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Six US troops die in aircraft crash in southern Afghanistan

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At least six US troops died following an aircraft crash in southern Afghanistan on Tuesday.

NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) confirming the report said, “Six International Security Assistance Force service members died following an aircraft crash in southern Afghanistan today.”

The statement further added, “The cause of the crash is under investigation, however initial reporting indicates there was no enemy activity in the area at the time of the crash.”

ISAF did not disclose further information regarding the exact location of the incident and nationalities of the deceased soldiers.

International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) generally do not disclose identities of the NATO soldiers killed in Afghanistan, saying, “It is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities.”

In the meantime, local officials in for southern Zabul province of Afghanistan said the helicopter crashed in Shajoi district. However, they did not provide further information regarding the exact cause of the incident.