

Race against time for Afghan airlift

Western troops at Kabul airport are working frantically to evacuate huge numbers of people after Joe Biden rejected the pleas of G7 allies to keep troops in Afghanistan beyond the end of August

Taliban checkpoints on Airport Road

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Entrance

Military site

Entrance

KABUL

Population:
4 million

Civilian site

Entrance

U.S.
Embassy

**Crowds gathered
at main entrance**

UK
Embassy

**Former
Green Zone**

Kabul River

Presidential
Palace

Old City



C-17 military transport

500m
1,600 ft

■ More than 82,300 people evacuated since Aug 14, one day before Taliban seized Kabul

■ Evacuation flights taking off every 45 minutes

■ Fears remain for thousands who wish to flee but may be left behind