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Kandahar Attacks Kill Five NATO Soldiers

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NATO officials declined to release the nationality of any of the slain.

The attacks come as US-led forces are promising to seize control over the region around Kandahar City, the major offensive that is supposed to vindicate a massive escalation of the war that, so far, [has netted only record death tolls](#).

Kandahar City's deputy mayor Noor Ahmad Nazari was also reported seriously wounded today in a drive by shooting carried out by a pair of gunmen on motorcycles. A separate attack was also reported to have killed a member of the provincial parliament.

Nazari took the office in April, [after his predecessor Azizollah Yarmal was assassinated](#) in a mosque during prayers. Nazari is still in the hospital and it is unclear what his current condition is.