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Taliban say US chopper shot down

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The Taliban militants have claimed responsibility for downing a NATO helicopter in Kapisa province -- some 65 kilometers north of the capital, Kabul.

NATO has confirmed one of its helicopters went down in Alah Say district in the country's east, a Press TV correspondent reported.

The coalition forces have reportedly recovered both crew members.

No further details are available. At least 136 US-led foreign soldiers have been killed in Afghanistan since the start of 2011.

The Taliban claim that their militants have shot down several aircraft and NATO choppers in different parts of Afghanistan over the past few months.

The deadly incidents come as Taliban militants are believed to have been making inroads in different parts of Afghanistan.

The rising number of casualties among the US-led forces has raised opposition to the Afghan war in the countries which have contributed troops to the mission.