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Taliban shoot down NATO chopper, kill 4

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Taliban militants have shot down a NATO helicopter in southern Afghanistan, killing at least four US-led soldiers, Afghan and NATO officials say.

A Taliban spokesman has claimed responsibility for shooting down the Chinook helicopter by an RPG rocket. The spokesman claimed at least 20 US-led soldiers were onboard when the attack was carried out.

NATO officials have confirmed the incident, saying only four US-led soldiers had lost their lives, DPA reported.

The attack was carried out Wednesday in the town of Sangin in Helmand province, a Press TV correspondent quoted the regional governor's spokesman as saying.

The deceased soldiers were all Americans. Most of NATO's troops in Helmand are American and British.

Last week, the Taliban claimed responsibility for several explosions that rocked Kabul where tribal elders and lawmakers had gathered to discuss a peace deal with the militants.