

Save Our Afghan Allies Social Media Toolkit

Overview

On May 25, officials [announced](#) that American troops are set to withdraw from Afghanistan by early- to mid-July, well ahead of President Biden's [September 11 deadline](#). While the withdrawal of the U.S. military forces from Afghanistan is proceeding swiftly, more than 18,000 Afghans who served alongside American forces, working as interpreters, security guards, drivers, engineers, and more face a severe backlog in the processing of their Special Immigrant Visas (SIVs). The fate of our Afghan allies and their families are in danger and at risk of retaliatory attacks from the Taliban.

We still believe strongly in the need to [#GetThemToGuam](#), and we will not stand down until every single one of our Afghan allies and their family members are evacuated to a place of safety that recognizes their dignity, honors their sacrifices, and ensures they cannot be forcibly returned to Afghanistan because of bureaucratic missteps.

While we have seen some encouraging reports from White House officials that evacuation is being considered, we have yet to see a direct order by the president. Until we see that order and a concrete plan that involves the evacuation of all who need safety to an acceptable safe location, we will not stand down.

[GRAPHICS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA](#)

Hashtags/Accounts to tag on graphics/posts:

Hashtags to use:

[#SaveOurAllies](#)
[#SaveOurAfghanAllies](#)
[#KeepOurPromise](#)
[#EvacuateNow](#)
[#GetThemToGuam](#)

Accounts to tag:

[@WhiteHouse](#)
[@POTUS](#)
[@LIRSorg](#)
[@Vets4AmerIdeals](#)
[@humanrights1st](#)
[@IRAP](#)
[@wartimeallies](#)
[@WithHonorAction](#)

Promotional Posts (Post before 7/1/2021)

Twitter

- 5,000 isn't enough. 15,000 is not enough. 50,000 is not enough. We need to evacuate all 80,000 Afghan allies and their family members to a safe location, absolutely no one can be left behind.

Join us July 1st at 11am for our rally to #SaveOurAllies: <https://fb.me/e/CiZvlu8w>

- As the US military withdraws from Afghanistan, we have to make sure our allies are not abandoned. Join us July 1st at 11am at Lafayette Square in Washington, D.C. for our rally to #KeepOurPromise to evacuate all our allies: <https://fb.me/e/CiZvlu8w>

Facebook/Instagram/LinkedIn

- As the U.S. military withdraws from Afghanistan, our allies urgently need our help. More than 18,000 Afghans who risked their lives to serve the U.S. mission (and their +70,000 family members) are at grave risk if left behind and victims to anti-American violence. Time is running out. Join us as we call on the White House to evacuate our Afghan allies to safety. The rally will feature remarks from Afghan allies, American veterans, members of Congress, faith leaders, and immigrant and refugee advocates. All are welcome to join us to raise their voices on behalf of our Afghan allies and to call on President Biden to #KeepOurPromise: <https://fb.me/e/CiZvlu8w>

July 1st Tweetstorm (11am - 1pm EST)

Situational/Background Context Post

Twitter

- Our Afghan allies have served alongside U.S. troops, working as translators, drivers, engineers, security guards, and more. We must honor our commitments to the #Afghans who saved so many American lives. Read refugee Seeta Habib's powerful opinion piece in USA Today:
<https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/voices/2021/06/24/afghanistan-special-immigrant-visa-translator-shaheen-ernst-refugees/5319414001/>

Facebook/Instagram/LinkedIn

- We must act to #EvacuateNow the 18,000+ Afghan allies who risked their lives to help the U.S. & who have waited years to get to safety, enduring threats & violence from militias like the Taliban. As the U.S. withdraws from #Afghanistan, these allies are in more danger than ever. Learn more and take action here:
<https://www.lirs.org/emergency-evacuation-afghan-allies-action-alert>

Live-Event Posts

Action Steps We Want People To Take on Social Media at the Event:

