

'Private Security Firms Threaten Afghan Security'

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Officials in the Afghan government said that private security firms form a big threat to security in the country

The Afghan government and the US are concerned about a lack of transparency in the international contracts by which security firms are paid, which result in chaos in the country, the spokesperson for the Afghan president said.

The spokesman for President Karzai, Wahid Omar, sees private security firms behind the security concerns.

Meanwhile, a report published by the US Congress claimed that part of the US military budget in Afghanistan goes to the Taliban's and insurgents' pockets.

In the report, the US Congress says that the US forces in Afghanistan can pay millions of dollars for security of their logistic convoys in a week, but the money flows to the Taliban's pocket as bribe.

While confirming the comments made by the Afghan government, the former Higher Education Minister-turned Taliban member Arsalan Rahmani said that private security firms are afraid of taking risks so they give bribes at the crossing locations controlled by the Taliban.

"This is a reality when convoys carrying foreign forces' goods cross an area controlled by the Taliban. The security contractors split some of the money taken from the contract with the Taliban," said Rahmani.

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