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Bomb blast kills US soldier in southern Afghanistan

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An American soldier serving with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) has been killed in a bomb blast in southern Afghanistan, Press TV reports.

ISAF said in a statement on Tuesday that the US trooper was killed by “an improvised explosive device (IED)” in southern part of the country.

The alliance has not yet released further details regarding the nationality of the slain soldier or the exact location of the incident.

This is while on Monday at least three US-led soldiers were killed in a militant attack in the city of Khost in eastern Afghanistan.

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

The US and its allies invaded Afghanistan in 2001 as part of Washington’s so-called war on terror.

The statistics by the independent website icasualties.org show that at least 348 foreign troops, most of them Americans, have lost their lives in Afghanistan so far in 2012. A total of 566 foreign forces were also killed in 2011.

However, 2010 remains the deadliest year for foreign military casualties with a death toll of 711.