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US airstrikes kill 20 in Afghanistan in 48 hours

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Nearly 20 people have been killed in several US airstrikes, including drone attacks, across Afghanistan in the past 48 hours, Press TV reports.

On Saturday seven people were killed in a US assassination drone attack in Afghanistan's eastern Nangarhar Province while four lost their lives in a similar assault in southeastern province of Logar.

On Friday, an air raid in Spin Boldak district of Kandahar Province claimed one life, while another airstrike in Kandahar's Shah Wali Kot district left seven people dead, according to local officials.

Afghan authorities said the victims of the airstrikes were all members of the Taliban militant group.

The Taliban have not yet commented on the reports.

On December 9, a US-led airstrike in Afghanistan's southeastern province of Wardak left three people dead, a day after four students were killed in a similar incident in the town of Asmar in the northeastern province of Kunar.

Afghans have become increasingly outraged at the seemingly endless number of the deadly US airstrikes.

The United States claims its drone attacks are part of the so-called war on terror and target militants; however, reports on the ground show that civilians often fall victim to the airstrikes.