U.S. Soldier Killed in Vietnam

Saigon

Insurgent troops fired at a helicopter carrying Americans and South Vietnamese today, killed a U.S. soldier and a South Vietnamese, the Saigon command said.

Seven other Americans and three Vietnamese were also wounded, the command said.

The helicopter was carrying a U.S. - South Vietnamese team on a search mission for the site of a helicopter which crashed prior to the case-f ire according to the command.

The helicopter sustained heavy damage and had to land 12 miles south of Saigon, the command said.

The American was not immediately identified.

The aircraft was marked with orange stripes to distinguish it as belonging to the four - party joint military operation that is trying to account for 1300 missing American servicemen in Indochina in accordance with the Paris cease - fire agreement, the command said.

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