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Plane-damage

LIGHT PLANE TURNS TURTLE DURING NURI'S RESCUE DEMO

LANGKAWI, Aug 5 (Bernama) -- Light plane Zodiac 601 HD, taking part in the Langkawi Oshkosh East Fly-In 1997 exhibition, turned turtle today during a rescue operation by the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) Nuri at Padang Matsirat here.

Several parts of the plane were badly damaged including the cockpit and the propeller.

The incident happened at about 5.30pm while the Nuri was demonstrating a rescue operation at the exhibition site.

Le Proton LIMA Sdn Bhd Senior Manager Megat Nawawi Megat Hamid said no one was reported injured as the exhibition area was off limit to the public.

He said the plane might not be properly secured, allowing it to blown away like that.

He said the plane which took part in the Malaysia Air Rally 1997 arrived here yesterday.

It belongs to the Persatuan Pesawaterbang Eksperimen Malaysia under the Rakan Muda programme.

A total of 60 light aircraft are taking part in the exhibition which was opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday.

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