



NATO aircraft goes down in Afghanistan



A scene of NATO chopper crash in Afghanistan (file photo)

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A NATO aircraft has crashed in the troubled western Afghanistan following a number of similar coalition aircraft accidents in the region.

Afghan officials say the aircraft went down in the western province of Farah on Tuesday morning, a Press TV correspondent reported.

They also added that the plane belonged to French forces stationed in the troubled region.

The Western military alliance said the cause of the crash has yet to be determined. However, the coalition forces have not ruled out the possibility of insurgents' hostile fire.

"An investigation into the incident has been launched," a NATO statement said, adding that the pilot has sustained major injuries and was airlifted to a nearby hospital.

"The crew members are uninjured, and have been recovered and the crash site has been secured," the statement said.

The Taliban claim its militants have shot down several aircraft and NATO choppers in different parts of Afghanistan over the past few months.

The developments come as Taliban militants have been making inroads in different parts of Afghanistan.

The rising number of the casualties among the US-led forces has increased opposition to the Afghan war in the countries which have contributed troops to the mission.

The war in Afghanistan has become the longest in the US history. With civilian and military casualties at record highs, many question the motives in the ongoing conflict.

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NATO admitted 18 months under pressure Taliban not to blame for 9/11 resistance the Taliban have been getting slaughtered for 10 yrs in Afghanistan Pakistan civilians as well both civilian populations now support Taliban and only Zadari who wants money and too gutless to stand for truth stabs them in the back even Karzi finally getting backbone

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Photo sums it up nicely

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The photo of the CH-47 stuck on a mud wall after being shot down sums up the failed US/NATO war of aggression if Af-Pak. The US with 21st century high tech weapons has lost the war to brave Afghans living in mud huts and armed with AK's. The US should hang its loser head in shame.

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US/NATO LOSERS have been having a lot of crashes lately.LOL. They can't accept the TRUTH that they are inept LOSERS and COWARDS and the BRAVE Afghan RESISTANCE is running circles around them. The Mujahideen now have better SAMs and more planes will fall.

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