

HERO PILOT SAVES PLANE AFTER LANDING GEAR FAILS

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Airport staff watched in horror as the cargo plane flew towards the runway.

The hero pilot managed to alert air traffic control moments before he attempted the incredible manoeuvre.

The quick-thinking pilot released fuel to make the plane lighter as he got the situation under control.

With the runway just feet away he performed an impressive touch-and-go manoeuvre saving the lives of the three crew on board.

As it hits the runway with its back wheels, the pilot forces the nose of the plane into the air.

He performs the wheelie, saving the plane from plunging into the concrete, for around 200ft.

Nobody was injured on the Asia Pacific Cargo flight as it made the emergency landing at the Guam International Airport.

Airport spokeswoman Rolenda Faasumalie said no fire or smoke was reported and air traffic control had received an alert that there was a situation on board that "may affect safe landing."



The incident did not have a major impact on airport operations delaying a few flights for a couple of minutes as the airport remained fully operational.

According to flightaware.com, that plane was headed from Guam to Pohnpei before it was diverted.

Other aircraft continued to land at the airport after the cargo plane touched down.

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