

Airblue Flight 202

28 July 2010 Karachi → Islamabad

THE AIRCRAFT



TYPE
Airbus A321-231

REGISTRATION
AP-BJB

MANUFACTURED
April 2000 · Hamburg, Germany

AGE / HOURS
~10 yrs · ~34,000 flight hrs

STATUS
Airworthy Pre-Flight Checks Complete

CAPTAIN

AGE
61
NATIONALITY
Pakistani

TOTAL FLIGHT HOURS
25,497
HOURS ON A320 FAMILY
1,060

LICENSE
ATPL
ROLE
Pilot Flying

FIRST OFFICER

AGE
34
NATIONALITY
Pakistani

TOTAL FLIGHT HOURS
1,837
HOURS ON A320 FAMILY
286

LICENSE
CPL
ROLE
Pilot Monitoring



The Berating Begins

From the official investigation timeline, about 10 minutes after takoff.

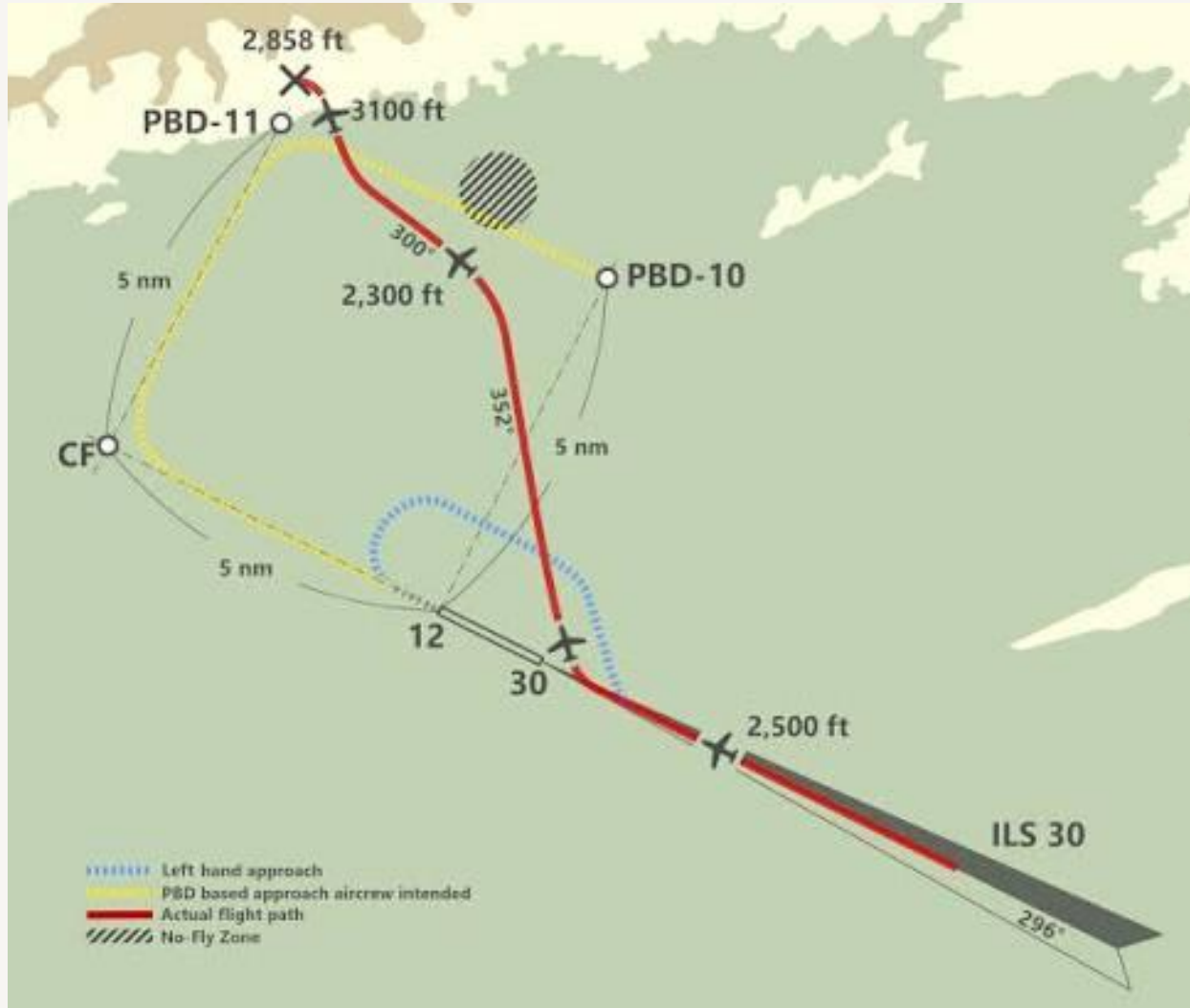
“During initial climb, the Captain tested the knowledge of FO and used harsh words and snobbish tone, contrary to the company procedures/norms.”

“The question / answer sessions, lecturing and advises by the mishap Captain continued with intervals for about one hour after takeoff.”

“After the intermittent humiliating sessions, the FO generally remained quiet, became under confident, submissive, and subsequently did not challenge the Captain for any of his errors, breaches and violations.”



The Approach & the Accident



“Sir, the higher ground has been reached. Sir, there is terrain ahead. Sir, turn left.”

“Sir, turn left. Pull up, Sir. Sir, pull up.”

“Sir, we are going down. Sir, we are going...”

