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US-led soldier killed in southern Afghanistan: ISAF

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US-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) says a US-led soldier has been killed in an attack by militants in southern Afghanistan.

The deadly militant attack took place on Thursday.

The Western military alliance, however, refrained from releasing further details regarding the exact location of the incident or the nationality of the soldier.

The death of the soldier comes a day after NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said that setbacks such as a rise in insider attacks against US-led forces should not "be seen as a rush for the exit."

According to the website icasualties.org, 353 foreign troops, including 270 US soldiers, have been killed in Afghanistan so far this year.

A total of 566 US-led forces died in Afghanistan in 2011. However, 2010 remains the deadliest year for foreign military casualties, with a death toll of 711.

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.

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.