

# Inflicant Incident Aler

Type of Incident Damage / Loss

**Key Issues** Driver Error- due to operator driving under pressure for

transporting personnel without proper authorisation.

INX Ref No 95138

Date & TimeSunday, 29th July, 2022 @ 3:20pmLocationKM8, Tabubil – Kiunga highway

**Injury** Nil Injury

# **DESCRIPTION**

On 28th July 2022 a Starwest troop carrier BEL 327 was driving from Kiunga to Tabubil to drop off a dozer operator. At approximately 3:20pm when approaching KM9 the driver experienced a sudden pull of the steer shifting to the right and veered towards the edge of the road. As the right wheel reached the edge, the momentum further forced the vehicle to slowly turn and roll over and eventually came to rest against a banana stalk below the road side.

Driver and crew were unhurt and taken to the Kiunga clinic for injury assessment and were cleared.



### **LESSONS**

- Seek approval before transportation of personnel between Tabubil and Kiunga.
- Always be alert and focus while driving and always have both hands on steering wheel.
- Always drive to road condition
- Ensure to carry out quality vehicle pre-start checks before driving

### **ACTIONS**

- Stawest Management to strictly manage people and vehicle movement
- Starwest Management to ensure effective communication and understanding between work personnel (Foreman, Supervisors to team members)

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