

# *Report Says Afghan President Karzai in Secret Contact with Taliban on Peace Deal*

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Kabul, February 7 (RHC)-- Afghan President Hamid Karzai has reportedly been in secret contact with the Taliban in a bid to reach a possible peace deal, without the involvement of the United States.

The New York Times reports the contacts could explain Karzai's recent refusal to sign a long-term deal to keep U.S. troops in Afghanistan, as well as his release of Taliban prisoners despite U.S. opposition.

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