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## Two American soldiers killed in Afghanistan insider attack: US military

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Two American soldiers have been killed in Afghanistan as the number of so-called 'green-on-blue' attacks continue to rise in the country.

"Two US forces-Afghanistan service members died after an individual wearing an Afghan National Police uniform turned his weapon against them in Khas Uruzgan, Uruzgan," the US military said in a statement.

Earlier in the day, an Australian soldier was also killed in an insider attack by Afghan forces in the same province.

*Over the past months, there has been a rise in 'green-on-blue' attacks in Afghanistan, in which Afghan security forces turn their weapons on US-led foreign troopers. More than 50 foreign troopers have been killed in these attacks so far this year.*

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

The growing 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 is rising across the country despite the presence of thousands of foreign troops in Afghanistan.