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US F-16 jet crash in eastern Afghanistan, pilot killed

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U.S. military pilot was killed when his F-16 fighter jet crashed while on a night flight over mountainous terrain in Afghanistan, officials said Thursday.

NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) following a statement on Thursday also confirmed the incident and said, “A coalition pilot died after his plane crashed yesterday in eastern Afghanistan.”

The source further added, “The crash site has been located and the pilot has been recovered.”

According to ISAF, while the cause of the crash is under investigation, initial reporting indicates there was no insurgent activity in the area at the time of the crash.

F-16 accidents and even one deadly crash recently – one crashed into the Adriatic earlier this year- such an incident is very rare in Afghanistan, where helicopters are more at risk.