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CAUSE OF AFGHAN MILITARY PLANE CRASH IN UZBEKISTAN DISPUTED

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An Afghan military plane crashed in Uzbekistan over the weekend, and Uzbek authorities issued conflicting reports on the cause on Monday.

The wreckage came as dozens of Afghan military aircraft carrying hundreds of service members reportedly reached Uzbekistan, among the thousands fleeing the country after the Taliban captured the Afghan capital of Kabul.

The plane crash in southeastern Uzbekistan, in the Surkhandarya region on the border with Afghanistan, was first reported by local media. The Uzbek Ministry of Defense initially said it was studying videos and reports of the crash, then confirmed that the plane did crash without elaborating.

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