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Taliban say destroyed 15 NATO tankers

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Taliban militants say they have torched at least 15 NATO tankers carrying fuel for the US-led foreign forces in Afghanistan's western province of Farah.

According to a Taliban spokesman, heavily armed militants attacked the convoy of fuel tankers on Thursday.

Five Afghan guards providing security to the convoy were killed in the attack.

Afghan and NATO officials have made no comments so far.

Earlier this week, the militants destroyed seven trucks carrying supplies to foreign troops in the southern province of Kandahar.

Taliban militants frequently attack trucks carrying supplies from Pakistan to the US-led forces deployed in Afghanistan. Pakistan is the cheapest way for the Western military alliance to dispatch supplies to the foreign forces.

Militants in neighboring Pakistan have also destroyed hundreds of oil tankers and containers carrying fuel and other supplies to foreign forces in Afghanistan.

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

The offensive removed the Taliban from power, but, years into the invasion, insecurity remains in the country, despite the presence of foreign troops.