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NATO Air Strike Kills 10 Guards for Own Supply Convoy in Ghazni

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The latest in a growing series of embarrassing air strike incidents in Afghanistan came early today, when forces attacked their [own supply convoy](#), killing 10 guards. Local police say they are investigating the killings.



NATO confirmed the air strike but [initially termed everyone “suspected insurgents.”](#) Since they were all also NATO contractors protecting a supply convoy, this claim was eventually replaced with claims that officials were “aware” of the incident.

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Deputy Provincial Policy Chief Mohammad Hussain Yaqoubi speculated that the NATO attack helicopters didn't recognize their own guards, and launched the attack as a case of mistaken identity.

The slain [were employees of the Watan Risk Management](#) company, a popular contractor for international forces. NATO said they found several machine guns after the strike, but officials confirmed they belonged to the employees.