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US chopper down in Afghanistan

By: Press TV on: 31.07.2010 [14:06] (528 reads)

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US chopper down in Afghanistan
Sat, 31 Jul 2010 13:41:24 GMT

July has been the deadliest month for American forces in Afghanistan since the start of the war in 2001.

A US helicopter has crashed in northeastern Afghanistan as the death toll of foreign forces in the volatile country continues to set new records.

The US Air Force chopper went down in the Afghan province of Kunar on Saturday, a Press TV correspondent reported.

The US military's press office in Kunar said the helicopter made an emergency landing in the area due to technical failures.

It added that a number of soldiers have been injured in the incident.

The US-led alliance did not provide further details about the crash and it still remains unclear how many people were aboard the chopper.

Meanwhile, the Taliban claimed they shot the helicopter down by an RPG rocket.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said all forces onboard have been killed.

The Taliban have reportedly shot down several NATO helicopters over the past months in different parts of Afghanistan.

The latest incident comes as July has become the deadliest month for American forces stationed in war-torn Afghanistan since the start of the war in 2001.

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Choppers practiced "hard landings"

by mppeace on 31.07.2010 [20:48]

Pentagon spokesman says that "there is nothing new" in this latest report concerning US helicopters. "As a general rule, our pilots are asked to practice "hard landings" whenever Taliban units are sighted. So it isn't unusual to have one or many "hard landings" per day being practiced by our by our expertly trained pilots in Afghanistan. Also, the fact that WikiLeaks may or may not reveal these hard landings is no indication that our brave troops aren't Accomplishing their Mission of bringing Democracy to Afghanistan, as part of our Operation Enduring Freedom, and we all know that Freedom isn't Free. No further questions, please."

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