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## Four Polish soldiers killed, two injured in Afghanistan's Ghazni Province

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Four US-led Polish soldiers have been killed and two others wounded in an attack in Afghanistan's central-eastern province of Ghazni, security sources say.

Local Afghan officials say the four were killed after a roadside bomb blast targeted their vehicle in the country's volatile east on Tuesday. Two more soldiers were also wounded seriously in the fatal explosion.

However, US-led foreign forces say they have not yet received any report on the incident.

Taliban militants have claimed responsibility for the deadly attack.

Roadside bombs and improvised explosive devices are by far the most lethal weapons Taliban militants use against Afghan forces and foreign troops.

Attacks on foreign troops have increased recently as Taliban militants have announced the beginning of their spring offensive across Afghanistan.

The militant group said it would use "every possible tactic" to inflict casualties on Afghan and US-led forces, specifically mentioning insider and bomb attacks.

At least 93 US-led foreign forces have been killed in Afghanistan so far this year. Most of the slain soldiers are American.

According to the website icasualties.org, 3,342 US soldiers have been killed in Afghanistan since the US-led war began in 2001.

The rising death toll of US-led foreign forces in Afghanistan has prompted growing opposition to the Afghan war in NATO member states and other countries that have contributed troops to the military occupation.

The United States and its allies invaded Afghanistan in October 2001 as part of Washington's so-called war on terror.

The offensive removed the Taliban from power, but insecurity continues to rise across the country, despite the presence of thousands of US-led troops.