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(Adds U.S. military comment from Baghdad, updates Saturday death toll to 25)

WASHINGTON, Jan 22 (Reuters) - The U.S. military helicopter that crashed outside Baghdad, killing all 12 on board, was shot down by a shoulder-fired missile, CNN reported on Monday.

The Black Hawk was most likely brought down on Saturday by hostile fire, according to unidentified U.S. officials cited by CNN. The crash was still under investigation but debris recovered on the ground indicate a missile was involved, CNN said.

"We have not released anything from here on the cause of the crash ... The cause of the crash is still under investigation," said Lt. Col. Josslyn Aberle in Baghdad.

Twenty-five U.S. troops were killed on Saturday in one of the deadliest days for the American military in Iraq, according to the latest U.S. tally.

<http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/N22435890.htm>

BAGHDAD (AP) - A U.S. helicopter went down Saturday northeast of Baghdad, killing all 13 people on board, the military said.

Emergency coalition forces secured the site, the military said in a brief statement, adding the incident was under investigation.

The helicopter was carrying 13 passengers and crew members and all were killed, it said. The identities of the service members were being withheld pending notification of relatives.

The military said the crash occurred northeast of Baghdad but gave no other specifics. The statement also did not include the customary comment that the aircraft had not been shot down, indicating it may have been brought down by insurgent fighters.

The roiling and extremely violence Diyala Province sits northeast of Baghdad, where U.S. and Iraqi forces have been battling Sunni insurgents and Shiite militia forces around the city of Baqouba for months.

The deaths highlighted a major danger for U.S. forces in Iraq, where the military relies heavily on air travel to transport troops and ferry officials and journalists to remote locations and to avoid the dangers of roadside bombs planted by insurgents.

The worst U.S. aircraft accident since the war began in March 2003, was on Jan 26, 2005 when a marine transport helicopter crashed during sandstorms in Iraq's western desert killing 31 troops. Thirty marines and one U.S. sailor were killed in the crash, the most American troops to die in a single incident in Iraq.

Three U.S. aircraft also went down in a span of two weeks late last year, including a U.S. air force fighter jet that crashed in a field in the volatile Anbar province on Nov. 27, killing the pilot, whose body has yet to be found.

A Sea Knight helicopter carrying 16 U.S. troops also went down in a lake in Anbar on Dec. 3, killing four, and a marine helicopter made a hard landing on Dec. 11, injuring 18.

http://www.breitbart.com/news/na/cp_w012032A.xml.html

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I'm waiting.....
by Peter on 22.01.2007 [15:34]
for the USA to now blame Iran!

Good blow job!
by laertes on 22.01.2007 [16:42]
Hurray! This was what we have been waiting for- finally the resistance seem to have obtained proper shoulder fired missiles - this was what blew the Russians away from Afghanistan -remember-.
They have been able to shoot down a number of US helicopter before , though - but we have only heard about it when they came down close to Baghdad or areas where western journalists might have been. This one even the "Bush house sodomy station" had to admit!

laertes..I hope you are right.
by Peter on 22.01.2007 [17:11]
But, never under estimate the chance that it could be the Israelies who did it. I believe a lot of these car bombs being set off in public places in Iraq, can be blamed on them. Killing for Killings sake is there MO as it just helps to stir up the mess up even further. They love this kind of thing!

@Peter
by Zoraida on 22.01.2007 [18:12]
Please, read the report of Iraqi Resistance!!!!!!!!!!
Buhriz.
In a dispatch posted at 7:55pm Makkah time Saturday night, Mafkarat al-Islam reported that the Iraqi Resistance organization the Jaysh al-Mujahideen had announced that it had shot down a US helicopter near the city of Buhriz, about 60km northeast of Baghdad.
The Buhriz correspondent for Mafkarat al-Islam reported that the helicopter was carrying more than 15 US Marines. In an exclusive statement to Mafkarat al-Islam, a commander in the Jaysh al-Mujahideen said that the Resistance group in Buhriz had shot down the American helicopter with ground-based anti-aircraft fire.
Quds Press, in a dispatch posted Saturday evening, reported that Jaysh al-Mujahideen fighters opened fire with machine guns in the at-Tamayimah gardens area of Buhriz, scoring direct hits and bringing down the American helicopter. A Jaysh al-Mujahideen source told Quds Press that 15 Americans were aboard the helicopter, not 13 as the US admitted, and that one of those was a high-ranking American officer.

In a dispatch posted at 7:47pm Makkah time Saturday night, Mafkarat al-Islam reported that the US military had admitted Saturday evening that an American military helicopter had crashed northeast of Baghdad.

Mafkarat al-Islam reported a news bulletin broadcast by al-Jazeera satellite TV as saying that the 13 military passengers and crew aboard the helicopter had all been killed. Al-Jazeera offered no further details on the crash.

Ouds Press reported that large numbers of US troops had surrounded the area where the helicopter crashed. American helicopters fired bright flares that "turned the Buhriz night into day" Ouds Press reported, as they hunted for the remains of the soldiers killed in the crash.

The Americans locked down the entire city of Buhriz, sealing it off from the outside world and imposing a curfew there. Large numbers of US troops were being brought into the farm fields and gardens that extend around the area where the helicopter went down, Ouds Press reported. Local residents said that the Americans were searching the fields and farms and also the river that runs through the town, as it was expected that a number of the Americans could have fallen into its waters.

<http://www.iraq-war.ru/article/115958>

Zoraida...Thanks
by Peter on 22.01.2007 [18:49]

I repeat, I hope it is all True, but you have to forgive me for being cautious on occasions. Sometimes things are not always as they seem.

This is crap
by iron_clay on 22.01.2007 [19:03]

They say "twenty-five U.S. troops were killed on Saturday in one of the deadliest days for the American military in Iraq, according to the latest U.S. tally."

I assume they have begun the daily body count again after the new year ... ignoring the daily body counts of the last 4 years ??

25 dead in one day is nowhere near one of the deadliest days in Iraq.

There have been days when 130 US were killed ... IN ONE DAY.

So clearly the turn of the new year heals 32,000 US deaths and 395000 wounded Americans and we can now enjoy a new slate .. "we start again ".

Gosh that should make Americans feel way better ...

And I'm happy for them ... send more targets please, the ones here have leant to hide behind concret walls.

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