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US assassination drone strikes kill 11 Afghans in 24 hours

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According to local officials, a US drone strike killed at least four people in Afghanistan's northeastern province of Kunar on Friday evening.

The US military confirmed the strike, claiming that all those killed were militants.

In a separate incident on Friday, another US-led terror drone strike claimed the lives of at least seven people and injured some others in the country's central-eastern province of Maidan Wardak.

The US claims its airstrikes target militants, but local sources say civilians have been the main victims.

The attacks, a bone of contention between Washington and Kabul, have fueled public anti-US sentiment in Afghanistan.

President Hamid Karzai has repeatedly questioned the legality of the drone strikes and on numerous occasions has called on Washington to stop the attacks.

The US-led war in Afghanistan removed the Taliban from power, but insecurity remains across the country despite the presence of thousands of US-led foreign troops.

Over the past year, US drone strikes have escalated significantly in Afghanistan.

The United Nations says the US-operated drone strikes pose a growing challenge to the international rule of law.