



Presidential Decree

Concerning the authorization of security contracts with Private Security Companies

Number: 66

Date: 29 Aug 2015

Article One:

In order to properly implement the contents of the "Security and Defense Cooperation Contract between the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and the United States of America" and "the Contract between the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) on the Status of NATO Forces and NATO Personnel Conducting Mutually Agreed NATO-Led Activities" and considering the contents of Presidential Decree # 38 on 31 Dec 2014, I enact the followings:

1. The United States and NATO Forces are authorized to contract with Private Security Companies based on their security requirements in order to protect their military, civilian, and contractor personnel who are performing official and contractual duties outside of the NATO/US agreed facilities.
2. The Private Security Companies used by the NATO/US Forces outside the agreed facilities for security purposes, remain subject to observe Afghanistan laws and regulations.
3. The Private Security Companies used by NATO/US Forces outside of the agreed facilities may use weapons such as M-9 Pistols, M-4 and M-16 machineguns and similar weapons suitable to the security threats, after obtaining licenses from the Afghan Ministry of Interior Affairs.
4. The armed Private Security Companies and their personnel cannot be from Afghanistan neighboring countries.
5. The Private Security Companies' entrance, exit, and registration of weapons and other equipment used by those companies providing security services to the US/NATO Forces according to the contract, shall take place based on Article 7th of the Contract between the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and NATO and Article 9th of the Security and Defense Cooperation Contract between the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and United States of America, and Article 4th of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Office of the

National Security Council of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and International Security Assistance Force and U.S Forces-Afghanistan on Matters of Security and Force Protection.

6. The Ministry of Interior is tasked to take measures concerning the issuance and renewal of the licenses for the limited Private Security Companies listed and approved by the Ministry of Interior, based on related laws and procedures.
7. The United States and NATO Forces may contract with the Private Security Companies which hold licenses from the Afghanistan Investment Support Agency (AISA).
8. Considering the provisions in this Decree, US/NATO contractors working in direct support of Afghan National Defense and Security Forces (ANDSF) may contract with the Ministry of Interior licensed Private Security Companies to maintain their security.

Article Two:

If any provision of this decree contradicts with the provisions of previous decrees, the provisions under this decree takes precedence.

Article Three:

This decree is enforced as of 29 Aug 2015.

Mohammad Ashraf Ghani

President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Signed