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# US chopper crashes near Strait of Hormuz

## The pilots of the Apache attack helicopter have been rescued, President Donald Trump has said

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An American AH-64 Apache helicopter flying above the Strait of Hormuz during a patrol mission. © X / US Central Command

US President Donald Trump has confirmed media reports of a US Army Apache attack helicopter going down near the Strait of Hormuz amid Washington's efforts to curb oil shipments by Iran.

The Apache choppers are one of the key aircraft used by the US military to enforce the blockade of Iranian ports, which had been imposed by Washington to pressure Tehran into agreeing a peace deal and restoring traffic through the strait. The key waterway, which the Iranians control, accounts for some 20% of the global crude oil trade.

"The pilots are fine, nobody injured," Trump told journalists when asked about the incident on his way back from the third game of the NBA finals in New York late on Monday.

The Apache, which has been in service since the mid-1970s, is usually operated by two airmen.

The New York Times first reported the crash earlier on Monday. The newspaper did not say whether the helicopter had been brought down by hostile fire or suffered a technical malfunction.

Last month, the Congressional Research Service issued a report

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based on open-source materials, claiming that the US had lost at least 42 aircraft, both manned and unmanned, since the start of the American-Israeli attack on Iran on February 28.

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In early April, Washington confirmed that two MC-130J Hercules transport planes, four MH-6 Little Bird helicopters, an A-10 Thunderbolt and an MQ-9

Reaper drone had been destroyed during an operation to recover the pilot of an F-15E Strike Eagle that had been downed by Iranian forces. Iranian officials have, at various points during the conflict, claimed that additional US aircraft were shot down, but many of those assertions have not been acknowledged by Washington.

Israel and Iran carried out strikes against each other on Monday in the worst escalation since the start of the April ceasefire between Washington and Tehran. The Iranian authorities claimed that the US bore *“direct responsibility”* for Israeli strikes on the Lebanese capital, Beirut, which triggered the exchange.

Despite those developments, Trump claimed that *“we’re very close to having a very, very good, strong, powerful deal”* with Iran that could be signed in *“two or three days.”*

Tehran has rejected American demands to give up its stockpile of highly enriched uranium, while insisting on sanctions relief, the unfreezing of its assets, and an end to Israeli military operations against Hezbollah in Lebanon even before a final agreement is reached.

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Iran’s chief negotiator, Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, said on Monday that his country’s *“goal is to end the war and establish lasting security”* through diplomatic and military means, adding that Tehran has *“no trust”* in the US.

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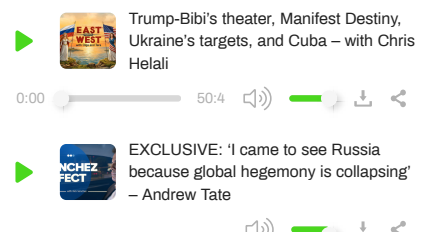
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**norberto Garcia** 6/9/2026 at 2:22 PM

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The WORLD is WATCHING who is RUNNING the US, Trump or Netanyahu and his Cadres inside the US.

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**Yuri Gagarin** 6/9/2026 at 4:02 PM

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Nobody in Russia is watching or knows the truth. Putin enforced a sweeping, state-controlled digital censorship framework. Major Western social media platforms (Facebook, X/Twitter, Instagram, and Discord) are legally banned. Additionally, the Kremlin aggressively throttles YouTube and routinely implements mobile internet blackouts. Television remains a core instrument for the state, with major networks rigorously enforcing Kremlin-aligned perspectives. Independent journalism is nearly extinct, as foreign ownership in traditional media is strictly capped and prominent critics are frequently suppressed.

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**FW190** 6/9/2026 at 4:40 PM

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If that was to be true, it's not any different to EU citizens then ? Mushroom treatment, kept in the dark and fed bullshit..

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**Abcd** 6/9/2026 at 4:56 PM

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China is also like that, doesn't seem to have any problem .....

