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Afghans rally to demand withdrawal of US-led forces

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Afghans have taken to the streets in the capital, Kabul, to protest against deadly US-led attacks, calling for the immediate withdrawal of foreign forces from their country.

Hundreds of anti-US protesters rallied in Kabul on Sunday to condemn the presence of US-led foreign forces in Afghanistan.

The protesters voiced their anger at US soldiers they accuse of killing Afghan civilians.

Demonstrators also expressed opposition to talks between the Afghan government and the Taliban militant group. They also held the Taliban responsible for the death of Afghan civilians.

On September 27, a dozen people died in three separate US-led drone attacks in Wardak, Kandahar, and Paktia.

Last week, thousands of Afghans held an anti-US protest over the killing of two civilians by US-led forces in Zabul.

In August, hundreds of protesters held a demonstration in Afghanistan's northeastern province of Kunar, condemning nighttime operations by the US forces.

Civilian deaths during US-led airstrikes and operations in various parts of Afghanistan over the past decade have made Afghans increasingly outraged.

Although Washington says the airstrikes target members of the Taliban, reports on the ground show many civilians have fallen victim to the attacks.

The US-led invasion of Afghanistan in 2001, which was conducted as part of the so-called war on terror, removed the Taliban from power, but insecurity remains in the country despite the presence of foreign forces.

Afghan investigators have recently found substantial proof that American Special Forces have also been involved in the kidnapping, torturing and killing of Afghan civilians across the wartorn country over the past years.