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US defense secretary makes surprise visit to Afghanistan

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The US Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel arrived in Afghanistan in an unannounced visit to meet with Afghan officials and US troops.

The visit by Hagel comes as tensions between Afghan and US officials remains unresolved to finalize the bilateral security agreement between the two nations.

According to reports, Hagel is not scheduled to meet with the Afghan president Hamid Karzai to discuss the controversial bilateral security agreement.

Hagel is the latest senior US official to visit Afghanistan in the recent weeks.