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*Cordially invite you to*

## **THE TALIBAN AND AL QAEDA TODAY** **PROSPECTS FOR SECURITY IN AFGHANISTAN**

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

11:00 a.m.-noon

B1 Level Conference Room C  
1800 K Street, NW

*With remarks by*

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*Moderated by*

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How has global terrorism changed since 2001?  
How has this changed Afghanistan and, in particular, the Taliban?  
How can the international community deal with terrorism without creating more terrorists?

Mr. Karzai, who has conducted extensive research across Afghanistan, will present his perspective on the shifting terrorism landscape over the past three years. The talk will focus on the diminished threat of Al Qaeda and the emergence of 20 to 30 different jihad organizations that are emulating the tactics and techniques of Al Qaeda. He will also discuss the changing Taliban outlook and strategy; they have been actively regrouping and undertaking guerrilla attacks throughout the South and East of Afghanistan, killing over 1,200 people this year alone.

The presentation will also address Afghanistan's military capability and its ability to deal with the insurgency, the lack of understanding of the environment and culture by foreign forces, the role of outside actors such as Pakistan, the slow pace of reconstruction, and the impact of the booming drug trade. Mr. Karzai will then present recommendations for how to improve the efficacy of our efforts.

A question-and-answer period will follow.

We hope you will be able to join us. Please RSVP with your acceptance to [PCRBrief@csis.org](mailto:PCRBrief@csis.org).

The CSIS Post-Conflict Reconstruction Project has recently completed an assessment of the progress of the reconstruction effort in Afghanistan. A summary report of the Project's findings is available at <http://www.csis.org/isp/pcr/reports.htm>. For more information about the CSIS Project on Terrorism, please contact Aidan Kirby at [akirby@csis.org](mailto:akirby@csis.org).