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Government

Country Name:	<p><i>Conventional long form:</i> Islamic Republic of Afghanistan</p> <p><i>Conventional short form:</i> Afghanistan</p> <p><i>Local long form:</i> Jomhuri-ye Eslami-ye Afghanistan</p> <p><i>Local short form:</i> Afghanistan</p> <p><i>Former:</i> Republic of Afghanistan</p>
Government Type:	Islamic republic
Capital:	<p><i>Name:</i> Kabul</p> <p><i>Geographic coordinates:</i> 34 31 N, 69 11 E</p> <p><i>Time difference:</i> UTC+4.5 (9.5 hours ahead of Washington, DC during Standard Time)</p>
Administrative Divisions:	34 provinces (welayat, singular - welayat); Badakhshan, Badghis, Baghlan, Balkh, Bamyan, Daykundi, Farah, Faryab, Ghazni, Ghor, Helmand, Herat, Jowzjan, Kabul, Kandahar, Kapisa, Khost, Kunar, Kunduz, Laghman, Logar, Nangarhar, Nimroz, Nuristan, Paktika, Paktiya, Panjshir, Parwan, Samangan, Sar-e Pul, Takhar, Uruzgan, Wardak, Zabol
Independence:	19 August 1919 (from UK control over Afghan foreign affairs)
Constitution:	Sixth constitution drafted 14 December 2003-4 January 2004; signed 16 January 2004; ratified 26 January 2004
Suffrage:	18 years of age; universal
Political Parties and Leaders:	The Ministry of Justice licensed 72 political parties as of April 2019
Political Pressure Groups and Leaders:	<i>Other:</i> Religious groups, tribal leaders, ethnically based groups, Taliban
International Organization Participation:	ADB, CICA, CP, ECO, EITI (candidate country), FAO, G-77, IAEA, IBRD, ICAO, ICC (NGOs), ICt, ICRM, IDA, IDB, IFAD, IFC, IFRCs, ILO, IMF, Interpol, IOC, IOM, IPU, ISO (correspondent), ITSO, ITU, ITUC (NGOs), MIGA, NAM, OIC, OPCW, OSCE (partner), SAARC, SACEP, SCO (dialogue member), UN, UNAMA, UNCTAD, UNESCO, UNHCR, UNIDO, UNWTO, UPU, WCO, WFTU (NGOs), WHO, WIPO, WMO, WTO
Diplomatic Representation in the U.S.:	<p><i>Chief of Mission:</i> Ambassador Roya RAHMANI (since 24 November 2018)</p> <p><i>Chancery:</i> 2341 Wyoming Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008</p> <p><i>Telephone:</i> [1] (202) 483-6410</p>

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U.S.:**

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