

Some 3,000 Afghans Protest Against Long-Term U.S. Deal

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KABUL – Over three thousand people, mostly students, protested on Sunday in eastern Afghanistan against a deal that would allow a long-term presence of U.S. troops in the country.

A gathering of some 2,000 tribal elders known as loya jirga approved the idea of such a long-term partnership deal at a conference that ended on Saturday.

The demonstrators gathered near the capital of the eastern province of Nangarhar and shouted "Death to America! Death to the Government of Hamid Karzai!" to protest against any partnership with the United States allowing for the stay of U.S. troops in the country.

All international combat troops are expected to leave Afghanistan by the end of 2014, with security to be passed to the Afghan police and army. However, the proposed security agreement envisages the keeping of U.S. troops in the country past this deadline.

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