreign		
		Occurrence Type: Accident				
Location/Time						
Nearest City/Place Bangkok		State	Zip Code	Local Time 1425	Time Zone	
Aircraft Information						
Registration Number HS-TDC		Aircraft Manufacturer Boeing		Model/Series Number 737-400		
Type of Aircraft: Airplane			Amateur Built Aircraft? No			
Injury Summary:		Fatal 1	Serious 6	Minor 3	None	
Revenue Sightseeing Flight:			Air Medical Transport Flight:			
Narrative						
<p>Brief narrative statement of facts, conditions and circumstances pertinent to the accident/incident:</p> <p>On March 3, 2001, at approximately 1448 local time, a Boeing 737-400, operated by Thai Airways, was destroyed by an explosion and fire while parked at a gate at Bangkok International Airport, Thailand. The airplane was being prepared for a scheduled domestic passenger flight to Chiang Mai, Thailand. Of the cabin crew and ground staff, one of the cabin crew members was killed, six people were seriously injured, and three had injuries listed as minor/none. The accident was investigated by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Committee of Thailand. Assistance was provided by the NTSB under the provisions of Annex 13, Investigation of Accidents and Incidents, to the Convention on International Civil Aviation.</p> <p>On April 29, 2005, the Accident Investigation Committee of Thailand issued a final report in which they determined that the Probable Cause of the accident was an explosion of the center wing tank resulting from ignition of the flammable fuel/air mixture in the tank. The source of the ignition energy for the explosion could not be determined with certainty, but the most likely source was an explosion originating at the center wing tank pump as a result of running the pump in the presence of metal shavings and a fuel/air mixture.</p> <p>You may receive a copy of the published report by contacting the following:</p> <p>National Transportation Safety Board  Records Management Division  490 L'Enfant Plaza, SW  Washington, DC 20590  (202) 314-6551 or 800-877-6799</p>						
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