



Solenzara
AFB

Corsica

APP

CTR

ENG FIRE

Leader

Impact
290 kt



1990: Mirage F1C Solenzara AFB

■ General context

- Patrol of 2 mirages at take off
- First fighter: experienced pilot (leader)
- Second fighter : young pilot (45 flight hours on type)

■ Flight context

- Take off
- Very quick radio release
TWR-APP



1990: F1C Solenzara AFB (con'd)

- Operational context (second fighter)
 - Warning light **ENG FIRE** and warning horn
 - First radio call towards leader (**quiet** tone)
 - Second radio call towards leader (very **stressed** tone)
 - TWR controller :
 - ➔ Can see the mirage without any abnormal smoke or fire
 - ➔ Says: “Two, ZARA, **intentions?**“

1990: F1C Solenzara AFB (end)

- Operational context (end)
 - Pilot stop the reheat
 - Still the sound of warning horn
 - Pilot did believe receiving the order "ejection"
 - F1C still fly for 80 seconds and crash at high speed (290 kt) on the ground.
 - Pilot ejects, and 35 minutes later is rescued safely in the sea