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Turkish chopper emergency landing in Logar, crews abducted

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^[1]According to local authorities in central eastern Logar province of Afghanistan, a helicopter has made an emergency landing in Azra district on Sunday evening.

The officials further added that the helicopter belongs to Turkish military forces.

Deputy provincial governor Mohammad Hashim Faizi confirmed the report and said the helicopter made emergency landing due to bad weather conditions.

However he said that there are fears that crew have been taken by Taliban militants.

He said the exact number of personnel on board were not clear however it seems that Taliban militants have abducted at least six Turkish engineers.

In the meantime head of the provincial council Abdul Wali Wakil said the helicopter was transporting six Turkish engineers, two engineers from Uzbekistan along with an Afghan engineer and an Afghan national army soldier to Bagram airfield.

He said Taliban militants have taken the hostages to Dara-e-Tang area which is fully under the control of the Taliban group.