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Two British soldiers killed in southern Afghanistan

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Two British soldiers have been killed in southern Afghanistan as the US-led foreign forces brace for the Taliban's seasonal surge in attacks.

The soldiers were killed on Friday in a Taliban mortar rocket attack on their base in the northern part of the Nahri Saraj district in Helmand province.

The attack comes a day after the Taliban announced that they were about to launch their annual "spring offensive" across Afghanistan and vowed to increase their attacks on US-led forces stationed in the country.

According to figures released by the website icasualties.org, 142 US-led troops have been killed in Afghanistan so far this year.

As casualties have risen in Afghanistan over the past few months, public opinion in the United States and other NATO countries has begun turning against the war.

In addition, hundreds of civilians have lost their lives in US-led operations in various parts of Afghanistan over the past few months, with Afghans becoming increasingly outraged with the seemingly endless number of deadly assaults.