

# *U.S. President Gives Pentagon New Powers to Decide Number of Troops in Afghanistan*

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Washington, June 15 (RHC)-- U.S. President Donald Trump has given the Pentagon new powers to decide the number of U.S. troops in Afghanistan, meaning thousands more U.S. soldiers could be deployed.

The authorization came the same day Defense Secretary Jim Mattis testified to the Senate Armed Services Committee.

There are currently about 8,400 U.S. troops in Afghanistan. The war in Afghanistan is the longest war in U.S. history, beginning with the U.S. invasion in 2001.

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