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Tragedy avoided

Cacak, Serbia: Aircraft “ORAO (EAGLE)” in possession of the Military of Serbia crashed near Mrcajevac in Serbia, but pilot successfully ejected!

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ČAČAK - Aircraft of the Serbian Military J22 “Eagle” crashed today about 12:30 pm between Mrcajevac and Slatina , near Cacak .

As KURIR knows the aircraft was on a training flight when, due problems in landing trap crashed into the field. The pilot, Major Ivan Pantic is alive and healthy because he managed to successfully eject on time. He acted by the rules and directed the aircraft outside of settlement .

The pilot , who was alone on board, directed the aircraft toward the field, and there was no damage to civilians and property - said in the Ministry of Defense.

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The aircraft crashed into the field in the area of the village Mrajevci without damaging buildings and civilians. The place of the crash is provided in cooperation with personal of the Ministry of Interior Affairs.

The aircraft crashed on the 25 meters from the first house, and due the fall some roof tiles on a few houses nearby are less damaged. No one was injured what is known from our RTS correspondent.

According to the Chief of the Extraordinary Emergency Department of the Morava region, Mr. Dragisa Brocic, Fire Department team and Ambulance were sent at the place of crash. " We will determine what type of aircraft is about and how many people were in the aircraft ," - said Brocic .

According to unofficial information, the Serbian Military bomber crashed in Mrcajevac . The circumstances of the accident are not yet known , but it is known that the pilot managed to eject .

Attack aircraft J -22 "Eagle", which today crashed near Mrcajevac , is the third aircraft of the Serbian Military of that type which is lost in accidents in the past five years.

In all three situations the pilots manage 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 .