

Timeline: Afghanistan to 2014

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Introduction

As the United States and NATO look to complete a drawdown of combat forces from Afghanistan, they must take note of a list of critical events relating to their mission.

U.S. and NATO forces will encounter the events listed below between now and the official 2014 full transition of security operations to the Afghan Forces. We present them in the spirit of informing a debate about planning for the future of U.S. policy in the region.

2012

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| March | DoD “1230” Report on Progress Toward Security and Stability in Afghanistan |
| March | Tenth anniversary of Operation Anaconda |
| March 2 | Iranian Parliamentary Elections |
| March 4 | Russian Presidential Election |
| May 1 | Annv. Osama bin Laden’s death |
| May 15-22 | NATO conference in Chicago |
| September | U.S. Surge troop withdrawal complete, leaving 68,000 American troops |
| October | DoD “1230” Report on Progress Toward Security and Stability in Afghanistan |
| Nov 6 | U.S. General Election |



No Date Determined- Official Opening of Taliban Office in Qatar and any Taliban Prisoner Release

2013

- Jan 20 U.S. Presidential Inauguration
- March DoD “1230” Report on Progress Toward Security and Stability in Afghanistan
- March 16 Pakistani General Elections (Parliament)
- June Iranian Presidential Elections
- August NATO Secretary General 4 year Term ends (possible 1 year extension)
- August Tenth anniversary of NATO in charge of ISAF
- October Projected levels of ANSF manpower--ANA: 240,000 ANP: 160,000
- October DoD “1230” Report on Progress Toward Security and Stability in Afghanistan



No Date Determined- Pakistani Presidential Elections

2014

No Date Determined - Afghanistan Presidential Elections

- January Tenth anniversary of the ratification of the Afghan Constitution
- March DoD “1230” Report on Progress Toward Security and Stability in Afghanistan
- June Expiration of Manas Transit Center Lease (automatic 1 year extension if no objections)
- October DoD “1230” Report on Progress Toward Security and Stability in Afghanistan
- December Transition of security responsibility to Afghan Forces complete

Note: “1230” report dates based on previous releases of report

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