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US-led soldier killed in Afghanistan

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The International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said on Tuesday that the foreign soldier was killed in a "direct enemy" assault.

NATO has also confirmed the incident, but it did not announce the nationality of the soldier.

The attack comes as Taliban leader Mullah Omar earlier warned against the Bilateral Security Agreement (BSA) between Kabul and Washington, saying it would have "serious consequences."

On October 13, Omar said that US bases in Afghanistan would "never be accepted," and vowed to continue fighting against US forces "with more momentum."

On Monday, at least 12 rockets hit the US-run Bagram airbase in eastern Afghanistan.

On October 9, Taliban militants killed several US troops in an attack against their base in Helmand province.

Over 140 Foreign Service members, mostly Americans, have lost their lives in the war-torn country so far this year.

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

According to the latest figures released by icasualties.org, more than 3,390 foreign soldiers have

been killed in Afghanistan since the US-led invasion of the country over a decade ago.

The United States and its allies invaded Afghanistan in October 2001 under the pretext of war on terror. Afghanistan remains gripped by insecurity despite the presence of foreign troops.