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US-led forces kill five Afghan civilians

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US-led foreign forces have killed at least five Afghan civilians during a night raid in the eastern province of Kunar,

Local officials said on Wednesday that a woman and two children were among the dead, a Press TV correspondent reported.

NATO claimed that the foreign forces operation was carried out against the Taliban in cooperation with Afghan forces, saying two Taliban militants were killed.

Other sources put the number of civilian deaths at seven.

The killing of Afghan civilians by blasts and US-led foreign forces has prompted anti-US demonstrations in the country.

The US invaded Afghanistan in 2001 under the pretext of combating terrorism and toppling the Taliban regime.

However, insecurity continues to rise across Afghanistan despite the presence of thousands of US-led foreign forces in the country.

Washington has turned to negotiations with the Taliban militants after ten years of the US-led war on Afghanistan.