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## RQ-4B GLOBAL HAWK ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION RELEASED

**LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va.** – According to an Air Combat Command Abbreviated Aircraft Accident Investigation Board report released today, an RQ-4B Global Hawk crashed June 26, 2018, off the coast of Spain due to an inflight engine failure.

The RQ-4B Global Hawk was conducting a ferry flight from Grand Forks Air Force Base, North Dakota, to a unit located in the U.S Central Command area of operations. The AAIB president found that the cause of the mishap was an oil leak from a cracked oil line, which caused an engine uncommanded inflight shutdown.

The investigation revealed the aircraft registered system faults ranging from low oil to low pressure, which then led to eventual mechanical failure. Due to the engine shutdown, the pilot diverted the aircraft, crashing into the ocean to avoid loss of human life or infrastructure damage.

The aircraft wreckage was fully recovered from the site by United States government air and naval assets. The loss of government property is valued at \$98.83 million. There were no reported fatalities, injuries or damage to civilian property.

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