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## Main NATO base attacked by militants in southern Afghanistan

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According to reports one of the main coalition security forces military base in southern Helmand province of Afghanistan became under militants rocket attack.

Around 4,000 coalition security forces are stationed in the heavily fortified Camp Bastion, which includes American, Danish and Estonian troops.

The attack took place around 6:30 pm local time causing some damages to the military base however there were no reports of coalition security casualties.

A Ministry of Defence spokesman quoted by Guardian said, “We can confirm that a rocket attack against Camp Bastion took place. No significant damage or casualties have been reported as a result of this incident.”

Multiple explosions could be heard minutes after an alarm sounded inside the sprawling desert base. The all-clear came 40 minutes later after which troops were directed to search their immediate area for unexploded ordnance and casualties.

Missile attack by militants on Camp Bastion in southern Helmand province of Afghanistan comes amid UK forces preparation to hand over to the next deploying brigade.

At least two US service members were killed and six Harrier jets were destroyed in an attack by insurgents on Camp Bastion in September last year. The incident took place after militants

breached the perimeter fence and attacked Camp Leatherneck, the US headquarters next to Camp Bastion.

Taliban group claimed responsibility behind the attack in September and said Prince Harry, who was in theatre as an Apache helicopter pilot at the time, was the intended target but Nato officials said the young royal was never in any danger.