

Lost U.S. helicopter

The U.S. military says hostile fire probably brought down a Chinook helicopter, with 17 people aboard, near Asadabad in mountainous eastern Afghanistan. The Taliban militia has claimed responsibility, making it the first U.S. helicopter to be shot down in Afghanistan



CH-47 Chinook: Heavy-lift transport helicopter. Four crew; can carry up to 55 troops or 11,340kg of freight

Unit cost: \$32 million

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