



Press TV online now



Red Devils crush 10-man Chelsea



Paris to show 12 Safavid manuscripts

GMT 0-3:29 AM

Australia is

Search

Site

Web



- Home Page
- [Iran](#)
- [Middle East](#)
- [US](#)
- [Asia/Pacific](#)
- [Africa](#)
- [Europe](#)
- [Americas](#)
- [Sci/Tech](#)
- [Health](#)
- [Sports](#)
- [Society](#)

Watch Live

Schedule

Mobiles

News Feeds

Newsletter

- [About Us](#)
- [Contact Us](#)
- [Feedback](#)

## Mystery surrounds deaths of Minot airmen

Sat, 22 Sep 2007 23:10:30

**Six members of the US Air Force who were involved in the Minot AFB incident, have died mysteriously, an anti-Bush activist group says.**

The incident happened when a B-52 bomber was "mistakenly" loaded with six nuclear warheads and flown for more than three hours across several states, prompting an Air Force investigation and the firing of one commander.



Capt. John Frueh

The plane was carrying Advanced Cruise Missiles from Minot Air Force Base, N.D., to Barksdale Air Force Base on August 30.

The Air Combat Command has ordered a command-wide stand down on September 14 to review procedures, officials said.

The missiles, which are being decommissioned, were mounted onto pylons on the bomber's wings and it is unclear why the warheads had not been removed beforehand.

In addition to the munitions squadron commander who was relieved of his duties, crews involved in the incident, including ground crew workers had been temporarily decertified for handling munitions.

The activist group Citizens for Legitimate Government said the six members of the US Air Force who were directly involved as loaders or as pilots, were killed within 7 days in 'accidents'.

The victims include Airman First Class Todd Blue, 20, who died while on leave in Virginia. A statement by the military confirmed his death but did not say how he died.

In another accident, a married couple from Barksdale Air Force Base were killed in the 5100 block of Shreveport-Blanchard Highway. The two were riding a 2007 Harley-Davidson motorcycle, with the husband driving and the wife the passenger, police said.

"They were traveling behind a northbound Pontiac Aztec driven by Erica Jerry, 35, of Shreveport," the county sheriff said. "Jerry initiated a left turn into a business parking lot at the same time the man driving the motorcycle attempted to pass her van on the left in a no passing zone. They collided."

Adam Barrs, a 20-year-old airman from Minot Air Force Base was killed in a crash on the outskirts of the city.

First Lt. Weston Kissel, 28, a Minot Air Force Base bomber pilot, was killed in a motorcycle crash in Tennessee, the military officials say.

Police found the body of a missing Air Force captain John Frueh near Badger Peak in northeast Skamania County, Washington.

The Activist group says the mysterious deaths of the air force members could indicate a conspiracy to cover up the truth about the Minot Air Base incident.

RE/RE

[E-mail this Story](#) | [Print this Story](#) | [Post a comment](#)

Count of view : 740

### Latest News

- ▶ [Australia to launch green energy drive](#)
- ▶ [Service Dogs help physically disabled](#)
- ▶ [Iran makes radar-evading drones](#)
- ▶ [Paris to show 12 Safavid manuscripts](#)
- ▶ [Uganda arrests doomsday cult leaders](#)
- ▶ [The art of treatment using scents](#)
- ▶ [French mime artist Marceau dies](#)

### Spotlight



#### Reports

90 out of 11000 Palestinian prisoners, to be freed by Israel



#### Interviews

Iranian culture in the eyes of Americans



#### Reflections

Stranger than cruelty



#### News Analysis

France's frustrating volte-face

### QUICK VOTE

Do you think Israel will ever use nuclear warheads in its attack against any country?

Yes

No

Results

### Current Weather

New York, NY, US

Sunny, 26° C.

[Home](#) | [About Us](#) | [Feedback](#) | [Contact Us](#)

© Press TV 2007. All rights reserved. [Our privacy Policy](#)