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Taliban attack Bagram base near Kabul

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Taliban militants have reportedly fired at least two rockets toward the Bagram Airbase, which is the main US base and largest detention facility in Afghanistan, Press TV reports.

The rocket attack on the heavily fortified US base, located 11 kilometers (7 miles) southeast of the city of Charikar in Afghanistan's Parwan Province, took place early on Wednesday, a Press TV correspondent reported.

The Taliban said one of the rockets landed inside the base. They added that a number of foreign soldiers were killed in the attack and that the US airbase suffered damages.

NATO has confirmed the attack but rejected Taliban's claims of the attack resulting in casualties.

Bagram is home to thousands of US military personnel and civilian contractors. Hundreds of detainees are also being held at the military base.

The International Committee of the Red Cross in May 2010 confirmed reports on the existence of a secret detention facility at the Bagram Airbase.

The base is the frequent target of rocket and mortar attacks. Last year, militants launched more than a dozen attacks on Bagram, killing several US-led troops.

Insecurity is on the rise across Afghanistan despite the presence of nearly 150,000 US-led forces there.

August 2011 has become the deadliest month for US troops in the decade-long war in Afghanistan with 66 American soldiers killed in the month.

The figure, released by the Associated Press on Tuesday, eclipsed the earlier death toll of 65 belonging to July 2010.