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Chartered plane crashes in northern Canada, killing baby

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USPA News - A chartered plane carrying nine people crashed Saturday evening while attempting to land at an airport in northern Canada, killing a baby and injuring the other people on board, police said on Sunday. The cause was not immediately known.

The accident happened at around 6:13 p.m. local time on Saturday when the Fairchild Metro 3/23 twin-engine turboprop aircraft went down near the end of the runway at the airport in Sanikiluaq, a small town on the north coast of Flaherty Island in the Canadian territory of Nunavut. The small passenger aircraft belonged to Winnipeg-based regional airliner Perimeter Aviation LP but had been chartered by Kivalliq Air, which is a division of Keewatin Air. The aircraft was carrying a total of nine people at the time of the crash, including seven passengers, a pilot and a co-pilot. Sergeant Greg Sutherland, a spokesman for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), confirmed an unidentified six-month-old child was killed in the accident. "All other passengers and crew were treated and or are continuing to be treated for non-life threatening injuries," he added. It was not immediately known what caused Saturday's accident, which is being investigated by the Nunavut Coroner's Office, the RCMP, and the Canadian Transportation Safety Board (TSB). Julie Leroux, a TSB spokeswoman, said it was still considering whether its investigators would be deployed to the remote crash site.

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