

Virgin Australia Flight from Adelaide to Perth Forced to Make Emergency Landing as First Officer Suffered Heart Attack 30 Minutes After Departure on March 3, 2023

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Two days ago I wrote about pilots and flight attendants suffering cardiac arrests in-flight and then dying suddenly ([click here](#)).

One of my readers kindly wrote in the comments section about a very recent incident on a Virgin Australia flight. This is that incident and now we have more information.

Virgin Australia Pilot Suffers 'Heart Attack' 30 Minutes After Takeoff, Prompting Emergency Landing



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“Virgin Australia flight from Adelaide to Perth was forced to make an emergency landing after the First Officer reportedly suffered a heart attack just 30 minutes after departure. ([click here](#))

The incident occurred on March 3, 2023, and resulted in the Airbus A320 being forced to return to Adelaide, where emergency responders were waiting to transport the sick pilot to the hospital.

The First Officer became incapacitated after suffering a heart attack. The Captain of the flight declared an emergency and successfully landed the aircraft around 70 minutes later.”

Aero Inside reports:

“A VARA Virgin Australia Regional Airlines Airbus A320-200, registration VH-VNB performing flight VA-717 from Adelaide, SA to Perth, WA (Australia), was enroute at FL320 about 240nm westnorthwest of Adelaide about 30 minutes into the flight when the first officer suffered a heart attack and became incapacitated. The captain declared PAN PAN and returned the aircraft to Adelaide for a safe landing on runway 23 about 70 minutes later.” ([click here](#))

Here is additional information (thank you to [@AirBo55](#)):

VARA Event Brief - VA 717 (ADL-PER) 03 Mar 23

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A MESSAGE FROM

VARA FLIGHT OPERATIONS

To all VARA Crew,

The purpose of this communication is to provide awareness of an event which occurred on a VARA A320 during a scheduled RPT flight, VA717 from Adelaide (ADL) to Perth (PER).

What Happened?

Approximately 30 minutes after departure from Adelaide, the First Officer became unwell. A return to Adelaide was considered the best course of action by the Captain, with both Flight and Cabin Crew following published procedures for an incapacitated flight crew member.

A PAN call was made to Air Traffic Control (ATC) advising the flight was below the required operating crew complement. The flight continued to Adelaide without further incident, landing safely with medical services available on arrival. The unwell flight crew member was seen by medics at the airport and subsequently transferred to hospital for further observation.

All Flight and Cabin Crew member have been contacted by their leaders to check on their welfare.

If you are engaging in communication with any of the crew members involved, please ensure you are respectful and considerate in your interactions if requesting details.

If you have any questions in relation to this event, please don't hesitate to make contact with your respective Leader/Manager.

Mainstream media pushing for one pilot in cockpit...

I have not seen any mainstream media reporting of this frightening incident. However, I have seen many articles from the media pushing for one pilot in the cockpit instead of two.

Why airplanes might soon have just one pilot (CNN) ([click here](#))

Airlines want you to get comfortable with flying without a co-pilot. Pilots—and fliers—are not convinced (Fortune) ([click here](#))

Airlines are lobbying for a change to federal regulations that could put one pilot in the cockpit (CBS News) ([click here](#))

Airlines Move To Have One Pilot, Not Two, In Cost-Cutting Solution (Forbes) ([click here](#))

“In a move to save costs and ease staff shortages, many countries are asking the UN [body](#) that controls global aviation safety rules, to move to a one-pilot model in commercial flights, instead of two.”

My Take...

As I’ve written before, I fear that we are getting closer and closer to a major airline crash due to pilot and or co-pilot incapacitation, as a result of COVID-19 vaccine injuries.

In the meantime, the mainstream media are aggressively pushing the concept of only one fully COVID-19 vaccinated pilot in the cockpit. Almost as if they want a major airline crash to take place. Would such an incident bring about a crackdown on flying in general? To fight climate change? And for our safety, of course?

I am currently working on a substack about small plane crashes and helicopter crashes in the past year where there was no obvious evidence of mechanical problems. As you can imagine, there are many of them.

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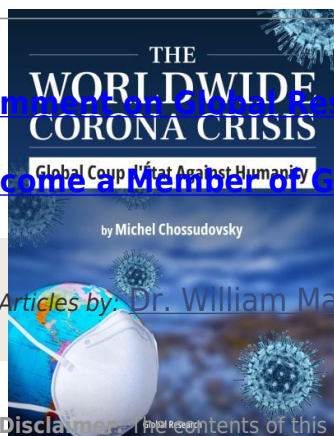
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