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F-16 fighter jet crashes at Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan

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A US Air Force F-16 fighter jet has crashed at Bagram Air Base in northern Parwan province of Afghanistan, it has been reported.

According to reports, the jet crashed during the take off and the pilot has safely ejected as he is being evaluated by medical personnel.

“U.S. Air Force F-16 assigned to the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing crashed during take-off March 29 at about 8:30 p.m. near Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan,” a statement by US Air Forces Central Command said.

The statement further added that the pilot safely ejected, was recovered by Coalition forces, and is being evaluated by medical personnel at the Craig Joint Theater Hospital on Bagram. Coalition forces are securing the crash site.

“The F-16s at Bagram Airfield provide 24-hour over-watch and close-air-support for ground units in Afghanistan,” the statement said, adding that enemy fire was not a factor in the crash, and Air Force officials will investigate the cause of the crash.

Bagram is located in the northern Parwan province of Afghanistan and is one of the main US military bases in Afghanistan, where US soldiers serving with NATO forces are based.