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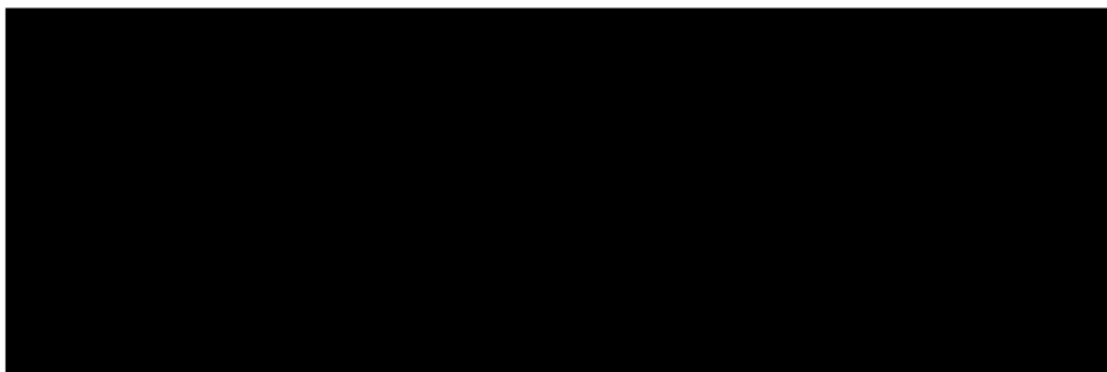
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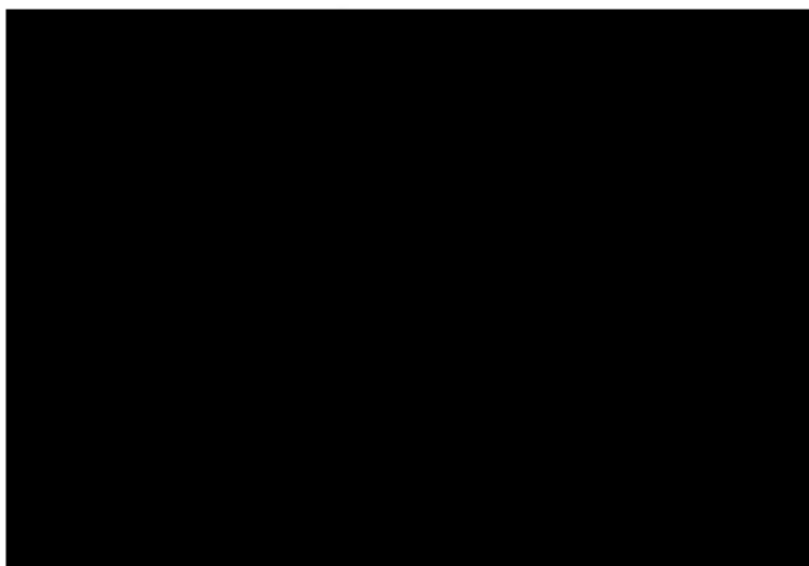
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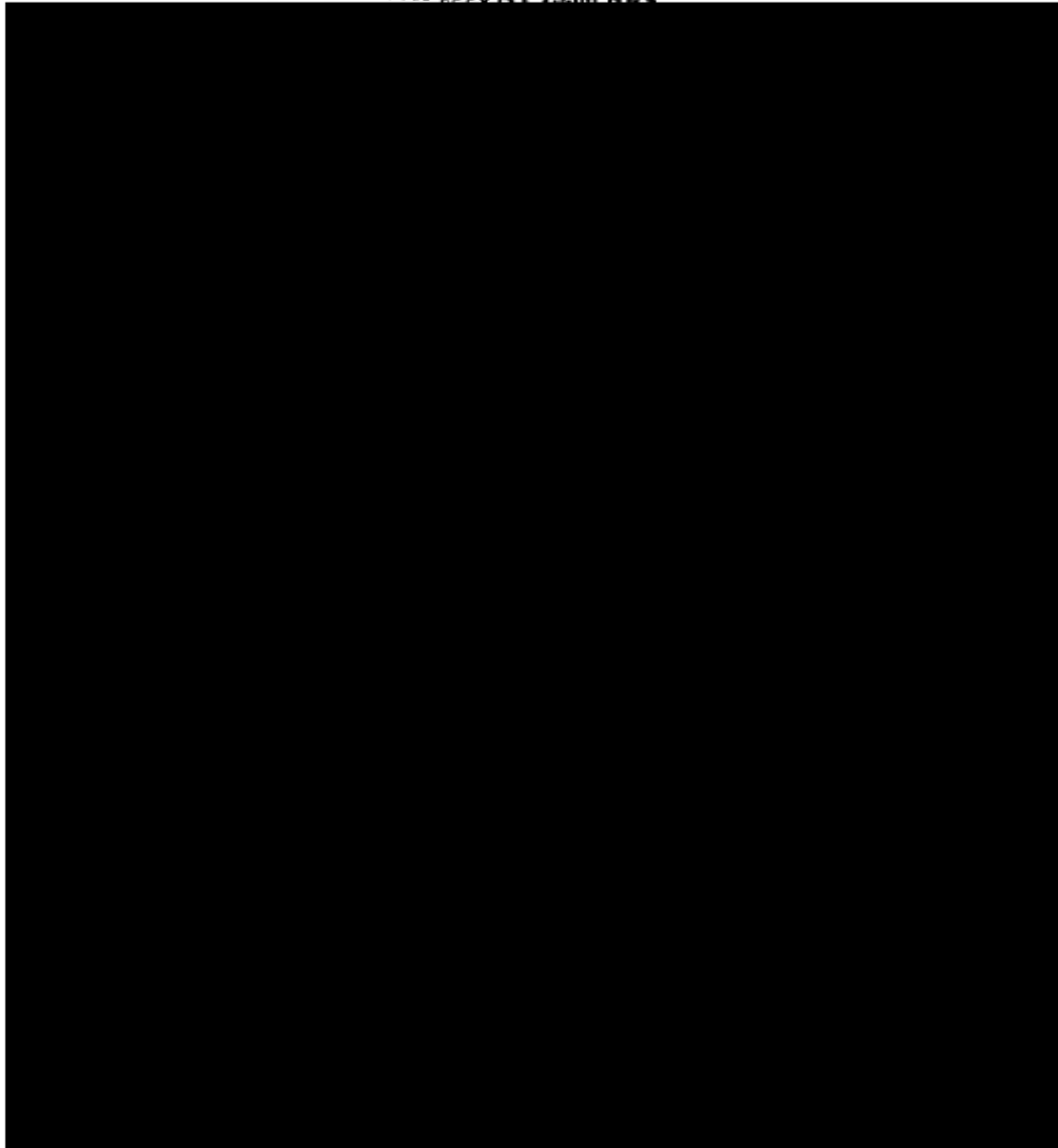




