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Afghans stage anti-US demonstrations



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Afghans have staged anti-US rallies in northern Afghanistan to protest against the US-led military presence in the strife-torn country.

Outraged people gathered near the US base in the northern Afghan town of Bagram in their protest rally around the military facility, a Press TV correspondent reported Friday.

Rising civilian casualties in the US-led airstrikes and ground operations, especially in the night raids, have caused widespread outrage among the Afghans.

In the latest incident of violence in Afghanistan, the US-led foreign troops killed three civilians, a father and two of his sons, in a night raid in the eastern city of Sayed Abad on Thursday.

Civilians are the biggest victims of the Afghan war. The United Nations has said that at least 2,777 people were killed in 2010, the highest total since the US-led invasion of the Asian country in 2001.

According to a UPI report, estimates developed by human rights groups put the number of civilians killed since 2001 merely by the US-led ISAF forces as high as 34,000.

As public opinion in Western countries is steadily growing against the involvement of their military forces in Afghanistan, the climbing cases of NATO and US-led attacks that result in civilian deaths have fueled exasperating tensions between the Afghan government and its Western backers.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai has issued several warnings to the NATO, stressing that killing Afghans is unacceptable.