

## 15 Afghans killed in ambush

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KABUL, Afghanistan -- Fifteen Afghan employees of a U.S. security contractor were killed Tuesday in Afghanistan's southern Farah province in an ambush by Taliban militants. The victims were traveling in a convoy of six to eight vehicles carrying fuel to U.S. military bases when they were attacked in the Bala Boluk district, a CNN report said, quoting provincial Gov. Mohaiyogin Baluch. Baluch said nine others were wounded in the attack and one of the trucks was driven away by the militants while the others were destroyed. The convoy was operated by U.S. Protection and Investigations, a private security contractor based in Houston, the report said. There was much fighting reported Tuesday in three of Afghanistan's war-torn southern provinces with several insurgents killed.

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