

# *Donald Trump May Expand Afghanistan War to Exploit Mineral Wealth*

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Washington, July 28 (RHC)-- The New York Times reports that U.S. President Donald Trump is being pressured by a billionaire financier and a chemical executive to escalate the U.S. war in Afghanistan in a bid to exploit the country's mineral wealth.

The Times reports Trump discussed Afghanistan's vast deposits of metals and rare earth elements with Afghan President Ashraf Ghani and is reportedly considering sending an envoy to Afghanistan to meet with mining officials. A 2010 U.S. estimate found Afghanistan has mineral deposits worth nearly \$1 trillion.

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