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Aviation Mishap Claims Five Soldiers' Lives

A Captain, Chief Warrant Officer 3, Chief Warrant Officer 2, Staff Sergeant and Sergeant, all assigned to Task Force Sinai, Multinational Force and Observers, along with two additional Partner Nation's personnel were fatality injured in an aviation mishap on 12 November 2020 on Tiran Island, Saudi Arabia, off the coast of South Sinai, Egypt, at approximately 1057 local. The Soldiers were on a resupply mission at the time of the mishap. A fifth crewmember, a Staff Sergeant, onboard the aircraft was injured and medically evacuated to a hospital, where he is awaiting surgery. The USACRC is leading a safety investigation into the mishap.

Since FY16, the Army has had an average of eight Class A aviation flight mishaps and lost an average of seven Soldiers per year to on-duty aviation mishaps. This was the first Class A aviation mishap of FY21 and below the number of similar mishaps during the same time period last year.

PLRs are intended to be used as an engagement tool for leaders to discuss the hazards and trends impacting Soldier safety and readiness. The PLR contains only basic information but provides sufficient background to allow leaders an opportunity to communicate risk at the Soldier level. More detailed information on this and other Army mishaps can be found on the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center website at <https://safety.army.mil/lessonslearned>.

To access current U.S. Army accident statistics and reports, visit <https://safety.army.mil/STATISTICS>.

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