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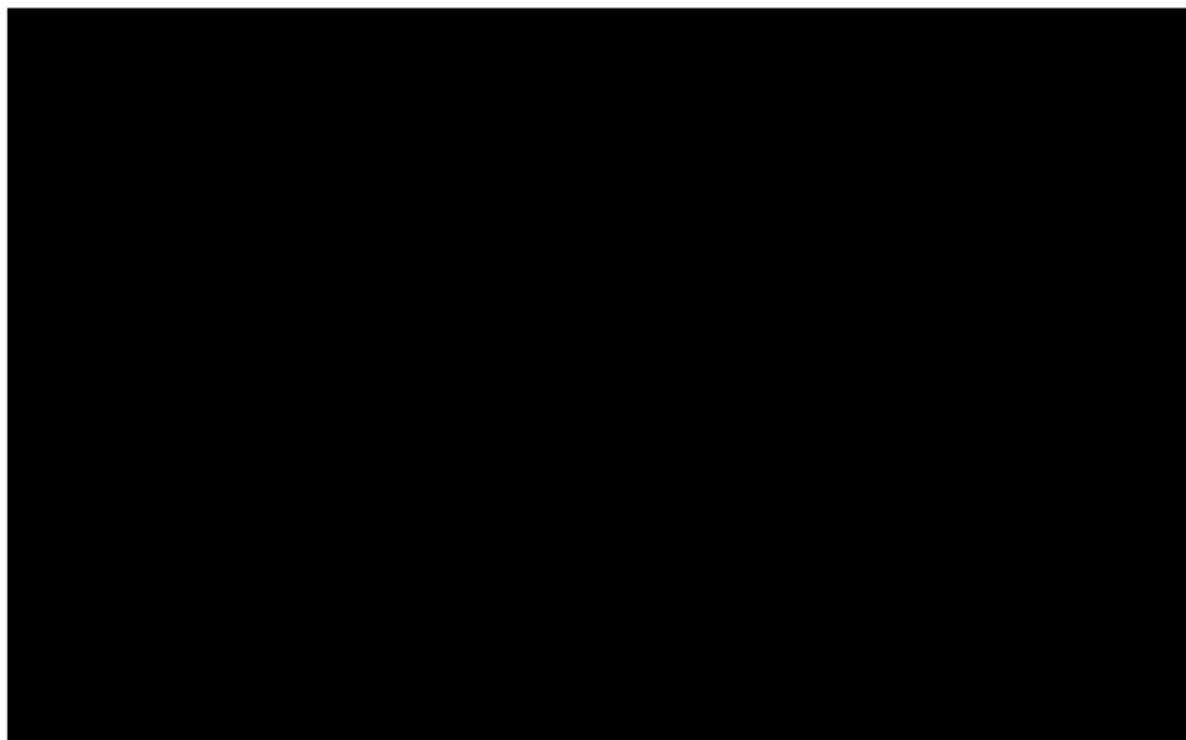


