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John Kerry visits Afghanistan for urgent talks on security deal

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The US Secretary of State John Kerry has travelled to Afghanistan in a surprise visit to meet with the Afghan officials regarding the bilateral security agreement.

According to reports, John Kerry is going to hold urgent talks with the Afghan president Hamid Karzai in a bid to finalize the security deal between the two nations, as the deadline set by Washington for deal by the end of October looms.

His visit to Kabul also comes amid recent reports which suggest that the talks between the two nations have foundered issues over Afghan sovereignty and president Karzai's demand regarding the American guarantees against future foreign invasion on Afghanistan.

Officials travelling with Kerry during his visit to Afghanistan have told reporters that the Oct. 31 deadline is “doable and desirable”.

The officials speaking on the condition of anonymity have told reporters that failing to meet it would create significant problems, as the lack of an agreement would create uncertainty that would make it more difficult to plan the next phases of withdrawal from Afghanistan.

The officials also added that it will be unlikely that the NATO allies will keep troops in Afghanistan if Kabul and Washington fail to reach an agreement on bilateral security agreement.

John Kerry’s visit to Afghanistan is aimed to build momentum for the negotiators who will continue their talks after Kerry departs, the officials said adding that no deal will be clinched during Kerry’s visit to Afghanistan.