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5 NATO personnel killed in helicopter crash in Kabul

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At least five personnel of the NATO-led Resolute Support (RS) mission lost their lives in a helicopter crash in capital Kabul this afternoon.

A statement by the alliance said “A coalition helicopter assigned to the Resolute Support Mission crashed due to a non-hostile incident Oct. 11 at approximately 4:15 p.m. at Camp Resolute Support, Kabul, Afghanistan.”

The statement further added “The incident resulted in the death of five Resolute Support personnel and the injury of five others.”

No details were given regarding the identities of the deceased personnel, saying “It is Resolute Support policy to defer casualty identification to the relevant national authority.”

The statement also added that the incident is currently under investigation and additional information would be released as appropriate.

This comes as eleven people lost their lives in a crash of a US military transport aircraft at an airport in eastern Afghanistan earlier this month.

The incident took place at around midnight on Thursday, 1st October, at Jalalabad airport, leaving the crew of six US military service members and five passengers dead.