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5 NATO soldiers killed in Afghanistan helicopter crash

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At least five service members of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) died following a helicopter crash in southern Afghanistan on Saturday.

International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) following a statement said, “Five International Security Assistance Force service members died as a result of a helicopter crash in southern Afghanistan today.”

The statement further added, “ISAF is still in the process of reviewing the circumstances to determine more facts. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends affected by this tragic event.”

The exact location of the incident and nationalities of the deceased soldiers were not disclosed by the alliance.

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.”

At least 22 NATO service members including 16 American troops, 1 British soldier and 5 troops from the NATO member countries have been killed in Afghanistan since the beginning of the year.

In the meantime, local officials in southern Kandahar province of Afghanistan confirmed that the helicopter crashed in Chaghri village, Takht-e-Pul district of around 11:00 am local time.

The officials confirmed that five NATO troops were killed following the incident.