Pakistan Helicopter Crash in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Kills 5 During Flood Relief Mission



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A government MI-17 helicopter crashed in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) province while delivering flood relief supplies, killing all five people on board, including the pilot. The incident occurred on Friday (August 15) in the afternoon local time. Among the victims were two pilots and three crew members

According to the provincial government, the helicopter had set out to deliver aid to flood-affected communities after heavy rainfall triggered flash floods in mountainous areas. However, adverse weather conditions and low visibility caused the aircraft to crash before reaching its destination.

Following the accident, local authorities and the military launched a joint rescue operation, but due to the remote and rugged terrain, reaching the crash site took time. Eventually, all bodies were recovered and transported to a military hospital.

The Chief Minister of KP expressed deep sorrow over the tragedy and declared Saturday a day of mourning. National flags will be flown at half-mast on government buildings, and the victims will be buried with full state honors.

In recent days, heavy rains and flooding have claimed at least 160 lives across Pakistan, with more than 100 fatalities reported in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa alone. Relief and rescue operations in the affected areas are still ongoing.