

ALONG WITH VETOS ON US INTERROGATIONS, AFGHANISTAN GETS A 10-YEAR COMMITMENT

According to reports (VOA, AP, NYT) the US and Afghanistan have finalized their agreement on night raids. In addition to the night raid partnership detailed earlier in the week, the finalized agreement resolves the dispute over what happens to prisoners taken in night raids by giving Afghans authority to deny US interrogators access to detainees captured in night raids.

Also, Afghan authorities will have control over prisoners taken in night raids and will decide whether to allow U.S. interrogators access to detainees.

How long will it take for Karzai's government to effectively put US Special Forces to work abusing his political enemies?

But look on the bright side! The news we've finally reached a night raids agreement means we can look forward to 10 more years of propping up the Afghan Army.

General Allen said the signing meant that the two countries were "ready to look forward to a successful summit in Chicago in the wake of the signing of the strategic partnership agreement."

The strategic partnership agreement commits the United States to another decade of involvement in the country in areas like economic development and education.

The meeting in Chicago is a NATO summit at which countries involved in the war are expected to commit to continuing financial contributions to Afghanistan

as well as committing to train and equip the forces.

Not that I expect the Karzai regime (or whoever runs to replace him in 2014) to remain in power that long. But think about how many teachers in the US we'll get to fire to pay for 10 more years in Afghanistan.