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Eight US Troops Killed in Kandahar Blast

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Nine NATO soldiers were killed today across Afghanistan, [including eight US soldiers who died in a single bombing in Kandahar Province](#). It was the most soldiers killed in a single incident in Afghanistan since April 27.



Pentagon officials say that the eight soldiers were on a foot patrol with some Afghan security forces [when a massive bomb detonated in a field in the Shorabak District](#). Two Afghan policemen were also killed in the bombing.

The Taliban was quick to claim credit for the attack, which came just 12 miles from the Pakistani border. A Taliban spokesman said they had planted the bomb in the field deliberately to target patrols.

The ninth NATO soldier slain was reported killed in a helicopter crash in eastern Afghanistan. The nationality was not immediately released, and it is unclear what caused the crash.