

# Kabul bans foreign security firms

Afghanistan has formally banned eight foreign private security firms including the controversial Xe Services, formerly known as Blackwater. There are almost 16,400 armed private security contractors (PSCs) in the country

U.S.  
troops in  
Afghanistan  
79,100

U.S.  
contractors  
112,092

Armed PSC personnel  
16,398

Americans  
16,081

Americans  
137

Other  
nationalities  
960

Afghans  
78,499

Others  
17,512

Afghans  
15,301

Data as of March 31, 2010