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## 'US to meet waterloo in Afghanistan'

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A political expert says the occupation of Afghanistan is US President Barack Obama's "Waterloo," suggesting that it will put an end to the United States as a major power.

"This is Obama's Waterloo. Afghanistan is commonly referred to as the quagmire of empires or the graveyard of empires. It will be the graveyard for our empire. This is the last stand of America's empire," columnist and author Allen Rolland told Press TV.

He made the remarks in reference to Napoleon's defeat at Waterloo, which put an end to his rule as the French emperor.

"Sorry to say it but Obama is beginning to know it too, and he doesn't want to face that fact. Note, much more importantly Joe Biden going over there and saying well it looks like we won't be pulling out in 2014 either. The corpocracy has control of this war in Washington. It's the only thing that is killing the economy; the war economy. It's this occupation," Rolland said.

According to official figures, more than 2,299 US-led soldiers have been killed in Afghanistan since the US-led invasion of the country in 2001.

Figures released by Afghanistan's Baakhtar News Agency, however, put the death toll at about 4,500.

Rolland also noted that US-led forces had achieved nothing except inflicting horrible atrocities on Afghan civilians.

The remarks come a recent report says US-led military operations have inflicted over USD 100 million in damages on public property in southern Afghanistan.

Afghans also blame foreign troops and their military operations for civilian deaths. The rising number of civilian casualties has increased anti-US sentiments in the troubled region.

The surge in violence comes despite the presence of 150,000 foreign troops engaged in the so-called war on terrorism.