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## US attack claims lives of several Afghan civilians

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**Afghan officials say a number of civilians have been killed and several others injured in a US attack in Parwan Province, north of the capital Kabul.**

Some local reports put the number of the deaths at six and others at 12.

An Afghan lawmaker has told press TV that several children are among the dead. The lawmaker has also said a dozen people were wounded, calling on the Afghan government to demand the US forces to leave the country.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai has ordered an investigation into the deadly attack.

US-led foreign forces have killed thousands of people, including many civilians, in airstrikes and nighttime raids since they invaded the country more than twelve years ago.

Washington claims that its airstrikes target militants, but local sources say civilians have been the main victims of the attacks.

Afghan Government officials – including President Karzai – have also frequently condemned the killings of civilians by foreign forces.

Anger has been rising among the Afghan people and officials over the civilian deaths at the hands of US-led troops.

Afghans have held numerous protest rallies countrywide to condemn such attacks.

The United States and its allies invaded Afghanistan in October 2001 as part of Washington's so-called war on terror. The offensive removed the Taliban from power, but insecurity continues to rise across the country, despite the presence of thousands of US-led troops.