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**Contractor's helicopter makes emergency landing in eastern Afghanistan**

Today at 6:42am

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KABUL, Afghanistan – A helicopter operated by a company contracted to carry food and other sustenance supplies for coalition forces made an emergency landing in the Paktika Province of eastern Afghanistan today.

The helicopter crew reported mechanical issues and landed in remote mountainous terrain. A second contractor helicopter that was nearby recovered the crew and returned them to base without incident. None of the crew were reported injured.

A short time later, a small group of unidentified individuals were seen removing items from the helicopter and running away. Minutes later, the helicopter burst into flames, causing unrecoverable damage to the helicopter and its cargo.

This incident is still under investigation.

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Ken at 6:50am July 3

Wow, im glad the crew was unharmed and returned safely



Jane at 6:57am July 3

We forget to think and pray for all the support people who are putting their lives on the line, too. Blessings on them and the families who are gathering to celebrate our special holiday this week-end, without them.



Denise at 6:58am July 3

I'm glad they landed safely and were picked up quickly. I am so grateful for these contractors- they are the ones bringing supplies to men like my husband. Contractors share the same security issues as our troops, oftentimes with less protection. May they all return home safe.



Denise at 7:53am July 3

Thoughts and prayers to all that have lost. Thanks to those contractors who take supplies to the soldiers and troops. My son (Marine) gets just a little bit of home in each box he receives...for that I am very grateful. May there be no more losses for any of us.



Frances at 8:48am July 3

Thank you for this post.

**In this note**

No one.