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More Killed as Afghan Violence Drones On

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In a month that's seen the [largest single death toll](#) in an attack on occupying troops, today was just another day in violence-wracked Afghanistan.

Four guards were killed at NATO's Kandahar Air Field when militants [blew up a minivan packed with explosives](#). The base serves as a tanker depot; NATO's fuel has been a popular target for Taliban in Afghanistan, but [especially Pakistan](#), which is part of the supply line.

Also Monday, [a British soldier was killed](#) just yards outside his base in Helmand province by a roadside bomb. Five others were injured.

A day earlier, at least [25 people were killed](#) at the home of Parwan province's governor. It's one of a series of attacks on authorities throughout the country, including the killings of President Hamid [Karzai's brother](#); [an aide to the president](#); and the Karzai-allied [mayor of Kandahar](#).

The latest deaths come on the heels of the revelation that the [frequency of US bombing raids](#) has doubled since 2009. This is a violence spike measured in years.