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NATO convoy attacked in eastern Afghanistan

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Taliban militants have attacked a NATO convoy carrying supplies to the US-led forces in Afghanistan's eastern province of Nangarhar.

At least 25 vehicles were torched overnight when the assailants, who were armed with firearms and explosive belts, attacked the trucks at a terminal in the city of Jalalabad. Three assailants and two Afghan security forces were killed in a gun battle that followed.

Witnesses say several truck drivers also lost their lives.

Taliban militants frequently attack trucks carrying supplies to the US-led forces in Afghanistan.

In March, the militant group also announced the start of its annual "spring offensive" on foreign forces.

The US and its allies invaded Afghanistan in 2001 as part of the so-called war on terror. The offensive removed the Taliban from power, but the country is still gripped by insecurity.

There are currently more than 50,000 foreign troops in Afghanistan, including some 33,000 US troops.