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US-led airstrikes kill 32 in southern Afghanistan

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At least 32 people have been killed in two separate airstrikes by US-led foreign forces in the south of Afghanistan.

The incidents happened in Helmand province on Friday.

Local officials said the victims were all armed Taliban militants and some of the victims were Pakistani nationals.

The Taliban have made no response to the news yet. It is not clear if any civilians also lost their lives in the attacks.

Civilian casualties from US and NATO operations have been a serious bone of contention between Kabul and Washington.

Hundreds of Afghan civilians have lost their lives in US drone strikes since the beginning of the war in 2001.

The United States and its allies entered the war in Afghanistan in October 2001 as part of Washington's so-called war on terror. The offensive removed the Taliban from power, but after more than 11 years, the foreign troops have still not been able to establish security in the country.