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Tunisian inquiry board concludes that

Piper Lance fell headlong into international waters

A Tunisian board of inquiry into the disappearance of a light plane on its way here from Djerba has decided that the plane fell headlong into international waters.

The inquiry has excluded a fire on the plane and believes a pre-examination of the wreckage shows it suffered a brutal shock with the water surface.

Tunisia has now declared that the opening and conducting of an inquiry is the responsibility of the state of immatriculation, that is Malta where the plane was registered, and can only deliver assistance.

But the permanent secretary at the Transport Ministry yesterday testified that Tunisia has yet to reply to a request by the local board of inquiry to conduct its examinations there.

Sharon Spiteri

The inquiry has requested to be allowed to travel to Tunisia to "explore all details in further depth" and to examine certain important witnesses and (collect) all relevant data and documentary material.

It requested "further research and investigation (to help it) appreciate fully all the circumstances of this case".

The permanent secretary, Anthony Mangion, also said Tunisia has not yet given the go-ahead for a copy of the tape registration of the conversation between the pilot and Tunisian air traffic control to be made available to the local inquiry.

The inquiry took a new impetus when parts of the wreckage and the pilot's wallet were

located off the Gulf of Gabes on September 20.

By the last sitting on August 27, the inquiry had reached a stalemate when chairman Dr Philip Sciberras and members Captain Frans Sturmeier and Captain Louis Chardaine said there was not enough evidence to lead it to the facts of the case.

The inquiry yesterday was split off indefinitely.

The pilot's wallet contained identity card number 207742 04 and a pilot's card number 4051 belonging to Carmel Bartolo. Inside the wallet were also three bank cards and 11 US and Italian bank notes.

Bartolo was listed missing at the disappearance last December 3 with passengers Matthew Aquilina, Philip Farrugia, Desmond Boomer, Tadeus Gorny and Michael Williams.

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