

*Administration of Barack Obama, 2012*

**Statement on Civilian Deaths in Afghanistan**

*March 11, 2012*

I am deeply saddened by the reported killing and wounding of Afghan civilians. I offer my condolences to the families and loved ones of those who lost their lives and to the people of Afghanistan, who have endured too much violence and suffering. This incident is tragic and shocking and does not represent the exceptional character of our military and the respect that the United States has for the people of Afghanistan. I fully support Secretary Panetta's and General Allen's commitment to get the facts as quickly as possible and to hold accountable anyone responsible.

NOTE: The statement referred to Gen. John R. Allen, USMC, commander, NATO International Security Assistance Force, Afghanistan.

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