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Four US-led troops killed in Afghan war

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Separate violent attacks have killed at least four US-led soldiers and wounded several others in various parts of Afghanistan.

NATO said on Sunday that four of its members were killed in two separate militant attacks in south and east Afghanistan.

The nationality of the soldiers or the exact locations of the incidents were not released.

The deaths come just after US-led foreign forces witnessed their deadliest day since the war began a decade ago.

Thirty-one US Special Forces, most of them from the elite Navy SEALs unit were killed after their helicopter crashed in the east.

The Taliban say they brought down the copter with a rocket-propelled grenade. NATO is investigating the incident.

The latest casualties bring to at least 383 the number of US-led troops killed in Afghanistan this year alone.

According to official figures, more than 2,664 US-led soldiers have been killed in Afghanistan since the US-led invasion of the country in 2001.

NATO has admitted that the power of militants in Afghanistan is on the rise despite the presence of about 150,000 US-led forces in the war-hit country.

The rising number of foreign casualties has stoked opposition to the Afghan war in NATO member states as well as in other countries that have contributed troops to the mission.