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'Afghan bodies' desecration haunts US'

An interview with Mohammad Azizi, political analyst

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An important political analyst says the online video that shows US troops desecrating Afghan corpses is a violation of international laws and values, and will bring repercussions to the US.

Press TV has conducted an interview with Mohammad Azizi, political analyst, to further discuss the issue.

The following is a transcription of the interview.

Press TV: Americans insulting corpses of Afghans, it looks like they have gone too far, doesn't it?

Azizi: Yeah, this is very insulting and it is inhumane. It is very much against humanity, and it's violating all international laws.

It's very alarming that still we're receiving the messages that were very popular back with the Abu Ghraib jail.

And we hope that the Americans will take it seriously because the violations of international laws and international values will only harm them. And it will not be anything positive for them.

Press TV: How do you expect this latest incident, Mr. Azizi, to affect the situation on the ground? How will the Afghans respond to this when we're speaking with the US presence on their soil?

Azizi: The Afghans overall are peace loving people and they want peace in this country. At this important juncture of time when the Taliban and the US are going towards a negotiation, it's very important that the outcome of this video will not have any major impact on the negotiations that's going on.

However, let me add that the foot soldiers of the Taliban would use this opportunity, and they will try to get more sympathy from the Afghan people for the war which they have waged for a decade against the Americans and the NATO forces; and they will hope to get more strength and to utilize it.

Likewise, the Afghan government, as we know, President [Hamid] Karzai has recently demanded that all the jails inside Afghanistan should be handed over to the authorities.

So, this video really supports the case of President Karzai that he says that the prisoners are not treated well and there are inhumane and insulting behaviors that's taking place towards the prisoners - so, all the prison charges should be given to the Afghan authorities.

It's a positive thing for President Karzai and, overall, it's giving a very bad message about the treatment of the prisoners, especially the dead bodies of the enemies which has been shown in this video is very alarming.

And we very much hope that the international community and in particular the US authorities will take note of it and they will put on trial and really go off on the people who have done this inhumane act.