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Air Accident Investigation Authority

Loss of Control - Inflight (LOC-I)

**Accident Investigation
Preliminary Report and
Public Notice**

**Niviuk Artik R Paraglider
Ngong Ping, Ma On Shan,
Hong Kong
11 February 2025**

PLR-2025-02

1. Purpose

- (1) This preliminary report provides factual information established in the investigation's early evidence collection phase. Its purpose is to provide timely information to both the aviation industry and the general public.
- (2) This report is released in accordance with the Hong Kong Civil Aviation (Investigation of Accidents) Regulations (Cap. 448B).
- (3) The Air Accident Investigation Authority (AAIA)'s understanding of the accident will be enhanced as the investigation progresses and potential new evidence becomes available. As such, no analysis or findings are included in this report.
- (4) Should safety recommendations be considered necessary during the course of the investigation, they will be promulgated to the parties concerned immediately before the final Investigation Report is published.
- (5) The Investigation Report will be released at the conclusion of the investigation, which will provide a comprehensive overview of the accident, its cause(s), contributing factor(s) and any recommendations made to improve air safety.

2. General Details

2.1. Occurrence details

Date and time:	11 February 2025 at around 1233 hours ¹
Occurrence category:	Accident
Primary occurrence type:	Loss of Control – Inflight (LOC-I)
Location:	Ngong Ping, Ma On Shan, Hong Kong
Position:	22° 23' 28.734" N 114° 15' 8.046" E

2.2. Pilot details

Flying experience:	Between 400 and 500 hours
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2.3. Aircraft details

Manufacturer and model:	Niviuk Artik R Paraglider	
Year of Manufacture:	2023	
Type of Operation:	Private	
Departure:	Takeoff and Landing Field of Ma On Shan Paragliding Activities Area, Hong Kong	
Destination:	Same as above	
Persons on board:	Pilot – 1	Passenger – 0
Fatalities:	0	
Injuries:	1	
Aircraft damage:	To be confirmed	

¹ All times are in Hong Kong Local Time, which is Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) plus eight hours.

3. Synopsis

- (1) A paraglider pilot arrived at the takeoff and landing field of the Ma On Shan paragliding activities area in Ma On Shan Country Park at approximately 1125 hours on 11 February 2025. After checking his equipment and preparing for the flight, he took off at 1210 hours.
- (2) The pilot planned to land at the same field where he took off from. After flying for approximately 23 minutes, he returned to the field for landing. During his approach, he noticed rising air currents and realised he was too high for a safe landing. To lose excess altitude, he attempted to perform turns above the area.
- (3) As he applied more right-hand control for a sharper turn, the right side of the wing stalled, causing the paraglider to enter a right-hand spin. Simultaneously, the paraglider descended onto the lawn. He remained attached to the paraglider, sustained injuries, and fell into a coma.
- (4) The Hong Kong Police Force and the Hong Kong Fire Services Department were notified of the occurrence and later arrived at the scene for rescue.
- (5) The pilot later regained consciousness, and was airlifted to Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital by a helicopter of the Government Flying Service for medical management.

4. Instigation of Investigation

- (1) Upon receiving news of the occurrence, the AAIA contacted Hong Kong China Paragliding Association, which confirmed the details later that afternoon.
- (2) Once the pilot's physical condition allowed, the AAIA reached out to him directly to verify the extent of his injury and the duration of his hospital stay. Based on this information, the Chief Inspector classified this occurrence as an accident and instigated an investigation into its circumstance(s), cause(s) and contributing factor(s), in accordance with the Hong Kong Civil Aviation (Investigation of Accidents) Regulations (Cap. 448B).

5. Investigation Progress

(1) To date, the AAIA has:

- collected the pilot's paraglider, equipment, and accessories;
- downloaded and decoded the flight data from his variometer;
- conducted an interview with the pilot; and
- collected the user manual from the paraglider manufacturer.

(2) As the investigation progresses, AAIA will:

- conduct an in-depth examination of the paraglider, equipment, and accessories;
- interview other witnesses;
- analyse the flight data;
- collect and analyse meteorological information related to the flight; and
- review the pilot's medical report.

(3) The detailed analysis of the data and information collected will enable the investigation team to determine the circumstances, causes and contributing factors of this accident. It will also aid in identifying areas that need further investigation and/or lines of investigation to be pursued.

6. Public Notice

This Report also serves as a public notice under Section 10(1) of Cap. 448B. Any person who wishes to make representation as to the circumstance(s) or cause(s) of the accident should do so by letter, facsimile, telephone or email to the Chief Inspector (Address: Air Accident Investigation Authority, Levels G & 2, Facility Building, 1 Tung Fai Road, Hong Kong International Airport, Lantau, Hong Kong; Telephone: (+852)

2910 6079; Facsimile: (+852) 2910 6049 (local), (+852) 3912 4848 (international); or
Email: ACCID@tlb.gov.hk within 14 days of this notice.

28 March 2025

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About the Air Accident Investigation Authority

The AAIA is an independent investigation authority under the Transport and Logistics Bureau (TLB) of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.

The AAIA is established in compliance with the Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) of ICAO Annex 13 requiring Contracting States to set up an independent investigation authority to ensure the independence and impartiality of the investigations.

The AAIA is responsible for the investigation of civil aircraft accidents and incidents in Hong Kong in accordance with the Hong Kong Civil Aviation (Investigation of Accidents) Regulations (Cap. 448B) and the SARPs of ICAO Annex 13.

The sole objective of the investigation shall be the prevention of accidents and incidents. It is not the purpose of this activity to apportion blame or liability.

Check the Air Accident Investigation Authority website for information, reports and updates:

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