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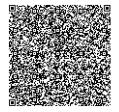**INVESTIGATION DIRECTORATE**

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INTERIM STATEMENT

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		Accident/Incident Data	
1	Date and Time		11/10/2019 at 13:10 UTC
2	Classification		Accident
3	Aircraft	Registration	SU-CBX
		Type	HEL. Bell 412 EP
		Manufacturer	BELL Helicopter TEXTRON Canada LTD
		Operator	Petroliam Air Services (PAS)
4	Flight	Phase	En-rout
		Operation Type	Petroliam Air Services
5	Fatalities/Injuries		None
6	Damage To Aircraft		Destroyed
7	Accident/Incident Location		Mediterranean sea, 65 miles North of Port Said city

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History of the flight:

- On 11th October 2019, a Bell 412EP, Helicopter registration SU-CBX, with 3 Passengers and 2 flight crew members from SAIPEM 3000 Vessel to Port Said Airport (HEPS). Non-scheduled commercial aviation flight by Petroleum Air Services (PAS).

- During flight, after approx. 25 minutes cruising the aircraft experienced severe spinning which resulted in loss of control followed by an impact on water surface.

- Flight crew members and passengers on board managed to evacuate safely. The helicopter sank in water.

Investigation activities conducted:

- Photographic recorded was created.

- Interviews were conducted with both flight crew and passengers.

- Readouts of all available data from On-board recorders were completed.

- Detailed Visual inspections were carried out by the airframe manufacturer (Bell) technical adviser and engine manufacturer (Pratt and weighty) technical adviser

Recommendations already issued:

- None

Next steps:

- Completion of the Final Report

Additional comments:

- None