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## Taliban militants say attacked US military convoy in southern Afghanistan

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**The Taliban militant group says its members have attacked a US military convoy in Afghanistan's southern province of Kandahar**

The militant group said three US soldiers were killed and several others wounded in the attack, which was carried out in Maiwand District during the early hours of Monday.

There has been no word of confirmation by the US military.

Attacks on foreign troops are expected to rise in the coming months, as Taliban militants have announced the beginning of their 'offensive' across Afghanistan.

The militant group said it would use “every possible tactic” to inflict casualties on Afghan and US-led forces. They specifically mentioned insider attacks.

The announcement prompted Afghan authorities to tighten security in major cities across the country, including the capital, Kabul.

According to the icasualties website, at least 3,334 foreign soldiers have been killed in Afghanistan since the US-led invasion of the country in 2001, which was conducted as part of Washington’s so-called war on terror.

The offensive removed the Taliban from power, but insecurity remains across Afghanistan, despite the presence of foreign troops.

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