

NAVY HELICOPTER CRASHES IN THE GULF OF ADEN

A U.S. Marine Corps **CH-53E Super Stallion** helicopter crashed at 2:00 p.m. (GMT) on Monday at sea in the Gulf of Aden as it attempted to land on board **USS MESA VERDE**. All 25 people on board the helicopter, 17 marines and eight navy sailors, were safely recovered and are now on board **USS MESA VERDE**



Some sustained minor injuries. The crash was not a result of hostile activity.

The aircraft was transferring the marines and sailors back to **USS MESA VERDE** from training ashore in nearby Djibouti.

The Navy and Marine Corps will investigate the cause of the crash. **USS MESA VERDE** is part of the **Bataan Amphibious Ready Group** currently on a scheduled deployment to the U.S. Central Command Area of Responsibility where it is conducting maritime security operations.

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