

Dutch F-16 pilot killed due to crash in Afghanistan.

In the morning of August 31st an F-16 of the Royal Dutch Airforce crashed in the province of Ghazni, south of Uruzgan (Dutch compound) The 29 year old pilot Michael 'Sofac' Donkervoort from the Dutch AFB Volkel did not survive. The F-16 flew from Kabul to support groundtroops on their way to the south of Afghanistan. Since the plane flew at very high altitude it is not likely that the plane was shot down, at this moment authorities think of an accident. Pilot and wreck were found by an American rescue team. An investigation is still going on by the Klu (Dutch AF) When Michael was flown in to The Netherlands, two F-16's guided him from the border to the base.

The picture of the 'missing man formation' was made during the funeral at 7-9-2006. The planes were flown by colleagues of Michael from his base. We wish all family and friends strength coming time.

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