

# *New Afghan Government Signs Deal to Keep 10,000 U.S. Troops*

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Kabul, September 30 (RHC)-- Afghanistan's new government has signed an agreement to keep 10,000 U.S. troops in the country. The deal came one day after President Ashraf Ghani was inaugurated. His predecessor, Hamid Karzai, had refused to sign the agreement.

White House counselor John Podesta praised the new Afghan government on Monday. He claimed that the new government in Afghanistan would strengthen the "strategic partnership" with the United States.

The new vice president of Afghanistan, Abdul Rashid Dostum, is one of the country's most notorious warlords, who was once described by now-President Ghani himself as a "known killer."

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