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## US night airstrike kills 5 in Afghanistan

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At least five people have been killed in a US night airstrike carried out in Afghanistan's southern province of Kandahar.

The US aerial attack comes two days after at least fifteen people were killed in another US airstrike in the southern province.

***Since last week, more than 20 others have been killed in similar attacks in Wardak, Helmand, Kunar and Herat.***

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 President Hamid Karzai and the United States.

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