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ED kills three US-led troopers in southern Afghanistan

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Three US-led foreign soldiers have been killed by an improvised explosive device (IED) in southern Afghanistan, the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) says.

“Three International Security Assistance Force service members died following an improvised explosive device attack in southern Afghanistan today,” said the Western military alliance in a statement on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, officials said that the three were British soldiers from the Royal Highland Fusiliers.

"Their deaths come as a great loss to all those serving in Task Force Helmand," Spokesman for Task Force Helmand Major Richard Morgan said.

Attacks on foreign troops are expected to rise in the next few days, as Taliban militants have announced the beginning of their spring offensive across the war-torn country.

The United States and its allies invaded Afghanistan as part of Washington's so-called war on terror. The offensive removed the Taliban from power, but the country is still gripped by insecurity.

The Afghan conflict has seen a surge in attacks on foreign troops in recent months. Around three hundred foreign soldiers were killed in the war-torn country last year alone.

The increasing number of military casualties in Afghanistan has caused widespread anger in the US and other NATO member states, undermining public support for the Afghan war.