Taliban attacks NATO base in southern Afghanistan

It's really war. People are being killed -- all in the name of shoring up one's political position. But The Washington Post thought it was breaking news.

News Alert: Insurgents attack NATO's southern Afghan base
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Insurgents have attacked a NATO military base in southern Afghanistan, officials said.

Rockets started hitting Kandahar Air Field, followed quickly by a ground assault, said Navy Commander Amanda Peeperseim, a spokeswoman for NATO forces at the base. She said the attack was still ongoing and did not provide further details.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack - the third major assault on NATO's military hubs in Afghanistan in six days.

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Search term: by searching for Afghan base I figured out that attack, assault and hit were the most frequently used verbs. So it became attack OR hit OR assault afghan base

I did not do the first search until five or so hours after the breaking news post, and found 1500 tweets. However, roughly two-fifths of them were from before May 22. So I picked up all the tweets that were related to this incident -- at least as found by this search term.

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