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6 NATO jets destroyed in Camp bastion incident

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Six jets were destroyed and two significantly damaged during Friday's insurgent attack on Camp bastion, the largest *NATO* base in Afghanistan, the International Security Assistance Force (*ISAF*) said on Sunday.

Three Coalition refueling stations were also destroyed and six soft-skin aircraft hangars damaged to some degree in the well-coordinated assault involving 15 militants, a statement from the NATO-led force said

NATO troops engaged the attackers, killing 14 and wounding one who was taken into custody. Two Coalition service members were killed while eight military personnel and one civilian contractor were wounded.

None of their injuries are considered life-threatening. Well-equipped, trained and rehearsed, the attackers were organised into three teams, penetrated at one point of the perimetre fence.

Wearing US Army uniforms and armed with automatic rifles, rocket-propelled grenade launchers and suicide vests, they targeted fixed and rotary wing aircraft parked on the flight line, hangars and other buildings.