

U.S. transfers \$3.5 billion in frozen Afghan Central Bank funds to Swiss trust

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This comes just weeks after a federal judge recommended against efforts by victims of the September 11 attacks to seize half of the \$7 billion in Afghanistan's foreign reserves frozen by the U.S. Humanitarian aid groups are calling for all the assets seized by the U.S. to be returned to Afghanistan's central bank, saying the money is critical to mitigating a humanitarian crisis.

The United Nations says some six million Afghans are at risk of famine, and more than 95% of the population is not getting enough to eat.

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