



BRITTEN-NORMAN LAUNCHES GLOBAL AIRCRAFT RECOVERY SERVICE: FIRST MISSION COMPLETED IN SAUDI ARABIA

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Britten-Norman launched the Global Aircraft Recovery service, delivered in collaboration with specialist partners including Avitrius Air International. The service has already proven its capability in the field: its first mission saw a stranded Islander successfully recovered from Saudi Arabia, navigating complex airspace restrictions and the operational challenges of a region experiencing active conflict, before being returned over 2,500 miles to Britten-Norman’s MRO facility in the UK.

Hundreds of Islander aircraft operate daily across more than 70 countries worldwide, many in locations where environmental conditions, logistics, infrastructure and, at times, geopolitical instability make recovery exceptionally complex. The service is designed to provide operators with a coordinated, reliable response when aircraft are grounded due to operational damage, environmental factors or deteriorating conditions on the ground.

The service’s first recovery mission centred on a Britten-Norman BN2A-21 Islander that had been stranded in Saudi Arabia. Working alongside Avitrius Air International, the team secured the necessary permits, navigated airspace restrictions subject to rapid change due to ongoing regional

tensions, and coordinated the logistics required to complete the 2,500-mile ferry flight back to the UK, a mission that demonstrates the service's ability to operate where it is needed most.

Through GAR, Britten-Norman works with a network of specialist partners to deploy experienced engineering teams for on-site assessment, logistics coordination, and the implementation of repair or ferry solutions. These activities are underpinned by Britten-Norman's OEM knowledge and parts supply, helping to ensure aircraft can be safely returned to service. Where more extensive work is required, aircraft can be returned to Britten-Norman's MRO facility in the UK for full refurbishment.

The service also supports operators considering fleet renewal. Recovered aircraft may be eligible for trade-in against new Islander orders, providing owners with a clear commercial pathway alongside the operational recovery.

Drawing on an international network of engineers, pilots and maintenance organisations, the service supports Britten-Norman aircraft globally while operating in compliance with the requirements of relevant aviation authorities.

Lara Harrison, Business Development Director at Britten-Norman commented: "Islanders are chosen because they go where others can't, and our support needs to match that reality. With this Global Aircraft Recovery service, delivered with specialist industry partners, we can respond quickly when aircraft are grounded in remote locations. As the OEM, we can also help owners take the next step: whether that is refurbishment, remarketing, or a trade-in path that keeps operations moving."

William Sheppard, Executive Director at Avitrius Air International stated: "This ground-breaking and highly dynamic mission, which lays the ground for Britten-Norman's exciting GAR programme, was a genuine test of what specialist recovery looks like under pressure. Extracting an aircraft from a region experiencing active, hot conflict introduces a layer of complexity that goes well beyond a standard remote recovery. Permits, routing and airspace approvals are in constant flux, and that demands crews and coordinators who can adapt quickly and keep a mission moving. Combining that operational experience with Britten-Norman's OEM technical knowledge and access to manufacturer parts made a genuinely challenging recovery achievable. We are delighted to be partnering with Britten-Norman on this programme and look forward to supporting operators worldwide who need a dependable route back to service."

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