1. Post during the event. For example, you can post a photo of Afghan Special Immigrant Visa holders, American veterans, members of Congress, faith leaders, and other speakers giving remarks. You can use hashtags like [#GetThemToGuam](#), [#EvacuateNow](#), and [#SaveOurAllies](#). See sample captions and tweets below.
2. Tweet your Senators/Reps and President Biden (@POTUS) to demand a comprehensive and urgent plan for an evacuation for our allies.
 - a. Look up your representative here:
<https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>
 - b. Look up your Senator here:
<https://www.senate.gov/senators/senators-contact.htm>
3. Sign petitions urging your Senators and President Biden to protect our Afghan allies [here](#) and [here](#). Tag your friends and family and encourage your network to take action as well.
4. Follow @LIRSorg for live event updates from speakers and retweet content

Twitter (Can be adapted for Insta/FB)

- @POTUS, if we abandon the [#Afghans](#) who saved so many American lives in combat zones, we will fight tomorrow's wars alone. Evacuate our Afghan allies and their families to Guam now. [#SaveOurAllies](#) [#GetThemToGuam](#)
- 18,000+ [#Afghans](#) who served alongside our soldiers saved American lives & were promised a pathway to safety remain in danger in Afghanistan. The Biden administration must [#evacuate](#) these Afghans to a safe location before U.S. troops withdraw. Act now:
https://voterveice.net/LIRS/campaigns/85410/respond?mc_cid=34913eae9c&mc_eid=991f36ad4b&fbclid=IwAR3NwXLZMMd415U1 TKi0Cof4GPOBZs1BcNpByILhdPtGwMcLgaj5OZQ_yI
- Afghans who worked for the U.S. as translators, engineers, security guards, and more remain in danger in Afghanistan. They'll be in greater danger once U.S. troops leave in the coming weeks. @POTUS must put forth a concrete plan and [#EvacuateNow](#) our allies: <https://vfai.quorum.us/campaign/32678/>
- We must act to [#EvacuateNow](#) the 18,000+ Afghan allies who risked their lives to help the U.S. & who have waited years to get to safety, enduring threats & violence from militias like the Taliban. As the U.S. withdraws from [#Afghanistan](#), these allies are in more danger than ever. [#GetThemToGuam](#)
- @POTUS we need a direct order and a comprehensive plan in place to evacuate our Afghan allies now. Our 18,000 Afghan allies and their families are counting on us. [#SaveOurAllies](#)
- We must honor our commitments to the [#Afghans](#) who saved so many American lives. If we abandon those who helped us today, we will fight tomorrow's wars alone.

Contact @POTUS to urge him to evacuate our allies to a safe location now:

https://voterveice.net/LIRS/campaigns/85410/respond?mc_cid=34913eae9c&mc_eid=991f36ad4b&fbclid=IwAR3NwXLZMMd415U1_TKi0Cof4GPOBZs1BcNpBylLhdPtGwMcLgaj5OZQ_yl

- 🙌 Governor of Guam said she's ready to welcome Afghan allies if the U.S. govt. evacuates them to Guam from Afghanistan. As @louleonguerrero said, it's an act of patriotism to protect our allies who have sacrificed so much for us.
https://www.postguam.com/news/local/guam-will-support-hosting-afghan-evacuees-if-needed/article_9012332c-c2a8-11eb-8123-57dfff6e0d15.html

Facebook/Instagram/LinkedIn

- President Biden has recently acknowledged the need for an evacuation for our Afghan allies - but has yet to give an order even as American military troops could complete their withdrawal from Afghanistan as early as next week. We have no time to lose if we want to evacuate our 18,000 allies and their families.

Urge President Biden to evacuate our allies:

https://www.voterveice.net/LIRS/campaigns/85410/respond?mc_cid=34913eae9c&mc_eid=991f36ad4b

- Are your Senators and Representatives advocating for an evacuation of our 18,000 Afghan allies and their family members? Send them a message telling them to urge President Biden to prepare an evacuation for them before the US withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Find your Representative:

<https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>

Find your Senator: <https://www.senate.gov/senators/senators-contact.htm>