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## Three killed in US-led airstrike in Afghanistan

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At least three people have been killed in a US-led airstrike in Afghanistan's southeastern province of Wardak, reports say.

The deadly attack was carried out overnight in the town of Bandcheck.

On December 8, four students were killed during an airstrike carried out by foreign forces in the town of Asmar in northeastern province of Kunar.

A US assassination drone strike also killed at least five people in Kunar on December 3.

Washington claims that its airstrikes target militants, but local sources say civilians, including women and children, have been the main victims of the attacks.

The 2001 invasion of Afghanistan as part of Washington's so-called war on terror removed the Taliban from power, but insecurity remains despite the presence of thousands of US-led troops.

Afghanistan has been under pressure by the US to sign the Bilateral Security Agreement (BSA). Under the agreement, US-led foreign troops would stay in Afghanistan beyond 2014.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai says he will not sign the BSA until certain conditions are met, including a guarantee from Washington that there will be no more raids on Afghan homes.