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Afghan Taliban attack US base in Khost

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Afghan Taliban say they have attacked a US military base in Afghanistan's eastern Khost Province, as foreign forces are suffering more casualties in the war-torn country.

The United States has not yet commented on the issue.

The announcement by the Taliban came in the wake of an increase in the so-called green-on-blue attacks on the US-led forces in the country.

According to a NATO count, green-on-blue attacks, in which Afghan forces turn their weapons against the US-led foreign soldiers, have killed a total of 37 of the latter this year.

Meanwhile, US Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta has voiced concerns about the increasing number of attacks on the US-led foreign soldiers by Afghan policemen or civilians, saying the attacks would damage the US-Afghan partnership.

Some analysts believe the maltreatment of Afghan soldiers by American officers is a major reason behind the killing of the US troopers inside Afghanistan.

Insecurity continues to rise across Afghanistan, despite the presence of about 130,000 US-led forces in the country.