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## In Afghanistan, 5 NATO tankers torched

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Militants have attacked a NATO supply convoy in eastern Afghanistan, setting five fuel tankers on fire, Press TV reports.

A local official says a guard for a private security company escorting the convoy was killed and nine others were injured in the attack in Wardak province.

A Taliban spokesman has claimed that the militant group carried out the attack, torching ten fuel trucks and killing six guards.

Militants frequently target trucks carrying supplies for US-led foreign soldiers in Afghanistan.

Pro-Taliban militants often claim responsibility for such attacks, saying that the assaults are in retaliation for non-UN-sanctioned US airstrikes on Pakistan's tribal regions.

Washington claims the strikes target militants, but figures show the attacks have led to the deaths of hundreds of civilians.

Despite the frequent attacks on NATO supply convoys, the US military has not stopped its unauthorized drone attacks on Pakistan's territory.