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Lawsuit filed against Karzai, Afghan troops for the death of 30 Americans

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The families of US soldiers who were killed in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan nearly three years back, have filed a lawsuit against president Karzai and Afghan security forces, accusing them of betraying their sons.

At least 30 Americans including 17 Navy SEALs were killed following the incident which took place on Aug 6, 2011 in Tangi valley of central Maidan Wardak province.

President Hamid Karzai was accused of corrupt practices including taking bribes from Iran for the deaths of the US service members.

Families of the three Americans have stated in their lawsuit that the helicopter was shot down by Taliban after the leaked details reached to Taliban, following the request by Afghan officials to Operation Coordination Group which approves US strike missions.

The lawsuit filed on Tuesday in US District Court in Washington, says a target was put on the unit's back by Obama administration due to the public disclosure of many details about Osama bin Laden's mission.

Freedom Watch and its director, Larry Klayman filed the families' lawsuit, which seeks \$600 million in damages from Afghanistan and another defendant, Iran.

Mr. Klayman quoted by Washington Times said he plan is to use the legal action as a vehicle to demand disclosures from the Defense Department about how the mission was conducted — something Congress is unwilling to do.

“We’re going to take discovery and leave no stone unturned,” Mr. Klayman told the Washington Times.

“We’re going to focus in on the Defense Department,” he said. “We’re going to use the case as an opportunity to get answers and also to get justice ... We have Afghan officials in this country and we can approach them here.”

“We believe the lawsuit will show Hamid Karzai and Afghanistan were responsible for killing the sons of our clients. They gave up the coordinates and vital information about the mission. It was a payback to the Taliban, al Qaeda and Iran for the death of bin Laden.”

President Karzai’s increasingly anti-American statements and actions, including conducting secret talks with the Taliban, denigrating the U.S. war effort, refusing to approve an agreement to keep NATO forces in the county after the end of the year and moving to release captured terrorists who pose a threat to U.S. service members, were also noted in the lawsuit.