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Re: More Military Jet Crashes

From: ashill@dnc.net (Angela Shilling)
Date: Sat, 20 Sep 1997 12:15:53 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 21 Sep 1997 08:36:31 -0400
Subject: Re: More Military Jet Crashes

At 08:27 AM 9/20/97 -0400, you wrote:
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>From: xalium@netwrx.net (Tom King)
>Subject: More military jet crashes.
>Date: Fri, 19 Sep 1997 17:29:11 EST

>I just saw some breaking news that a B-1 bomber has crashed. They didn't
>have many details to offer yet.

>Does anyone have a total of how many military jets have crashed in the last
>2 weeks?

09/19/1997 22:54 EST

Air Force To Ground Flights Monday

By EUN-KYUNG KIM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The Air Force will ground all combat training flights Monday as part of a service-wide safety review in the wake of four crashes of its planes in the past week, officials said Friday night.

The standdown had been scheduled for next Friday, but officials moved it up four days after a B-1 bomber on a training mission crashed in Montana, killing all four crew members aboard.

The Navy, Marine Corps and Army are allowing local commanders to determine when they will conduct a similar one-day halt during the week. Navy and Marine Corps fighter jets also have crashed in the past week.

``We need to determine why these incidents happened and how to prevent more mishaps,'' said Gen. Richard E. Hawley, commander of the Air Combat Command at Langley Air Force Base in Hampton, Va.

``We will look at every facet across the spectrum of our operations and zero in on the risks associated with each task,'' Hawley said. ``Then we will review the way we train, identify ways risks can be eliminated or minimized and take the actions necessary to mitigate those risks.''

President Clinton, meanwhile ``continues to have the highest confidence in the United States Air Force and all of our military services,'' the White House said in a statement after the B-1 crash Friday.

An Air Force C-141 transport plane flying from Namibia apparently collided with a German military plane off the coast of Africa last Saturday. One body was recovered and 32 people are missing. The next day, an Air Force F-117A stealth fighter flying at an air show near a Baltimore suburb crashed in a residential area after a piece of the plane broke off.

And two Air National Guard F-16s collided Tuesday off the coast of New Jersey; one crashed into the Atlantic, the other landed safely. The three pilots survived.

Those plus the crashes of a Navy FA-18 in Oman last Sunday and a Marine FA-18d Hornet in North Carolina on Monday prompted Defense Secretary William Cohen on Wednesday to order all of the services to halt training flights for one day next week.

Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said Thursday the services want as many squadrons as possible on operational missions to hold safety reviews.

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