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US forces kill civilians in response to militant attack

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MAIDAN SHAHR - The US-led coalition troops killed two local residents in retaliation for a Taliban attack in central Maidan Wardak province on Saturday, an official and residents said.

The incident took place in Pombai area of Chak district, where militants attacked a US military base with rockets. In response, the US forces opened fire in the direction from where the rockets were fired, killing two locals working in their farm, the governor's spokesman, Shahidullah Shahid, said.

The incident enraged locals, who brought the dead bodies to the city in protest. The protestors blocked the Kabul-Kandahar highway for some time, Shahid said. He said the governor had assured the protestors that a commission would be assigned to probe the incident.

ISAF media office in Kabul said the incident was being investigated.