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US-led airstrikes kill 7 in Afghanistan

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At least seven people have been killed in US-led airstrikes carried out in Afghanistan's southern province of Helmand.

Local sources said a warplane with the US-led NATO coalition forces carried out airstrikes on Trikh Nawar area of Naway-i-Barakzai district on Sunday.

Provincial officials confirmed the attacks and the deaths, but the Western military alliance has not made any comments yet.

Many civilians have lost their lives in the US-led operations in various parts of Afghanistan over the past months, with Afghans becoming increasingly outraged at the seemingly endless number of the deadly assaults.

The issue of civilian casualties in Afghanistan is highly sensitive and has been a major source of friction between Afghan President Hamid Karzai and Washington.

The US claims its airstrikes target militants, but local sources say civilians have been the main victims of the attacks.