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US forces kills 15 Afghans in Kandahar airstrike

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At least 15 people have been killed in a US airstrike in war-torn Afghanistan's southern Kandahar Province

According to Kandahar officials, the attack took place early Thursday in the town of Shah Wali Kot, killing 15 Taliban militants.

The Taliban have not yet confirmed the statement.

The airstrike is the second of such attacks over the past 24 hours.

On Wednesday, four people were also killed in a US-led airstrike in eastern Afghanistan.

Since last week, more than 20 others were killed in similar attacks in Wardak, Helmand, Kunar and Herat.

The US claims its airstrikes target militants, but local sources say civilians have been the main victims of the attacks.

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

The offensive removed the Taliban from power, but years into the invasion, insecurity continues to rise across the country.