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**Biden followed through on his promise to end America's longest war, and may be held responsible for the tragedy unfolding.**

**Here's how the White House is reacting to the situation.**

President Joe Biden will address the United States on Monday afternoon regarding the crisis in Afghanistan.

His address will be his first since the Taliban stormed Kabul on Sunday.

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With the Taliban set to re-declare the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, President Joe Biden's decision to commit to a swift withdrawal has left the country and US personnel in peril.

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Biden's national security advisor, [@jakejsullivan](#), says Afghanistan fell to the Taliban because the Afghan army lacked the 'will' to defend its country.

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**"Despite the fact that we spent 20 years and tens of billions of dollars to give the best equipment, the best training, and the best capacity to the Afghan national security forces, we could not give them the will."**

**Jake Sullivan**

President Joe Biden's national security advisor, as told to NBC's "Today" show Monday.

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Biden said there was 'no circumstance' in which US citizens would be evacuated from Kabul by helicopter 5 weeks before exactly that happened.

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**"There is going to be no circumstance in which you are going to see people being lifted off the roof of an embassy of the United States from Afghanistan."**

**Joe Biden**

Current US president

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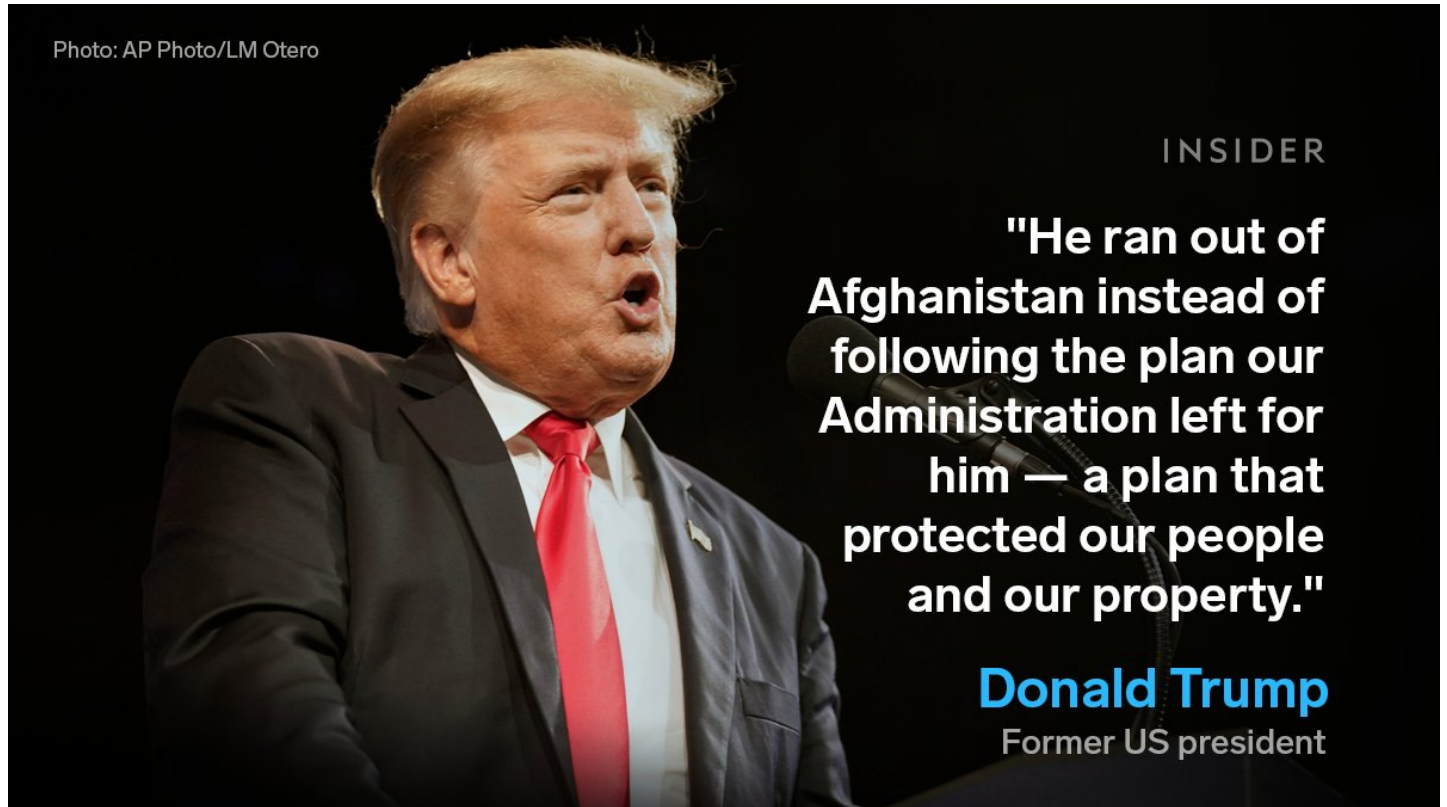
In July, Biden denied any valid comparisons between the US withdrawal from Afghanistan and the US evacuation from Saigon in 1975 following its defeat in the Vietnam war.

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Former president Trump criticized President Biden on his withdrawal strategy.

Biden alleged that Trump "left the Taliban in the strongest position militarily since 2001."

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Meanwhile, the GOP quietly removed a webpage hailing Trump's peace deal with the Taliban.

Both Trump and Biden have sought to blame each other for the debacle.

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Outside the US, China's state media mocked the US withdrawal in Afghanistan, saying the Taliban takeover was 'more smooth than the presidential transition in the US'.

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