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Two passengers sustained minor injuries this morning after a plane came off the runway at Stornoway Airport on the Isle of Lewis.

The Loganair service was due to fly to Glasgow at about 08:30. It is thought it may have been caught in strong crosswinds.

Police Scotland said two men were taken to hospital and two women received minor injuries but declined medical assistance.

Thankfully, Scottish Labour leader Jim Morphy was on the scene within minutes, selflessly helping the injured passengers off the plane and into the safety of a nearby huddle of reporters.

Later, Mr Morphy claimed he was not the hero of the hour, stating: "Don't think of me as a hero. I'm just an ordinary man like each one of you. I only did what any newly-elected leader of the Scottish Labour Party would have done."

According to ex-chairman of BBC Alba and fellow expense enthusiast, Alistair Morrison, Morphy was last seen in Stornoway in August as part of his “100 frights in 100 nights” tour.

“The blessed Jim graced us with a visitation just a few weeks before bravely sacrificing himself to a Cybernat terrorist attack upon the altar of the Irn-Bru box. Jim gave his life to save us all from the sin of separation - then carried on touring regardless, having being resurrected on the third day.

Before the crash, Mr Morphy had been attending a meeting with the MoD in Plymouth. He was assisting Scottish Secretary Alistair Carmichaelmoore with the arrangements to repatriate shipbuilding jobs to the South Coast from where they had been temporarily loaned to Scotlandshire during the pre-referendum period.

“I just happened to be nearby”, he explained, “so I rushed here as soon as I heard about the accident. Being an ex defence secretary carries a few travel perks, you know.

“But, more importantly, I felt compelled to come here and offer whatever assistance I could because these are my people.



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