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## Investigation Findings on the RSAF F-16C Fighter Aircraft Crash on 19 May 04 in Arizona, USA

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The Republic of Singapore (RSAF) F-16C fighter aircraft.

On 19 May 04, a Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) F-16C fighter aircraft crashed into the ground approximately 160km south of Luke Air Force Base during a night training mission in Arizona in the United States. The RSAF pilot, LTA Loo Kwang Han, did not survive the crash. The RSAF consequently convened a Higher Board of Inquiry (HBOI) to investigate the cause of the accident.

The HBOI has completed its investigations and concluded that the incident was attributable solely to human factor. The late LTA Loo could have experienced gravity-induced loss of consciousness or spatial disorientation, which resulted in his inability to recover the aircraft from an inverted position.

The incident was not a result of negligence or foul play on the part of the late LTA Loo or any other person. The cause of LTA Loo's death was multiple blunt force injuries as a result of the crash.