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Found at the Atlantic the Spanish helicopter and its crew disappeared

After a week of search

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USPA NEWS - The mystery of the helicopter Superpuma the Spanish Air Force in the Atlantic disappeared while returning from Senegal towards its base in the Canary Islands, it has been resolved. The helicopter was found on Wednesday with three bodies inside.

On Thursday night, the Spanish Minister of Defense, Pedro Morenes, confirmed that Navy divers have located inside the helicopter, sunk to 40 meters deep, the bodies of the three helicopter crew: a captain, a lieutenant and a sergeant of the Air Force. The bad weather has prevented for now they can float the unit, located after a week of intense search which involved members of the Navy and the Spanish Air Force and Moroccan Navy.

The Superpuma helicopter of Air Rescue Service (SAR its acronym in Spanish) disappeared last October 21 to 158 kilometers south of their base in the Canary Islands, he returned to take part in a training exercise in Senegal. Shortly before he disappeared he had made a stopover in Mauritania. During the first hours after his disappearance, it was reported that he had an accident and that the crew had been picked up by a fishing unidentified, sparking a wave of speculation about what happened, including the abduction theory.

For a week, the displaced Naval and Air assets to the area failed to locate the helicopter until the robots were able to find underwater exploration Wednesday 28. However, the sea conditions prevented the divers could approach the machine until this Thursday and was then that confirmed the presence of the dead crew inside. During Friday it will attempt to refloat the helicopter. The Spanish Minister of Defense appeared at a press conference Thursday night to confirm the finding, after communicating to the families of the soldiers dead the end of the search.

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