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## Iran: Soviets Down Army Helicopter

Soviet jet fighters June 21 shot down an Iranian army helicopter that strayed across the border of the U.S.S.R.'s central Asian republic of Turkmenia. All eight crewmen were killed. A second helicopter was forced to land and its crew was later returned to Iran.

An Iranian report on the incident July 17 said that the two helicopters were unarmed and were on a training mission when they lost their way in a fog.

Moscow's version July 18 said four helicopters were involved and that Soviet fighters opened fire when the aircraft ignored warnings to land after they penetrated into Soviet airspace for 19 miles (30 kilometers).

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