TURKISH AIRLINES PLANE OVERSHOOTS RUNWAY IN KATHMANDU

FORWARD LANDING GEAR COLLAPSES

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USPA NEWS - Front landing gear collapsed as Turkish Airlines plane tried to land at airport in Nepalese capital of Kathmandu.

A Turkish Airlines plane has crashed after overshooting the runway as it tried to land in dense fog at an airport in Nepal.

The Airbus A330's front landing gear collapsed and the plane nose-dived on the runway at Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu.

No passengers on the flight, THY726, were seriously hurt in the incident but some were given medical attention after evacuation.

The plane on a seven-hour flight circled for half hour over Nepal before it made a second attempt to land. The runway was slippery after two days of rain and there was dense fog at the time.

Airport officials said the plane with 238 people on board was coming from Istanbul on Wednesday when the accident happened.

Air traffic controllers blamed the accident on the foggy weather conditions that made the central runway difficult to see, the publication noted.

The plane rotated at altitudes of 21,000 feet and lower above the mountainous terrain near the airport for an hour and 45 minutes before attempting to land.

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