Lubumbashi International Airport (IATA: FBM, ICAO: FZQA) is an airport serving Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of the Congo.

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History[edit]

Lubumbashi International Airport was founded in colonial times as the Elisabethville Airport.[1] It was also known as Luano airport.

This airport played a high-profile role during the Katanga war.[2] After it was seized by the United Nations Force in the Congo (ONUC) troops, the airport was used as a base against the secessionist government.[3]

Airlines and destinations[edit]

Passenger[edit]

Airlines Destinations

Airlink Johannesburg-O. R. Tambo[4]

Compagnie Africaine d'Aviation Kalemie, Kamina,[5] Kinshasa-N'djili, Kolwezi,[5] Mbuji Mayi

Congo Airways Johannesburg-O. R. Tambo,[6] Kananga, Kinshasa-N'djili, Mbuji-Mayi[7] Ethiopian Airlines Addis Ababa

Kenya Airways Nairobi-Jomo Kenyatta

Mahogany Air Lusaka,[8] Ndola[9]

Cargo[edit]

Airlines Destinations

Cargolux Luxembourg

Accidents and incidents[edit]

In December 2001, Air Katanga Douglas C-53-DO ZS-OJD was written off in a landing accident at Lubumbashi International Airport after a delivery flight that originated in South Africa.[10][11]

On September 15, 1961, a Katangese Air Force Fouga CM.170 Magister dropped two 100 lb. bombs on the airport, one of which made a direct hit on a DC-4-1009 belonging to Air Katanga with the registration OO-ADN. There were no casualties, but the aircraft was written off.[12]

See also[edit]

Transport in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

List of airports in the Democratic Republic of the Congo