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**OhMy!OhMy! RT** 6/9/2026 at 4:45 PM

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who is RUNNING the US ZIONISTS, Jewish ones and their useful christian idiots

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**Christopher Rushlau** 6/9/2026 at 4:49 PM

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Trump was «booted thunderously» at NBA finals game in New York City. Al Jazeera: «The Athletic reported that Trump, 79, a native New Yorker, drew louder boos than the rivals, the Spurs. White House pool reporters said the president had been booed 'thunderously'.» [«The Athletic is an American subscription-based sports journalism department of The New York Times.»]

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 **James Cox** 6/9/2026 at 3:18 PM

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A helicopter going down by accident. End of the news.

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 **FW190** 6/9/2026 at 4:37 PM ↕

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Yep, like all the other US helicopters and aircraft over Iran.

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 **Jim Davies** 6/9/2026 at 4:35 PM

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"The pilots are fine, nobody injured,"

Then there were some first-rate skills at work. One can't bail out of a chopper, lest one gets cut by the rotating blades; one has to use their momentum to achieve a survivable landing.

Had the Apache been hit by an explosive, that would hardly have been feasible.

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 **Yuri Gagarin** 6/9/2026 at 3:58 PM

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Russian state media and Kremlin-aligned propagandists frequently amplify unverified or fabricated claims about U.S. helicopter and aircraft incidents. These disinformation campaigns are typically deployed to shift blame for global crises, fabricate U.S. casualties, or sow discord among allied nations. In March 2024, Russian propagandists heavily circulated fake claims that a U.S.-made UH-60 Black Hawk was shot down in the Sumy region of Ukraine. The fabricated claims attempted to falsely link American equipment and intelligence personnel to a raid conducted by Russian volunteer battalions operating on the Ukrainian side.

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 **Elena Lot** 6/9/2026 at 4:15 PM ↕

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No, this incident has been approved. USA news are reporting it as well. I do not think RT reported it first, Did it?

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 **FW190** 6/9/2026 at 4:34 PM ↕

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Hey, «Kettle and Pot» ! Sounds like you are spreading propaganda yourself, what are your sources, State backed BBC ? Fox ? The Atlantic ? Did you find those WMD in Iraq yet or the Anthrax that Colin Powell showed us in the UN ? Surely not fabricated ! Not US propagandists but Official members.

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 **Yuri Gagarin** 6/9/2026 at 3:57 PM

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When discussing U.S. helicopter crashes, Russian state-run media and state-aligned propagandists frequently seize on the incidents to fabricate or exaggerate narratives. They often claim that U.S. aircraft were successfully shot down by adversary forces, even when investigations or military reports indicate the cause was a mechanical failure or mid-air collision. In May 2024, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov publicly blamed United States sanctions for the helicopter crash that killed Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi, claiming that U.S. policies prevented the proper maintenance of

flights within Iran. Experts noted this was part of an aggressive disinformation digest to portray the U.S. as a deceitful aggressor.

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**E** Elena Lot 6/9/2026 at 4:16 PM 3

We all know that a genocidal colonial USA faces and baby killer ZioTerroorist forces are at war in West Asia. Well, those helicopters doo not just crash, do they?!

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**X** Xenu 6/9/2026 at 4:27 PM 0

RT doesn't have to exaggerate these stories. The reporting keeps the truth in the front seat where it belongs. US blood and treasure is being spent for Trumps vanity and the US congress supports it. One helicopter? How about more news on the botched Iranian Uranium theft? How Iran decimated most of the craft involved was huge.

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 **LATIN AMERICA** 6/9/2026 at 4:13 PM 3

The hand of GOD against USA imperialism.

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**E** Elena Lot 6/9/2026 at 4:12 PM 0

Any gatherings of attack helicopters (like Apache helicopters) especially from West of Iran should immediately get attacked and destroyed by Iran. In countries like Azerbaijan, Turkey, Iraq, etc. Obviously from all sides of Iran as well, including South of Iran or Persian gulf area.

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**B** Big Megina 6/9/2026 at 4:03 PM 0

Yes just another pilot error in a war zone no it wasn't shut down nothing to see here move on

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 **Олег X.** 6/9/2026 at 3:44 PM 0

Probably shot down by Iran kids...

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