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AETC releases report on A-29 aircraft incident

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO, Texas – Headquarters Air Education and Training Command released the report of its Aircraft Accident Investigation Board investigating the March 6, 2017, A-29 aircraft crash near Homerville, Georgia.

The aircraft, which was destroyed on impact, was caused by a propulsion system malfunction that dramatically reduced thrust, according to an AETC Accident Investigation report released Feb. 28. Both the American instructor pilot and the Afghan student pilot assigned to the 81st Fighter Squadron at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia, ejected safely from the crash.

According to the report, the engine retained some degree of thrust, but was incapable of sustaining level flight. Also listed as substantially contributing factors were visibility restrictions from the rear cockpit and task oversaturation.

Damage to government property is estimated at \$17,772,729.

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