NORWAY HELICOPTER CRASH WHICH KILLED BRITISH OIL WORKER CAUSED BY MECHANICAL FAILURE

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The Norway helicopter crash, which killed 13 people including a British oil worker, was caused by technical failure and not human error, according to investigators.

Eleven passengers and two crew were killed after the aircraft came down near the city of Bergen on Friday.

British oil worker Iain Stuart, from Laurencekirk in Aberdeenshire, was among those who died in the crash.

Norway's Accident Investigation Board said today that its probe and visual evidence indicated sudden mechanical failure, according to reports.

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An image released by Accident Investigation Board Norway, Sunday May 1, 2016, showing the twisted wre

The twisted wreckage of the salvaged helicopter which crashed on Friday (Picture: AIBN / NTB

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A handout picture released by the Accident Investigation Board Norway, shows the memory unit retrieved

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The memory unit retrieved from the Flight Data and Cockpit Voice Recorder (Picture: AFP/Getty Images)

But the board did not elaborate, saying a full investigation would take time.

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The Super Puma was travelling from the North Sea Gullfaks B oil field, around 74 miles off the Norwegian coast when it crashed en route to Flesland Airport.

The tragedy led to the Civil Aviation Authority grounding all UK commercial passenger flights using the Airbus EC225LP – or Super Puma – model.

While a team from the UK's Air Accidents Investigation Branch (AAIB) is assisting with the crash investigation.

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The helicopter was en route to Flesland Airport (Picture: Getty)

A police officer talks to members of the media, during an inspection of the area where a helicopter crashed

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A police officer talks to members of the media on Friday (Picture: AFP/Getty)

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Mr Stuart’s family have said they are devastated by his death.

A statement released by relatives of the 41-year-old said: ‘Iain was a loving husband and devoted father to his two children and as a family we are heartbroken.

‘He was a caring son, brother, uncle and friend to many.’

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