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Twelve NATO supply trucks torched in west Afghanistan

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A convoy of trucks carrying supplies to US-led NATO forces in Afghanistan has come under a fiery attack in the country's western province of Farah.

Militants ambushed the convoy on Thursday and set fire to at least 12 vehicles.

Three Afghan security guards, who were escorting the trucks, were killed in the attack.

Afghan authorities blamed on the Taliban and claimed that the attackers also suffered casualties.

The Taliban have yet to comment on the incident.

Western Afghanistan is considered more stable than other parts of the country, yet it is rocked by sporadic outbursts of violence.

The United States and its allies invaded Afghanistan in 2001 as part of Washington's so-called war on terror.

The offensive removed the Taliban from power, but years into the invasion, insecurity continues to rise across the country despite the presence of thousands of foreign troops in the war-weary nation.