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Karzai slams US, Pakistan's 'war on terror' in Afghanistan

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Outgoing Afghan President Hamid Karzai has slammed the United States and Pakistan over their so-called war on terror in his country.

During a farewell speech to his cabinet ministers, Karzai accused Washington and Islamabad of failing to be sincere in their involvement in Afghanistan.

He said that the two countries were not genuinely committed to bringing peace and stability to Afghanistan.

The outgoing Afghan leader said that Washington is following its own interests in the war-torn nation, while Pakistan is interfering in its internal affairs and trying to take control over Afghanistan's foreign policy.

Karzai further said that Afghanistan had become a victim of a foreign war.

This comes shortly after former Finance Minister Ashraf Ghani, who was declared winner of the country's presidential election, and rival presidential candidate Abdullah Abdullah signed a power-sharing agreement.

The new government will replace the administration of Karzai, who has been in power since Washington and its allies invaded the country in 2001 and removed the Taliban from power.

Despite the US-led war against the Taliban, insecurity prevails across the country.

There are currently more than 41,000 foreign troops in Afghanistan, including some 29,000 US troops.

The new administration in Afghanistan has yet to decide on its relationship with the NATO alliance, after Karzai refused to sign a security agreement that would ensure continued presence of foreign military forces.