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US-led forces kill 8-year-old boy in South Afghanistan

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An Afghan child has been killed in the southern province of Helmand after being hit by an armored vehicle belonging to the US-led foreign forces in Afghanistan, Press TV reports.

The incident occurred on Friday when a family of three riding a motorcycle in the provincial capital of Lashkargah was struck by a NATO tank, after traffic police had allowed them to move on.

The 8-year-old boy was killed on the spot and his mother was wounded.

Afghan officials strongly condemned the incident and pledged an investigation into the incident.

Local commander Gen. Asmatullah Daulatzai said those responsible for the death would be brought to justice and the family of the victim compensated.

The southern province of Helmand has hosted thousands of foreign military personnel, mostly from Britain and the United States, since the US-led invasion of Afghanistan in 2001.

The US and its allies invaded Afghanistan as part of Washington's so-called war on terror. The offensive removed the Taliban from power but insecurity continues to rage across the war-weary country.