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MILITARY AIRCRAFT CRASHED NEAR CACAK

Military aircraft " Eagle" crashed between Mrcajevac and Slatina , near Cacak . Major Ivan Pantic pilot ejected and without visible injuries was transferred to the VMA (MMA). No greater material damage . The investigation is ongoing.

16.00 pm- The pilot is on MMA and his condition is stable, with no visible injuries , according to the Ministry of Defence.

Surround the village Mrcajevci around 12.30 pm during a test flight and technical testing the aircraft of the Serbian Military type J -22 " Eagle" crashed and the pilot ejected and feels good, according to the Ministry of Defence.

Pilot Major Ivan Pantic , from 98th Aviation Brigade in Kraljevo , feels good and he was transported in stable condition at the Military Medical Academy for further health examination.

" Major Ivan Pantic is at MMA and his condition is stable, he is aware , communicative, with no visible injuries and subjectively feeling well " , according to the Ministry of Defence and noted that the pilot will be retained for further diagnostic procedures.

The plane crashed on the field between the villages Slatina and Mrcajevci without damaging the buildings , and the crash place is provided by members of the Serbian Military and the Interior Ministry Affairs employees.

The plane crashed on the first 25 meters of the house, and due the crash there are less damaged roof tiles and glasses of the windows at nearby houses, RTS reporter advised. No injured were reported .

The Chief of the Extraordinary Emergency Situations of Morava region, Mr. Dragisa Brocic said that at the scene the teams of firefighters and Ambulance were sent.

" Firefighters special units at the 12:57 pm arrived at the area between Mrcajevac and Slatina , **where they found the wreck of a military aircraft ,**" said Bročić for RTS .

He says that the villagers informed them that just before the crash the pilot ejected and fell about 100 feet from where the place where plane crashed.

A villager, Mr. Slobodan Rajicic, into whose field Pantic crashed, said that the first what major asked **was did he "kill someone".h**

"The villagers immediately went to the pilot. We found him lying and smoking. He said that his back hurts him a bit, rib, but it was good, rib, but he is good. Firstly we were asked where he is and whether he killed anyone. When we told him that there is no injured and major consequences, he requested a cell phone to call his wife that he is alive and well," Rajcic told to the reporters.

He added that the villagers are in shock. "Their roofs are damaged, and on some homes the glass were broken. They said that they heard a strong detonation and then they saw the plane descends at an angle of 90 degrees," said Rajcic.

The crash place visited the Mayor of Cacak, Mr. Vojislav Ilic, who promised to help residents to repair the damaged houses.

In accordance with the regulations, the commander of the 98th Aviation Brigade of the Serbian Military from Kraljevo has named a commission to investigate the causes of the crash and she immediately started to work.

This is the third Serbian Army aircraft of this type that has been lost in accidents in the past five years. In all three situations the pilots were able to jump out from airplanes and to save themselves.

First, on the 21st May, 2008. the "Eagle" with evidence number 25114 crashed nearby the Baranda village in Zrenjanin, by which was handling the pilot, Major Thomas Janik from 98th aviation brigade from Kraljevo.

Pilot, Major Slobodan Jovic jumped out of the aircraft "Eagle" 25156, on the 3rd June, 2010., due to the inability to pull the landing gear and land on a runway at the airport Ladjevci near Kraljevo. He did it over the Knic lake to avoid any possible damage and victims in the ground.

"Eagle" aircraft was designed in the Aero-Technical Institute in Zarkovo, and in 1983. started in usage as the part of armament. More than 110 pieces of the assault, school and reconnaissance variant were produced.

That aircraft was in mainly in usage in wars from 1991. to 1999. by the hunting - bombing Aviation of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and Serbian Republic.

Today the “Eagle” aircrafts which remained fly within the 241st hunting - bombing squadron from Kraljevo and within the Sector for flight tests in Batajnica .