

This wreck is a brand new A340-600, never flown. Thank the French and their Arab friends for this bit of comedy.

Nine employees of the airline in the aircraft, no employees from Airbus were present. They went out to the run-up area. Took all four engines to takeoff power with a virtually empty aircraft. No chocks, not that it would have mattered. Brakes will not hold it back anyway.

Turns out the takeoff warning horn was blaring away in the cockpit because they had all FOUR engines at full power. The aircraft thought they were trying to takeoff but it had not been configured properly (flaps/slats, etc). Someone decided to pull the "Ground Sense" circuit breaker. This fools the aircraft into thinking it is in the air.

BIG mistake! As soon as they do that, the computers released all the brakes. (Safety feature so that folks don't land with the brakes on.)

No time to stop.....The rest is as you see it below.

No one is talking, so who knows if there were survivors.











