MISHAP REPORT

ITALIAN ARMY
EMB CH47C
30 MARCH 1980
ABU DHABI (PERSIAN GULF AREA)

MAJOR ACCIDENT - AIRCRAFT STRICKEN

It has been reported by Agusta that during a demonstration tour an Italian Army CH47C was taxiing to a parking area when the aft rotor blades struck a hangar. The airframe section broke in several places and fire ensued. The report indicates that a total of 15 passengers and crew were on board (10 Italian Army and 5 Agusta staff). There were 12 fatalities, 3 of which were Agusta staff members.

Agusta has a technical team on site to conduct an investigation.

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