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American soldier opens fire on Afghan civilians, killing 17

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An American soldier goes on a shooting spree in Afghanistan's southern province of Kandahar, killing at least 17 innocent Afghan civilians and wounding several others, Press TV reports.

The shooting took place early Sunday in the district of Panjwai in southern Kandahar province.

The US soldier has been reportedly detained following the assault.

The NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Afghanistan confirmed the incident but did not disclose further details. The motive behind the deadly attack is not known yet. The Western military alliance says it will launch an investigation into the incident.

"This is a deeply regrettable incident and we extend our thoughts and concerns to the families involved," ISAF said in a statement."

Civilian casualties in Afghanistan have been a major source of friction between President Hamid Karzai's government and the US .

The incident came in the wake of recent violent clashes in several provinces of the war-ravaged country over Qur'an burning by the US-led forces, which left over 30 people, including six American soldiers, dead and around 180 others injured.