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Afghan protesters demand closure of French embassy in Kabul

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Hundreds of Afghans protested in Jalalabad city, the provincial capital of eastern Nangarhar province against a French satirical magazine which published a caricature of Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H).

The protesters demanded closure of the French embassy in Kabul while chanting “Death to France” and burning the French flag.

They also called on the government of France to apologize from the Muslims regarding the desecrating act by the Charlie Hebdo magazine for re-publishing Prophet Muhammad’s (P.B.U.H) caricature.

President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani also strongly condemned the re-publishing of the latest caricature of the Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) by Charlie Hebdo and called the move as irresponsible.

The latest issue of the French satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo hit newsstands on Wednesday which depicts a drawing of Prophet Muhammad, with a tear rolling down his cheek and a placard that reads "Je Suis Charlie".

The issue was created by the surviving staff with supporters saying the cartoon on the cover of Charlie Hebdo is a defiant expression of free speech following a terrorist attack on the publication's Paris offices that killed 12 people on January 7.

The publication of caricature sparked protests across the Muslim world which began after midday prayers Friday, Islam's holy day.