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Afghan intelligence abandon probe into civilians deaths by US forces

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According to reports, Afghan intelligence – National Directorate of Security (NDS) has abandoned investigation into civilian deaths by US special forces in central Maidan Wardak province of Afghanistan.

The investigation launched by Afghan intelligence to probe the death of seventeen men who disappeared after being detained in US raids in Wardak, was reportedly abandoned after the Afghan intelligence was prevented to access the suspected US special forces.

National Directorate of Security (NDS) investigators in their report which was obtained by Reuters have said that they were rebuffed by United States to access three US Green Berets and four Afghan translators working with them.

“Despite many requests by NDS they have not cooperated. Without their cooperation this process cannot be completed,” the report said.

The dead bodies of ten men who were among seventeen civilians, were found several meters away from the US soldier’s military base. The incident took place between October 2012 and February 2013 in Nerkh district of central Maidan Wardak province. An Afghan translator Zakeria Kandahari was also accused of the killings and was arrested by Afghan intelligence.

Zakeria Kandahari was arrested earlier this year, in connection to civilians torture and murder in Maidan Wardak province of Afghanistan said that he was acting based on the instructions of Americans.

Kandahari who worked for the American forces during the past 11 years had claimed that three American troops were involved in torture and murder case of civilians in Wardak province.