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Taliban torch six NATO fuel tankers in southwest Afghanistan

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The Taliban militants have set fire to a convoy of NATO tankers carrying fuel for US-led foreign forces in southwestern Afghanistan, Press TV reports.

Afghan officials said the militants destroyed at least six fuel tankers in an ambush in Dilaram district of Nimruz province late on Monday.

This is while the Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid claimed that the militants destroyed nine tankers along with seven escorting vehicles.

Dilaram governor Abdul Karim Barahawi said at least four Taliban militants were killed in an airstrike fallowing the attack.

A similar ambush last week destroyed five NATO fuel tankers. Dozens of Taliban militants were gunned down in the ensuing clashes.

The increasing number of military casualties in Afghanistan has caused widespread anger in the US and other NATO member states, undermining public support for the Afghan war.

Insecurity continues to rise across Afghanistan despite the presence of tens of thousands of US-led troops.