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## Four Afghan troops killed in ‘Taliban’ attack

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Four Afghan soldiers have been killed and four more injured in an ambush by ‘Taliban militants’ in Afghanistan’s western province of Farah.

The assault was carried out in Bakwa District of the province on Saturday after a number of the Taliban militants ambushed a patrol of Afghan National Army soldiers, provincial governor spokesman Fawad Askari announced on Sunday.

Further confirming the number of casualties, Askari also stated that the assailants managed to flee the area.

No group including the Taliban has claimed responsibility for the deadly attack so far.

Farah is reportedly among the more peaceful provinces in western Afghanistan, although Taliban militants and other similar groups remain active in a number of its districts.

Most of the previous militant attacks in the province have targeted Afghan security forces and government officials.

Taliban militants have recently stepped up attacks against US-led and Afghan forces, vowing a new wave of attacks across Afghanistan.

The militant group has said it would use “every possible tactic” to inflict casualties on Afghan and US-led forces. They specifically mentioned insider attacks and bombings.

The announcement comes as the Afghan authorities have increased operations against the militants across the country.

On January 30, nearly 40 Taliban militants were killed during cleanup operations in the capital, Kabul, and the provinces of Nangarahr, Parwan, Kunduz, Sar-e-Pul, Zabul, Uruzgan, Maidan Wardak, Ghazni, Farah and Helmand.

The United States and its allies invaded Afghanistan as part of Washington’s so-called war on terror. The offensive removed the Taliban from power, but the country is still gripped by insecurity.