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Afghans protest US killing of civilians

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Hundreds of Afghans have taken to the streets to protest against the recent missile attack by US-led forces which left at least eight civilians dead, Press TV reports.

Protesters gathered in the streets of Tagab in Kapisa Province, chanting slogans against the Afghan government and foreign forces in the country.

Angry protesters also demanded those responsible for the fatal attacks to be brought to justice.

Local sources say the rockets were fired from a military base used jointly by Afghan and US-led NATO forces in the Heybat region of the northeastern province.

According to a United Nations report on Afghanistan issued on September 28, the monthly

average number of security incidents recorded for the year through the end of August has climbed by nearly 40 percent.

The report also said that civilian casualties, already at record levels in the first six months of the year, rose five percent between June and August 2011, compared to the same period in 2010.

Insecurity continues to rise across Afghanistan despite the presence of nearly 150,000 US-led troops in the country.

Thousands of Afghan civilians have been killed by US-led forces since the occupation of the country which began more than a decade ago.