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Afghan interpreter blames Americans for civilians' torture

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The Afghan interpreter zakaria Kandahari who arrested in connection to civilians torture and murder in Maidan Wardak province of Afghanistan has said that he was acting based on the instructions of Americans.

Zakaria Kandahari was arrested two months back by Afghan security forces and according to preliminary investigation reports obtained by BBC, Zakaria Kandahari has confessed that he was an ordinary interpreter and was not involved in any torture or murder case.

Kandahari quoted in the report said, "I was an ordinary interpreter and was not allowed to commute in the base and investigation room."

He also added that a suspected individual was handed over to American forces by him after slapping and kicking him, and later his dead body was found. Three other interpreters were also seen in the similar situation.

Zakaria Kandahari has reportedly worked for the American forces during the past 11 years, and according to him three American troops are involved in torture and murder case of civilians in Wardak province.

The investigation report also reveals that Afghan officials have obtained a CD which shows the torture of individuals.

The issue of civilians torture and murder sparked tensions among the Afghan government and coalition security forces after a dead body of a civilian recognized as Syed Mohammad was recovered near the US special forces base in Nerkh district in Wardak province.

Afghan president Hamid Karzai earlier this year ordered for immediate withdrawal of all US special forces from Maidan Wardak province.