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US-led airstrike kills 42 Afghans

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At least 20 Afghan civilians and 22 police officers were killed in the airstrike which took place in Doab town, in the province of Nuristan on Thursday, a Press TV correspondent reported.

NATO says its forces mistakenly conducted the air raid and it was actually meant to recapture Doab from the Taliban.

Militants captured the town two days before the airstrike. Officials in Nuristan say nearly 70 Taliban militants have been slain in the operation to retake Doab.

Hundreds of civilians have been killed in the US-led airstrikes and ground operations in various parts of Afghanistan over the past few months, with Afghans becoming increasingly outraged over the seemingly endless number of deadly assaults.

Civilian casualties have long been a source of friction between the Afghan government and US-led foreign forces. The loss of civilian lives at the hand of foreign forces has dramatically increased anti-American sentiments in Afghanistan.

The surge in violence comes despite the presence of about 150,000 foreign troops, who are engaged in the so-called war on terror. The war in Afghanistan, with civilian and military casualties at record highs, has become the longest war in US history.