

# Activists slam troop presence

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Vancouver peace campaigners are questioning Canada's role in Afghanistan and called this week for a public inquiry into requests for more troops after three soldiers were injured in a bomb blast near Kandahar.

Mobilization against War and Occupation co-chair Shannon Bundock said the

Oct. 5 attack on a military convoy proved that the troops are not on a peaceful mission, but rather in the centre of an armed conflict.

Bundock concurred with comments made by Defence Minister Bill Graham speaking before the attack, who warned that the deployment of 250 Canadian troops to Kandahar could boost the odds of Canadian soldiers being killed or injured.