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US-led airstrike kills 12 Afghan villagers

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At least 12 villagers have been killed in an airstrike carried out by US-led foreign forces in Afghanistan's Ghor Province, Press TV reports.

Eight people were also wounded in the attack on Wednesday.

The US-led NATO confirmed the attack, but it claimed the airstrike targeted militants.

The attack comes ten days after another US-led airstrike killed scores of people in eastern Afghanistan.

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

The issue of civilian casualties in Afghanistan is highly sensitive and has been a major source of friction between President Hamid Karzai and the United States.

Washington claims that its airstrikes target militants, but local sources say civilians have been the main victims of the attacks