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## Thousands take to the streets in Kabul against beheadings

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Thousands of people on Wednesday staged a protest in the capital Kabul against the beheading of seven civilians by Islamic State (IS) insurgents in southern Zabul province.

The gunmen abducted the seven civilians, including four women and a child, from the Jaghori district of Ghazni about a month back. The hostages were decapitated in Arghandab district on November 8.

Outraged by the beheadings, Kabul residents rallied from Kota Sangi area to the Presidential Palace. The slogan-chanting demonstrators, including civil society members, carried the victims' bodies.

"Death to Pakistani spies and death to Taliban and Daesh," the protestors shouted, asking the government to take stern action against the perpetrators. Some of them called for the resignation of the president and his CEO.

One of the protestors, Mujtaba Amiri, told Pajhwok Afghan News: "We are here to raise our voice for justice. The government should respond to the killing of civilians by Daesh and Taliban militants."

He told the government not to let the rebels kill people or create divisions among different ethnic tribes. Leaders of the government should stand down if could not ensure civilian security.

The demonstration, also attended by a number of lawmakers, civil society activists and women, was heading to the Presidential Palace at around 9:30am.

President Ashraf Ghani has ordered all security organs to take necessary measures to bring the perpetrators to justice. CEO Abdullah has also denounced the decapitations.