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Polish soldier killed in central Afghanistan: Taliban

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Taliban militants say they have killed a Polish soldier serving with the US-led NATO forces in a bomb attack carried out in central Afghanistan.

According to reports, the bomb explosion occurred in the war-torn country's central province of Ghazni, killing the soldier who was on patrol in Shelgar area.

Two other Polish soldiers were reportedly wounded in the attack.

On January 23, Captain Krzysztof Wozniak, who was a member of Poland's Elite Special Forces Unit (GROM), succumbed to his injuries hours after a gunman opened fire on a group of Polish soldiers on patrol in the same province.

The new casualty brought to nearly 40 the number of Polish troops killed in the war-torn country since March 2002 when Poland deployed its troops to Afghanistan.

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 insecurity remains high across the country.