
Mull Of Kintyre Crash

The deadliest peacetime helicopter accident in the history of the RAF took place on June 2, 1994. A Chinook en route to Inverness from Northern Ireland crashed into the Mull of Kintyre, killing all 29 people onboard. The passengers were 25 senior intelligence officials on their way to a security conference. An internal report originally declared the cause of the crash to be a mistake by the pilots, who were said to have been “negligent to a gross degree.”

The families of the pilots didn't believe that. They believed that the RAF had spent a lot of money installing a deficient computerized control system, despite being warned against it by the USAF. They believed the pilots had been made a scapegoat in order to save face. A lawyer for the family of one of the pilots found that the initial RAF investigation had found no fault with the pilots, but had been later altered by senior officers.

In 2010, an internal Ministry of Defence document was leaked describing the software as “positively dangerous.” In May that year, the defense secretary ordered a review of the evidence. In 2011, the judge in charge of the review concluded there wasn't evidence with which to blame the pilots. He hoped the conclusion would “bring an end to this very sad chapter by removing the stain on the reputations of the two pilots.”

Some people believe there's an even darker conspiracy than an attempt to cover up deadly decision making. Some loyalists in the Northern Ireland conflict believe that many of the people onboard knew things that would be a threat to the peace process and had to be “taken out” to keep both sides at ease.