

U.S. Power-down In Afghanistan

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The U.S. plan now is to close out combat operations starting this summer (2011) and extending over the next couple of years. But the U.S. states its intentions to remain in Afghanistan as a partner for the long term. With the changes sweeping the Middle East – will this timetable and plan hold? The only certainty is that the U.S. will soon begin a power-down phase.

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