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FOUR U.S. AIR FORCE MEMBERS DIE IN AFGHANISTAN AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

SOUTHWEST ASIA -- Four U.S. Air Force members died April 27 when their MC-12 Liberty aircraft went down in southern Afghanistan.

The crash occurred at approximately 1:30 p.m. in the province of Zabul, about 110 miles northeast of Kandahar Airfield. Names of the deceased will be released once notification of family members is complete.

The Airmen were deployed to the 361st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron with the 451st Air Expeditionary Wing at Kandahar Airfield. The remains were recovered and Coalition forces have secured the site.

The cause of the accident is under investigation. Safety and accident investigation boards are being stood up, standard with any military aviation accident.

More information on the MC-12 is available here:

<http://www.af.mil/information/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=15202>

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