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3 civilians killed in US-led strike in Afghanistan

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At least three civilians are killed in a US-led airstrike in the Achin district of eastern Nangarhar Province in Afghanistan.

The attack was carried out late on Monday, claiming the lives of a doctor, along with his wife and his son.

The latest killing came only one day after three people died in a similar strike in Afghanistan's eastern province of Logar.

On October 4, at least five civilians, including three children, were killed following another US airstrike in an area near Jalalabad city, the capital of Nangarhar.

The Afghan government has time and again condemned the US-led airstrikes, saying civilians are the main victims. Washington, however, claims the airstrikes target militants.

In September, a US-led airstrike left at least 16 civilians, including women and children, dead in Kunar Province in eastern Afghanistan.

Afghan officials said the attack targeted a truck and killed all on board. However, NATO denied that civilians died, saying the attack had killed militants.

The United States and its allies invaded Afghanistan in 2001 as part of Washington's so-called war on terror. The Taliban was removed from power following the offensive, but the country is still grappling with insecurity.