

## U.S. is poised to ramp up military in Afghanistan

The Trump administration is considering a major shift in strategy in Afghanistan, including an increase of at least 3,000 troops, that would effectively put the United States back on a war footing with the Taliban. The plan would authorize the Pentagon, not the White House, to set troop levels in Afghanistan and give it far broader authority to use airstrikes to target militants.

By Missy Ryan and Greg Jaffe

## Yates says she warned White House that Flynn could be blackmailed by Russia

Former acting attorney general Sally Yates told lawmakers that she expected the White House to “take action” on her January warning about then-national security adviser Michael Flynn. The retired general stayed on the job for 18 days after Yates’s warning.

By Devlin Barrett and Sari Horwitz



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Sandy Hockenberry of Dubuque, Iowa, yells in anger at a town hall meeting held by Rep. Rod Blum. (Rachel Mumme­y for The Post)

## Iowa congressman walks out of a TV interview and into an angry town hall meeting

Rep. Rod Blum, a member of the conservative House Freedom Caucus, struggled to explain his vote to support the American Health Care Act to a pre-screened audience.

By Ed O’Keefe

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President Trump’s political statements trailed him to court, where judges on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit seemed skeptical his revised travel ban was based on national security concerns rather than his campaign promise to ban Muslims from entering the United States.

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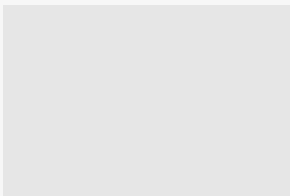
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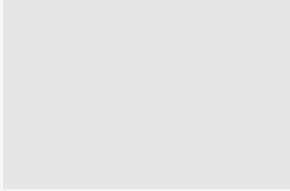
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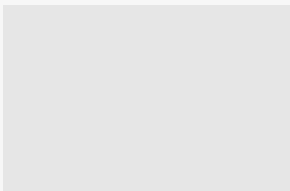
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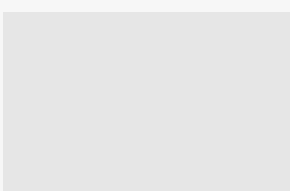
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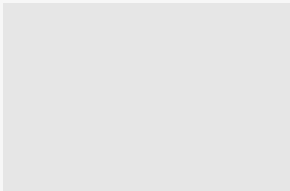
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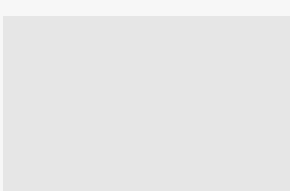
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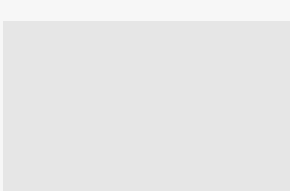
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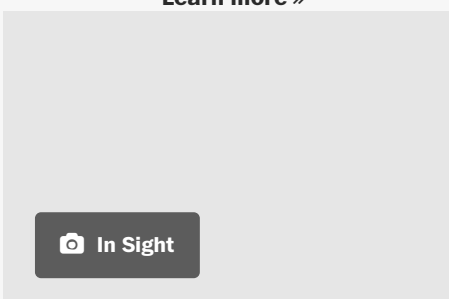
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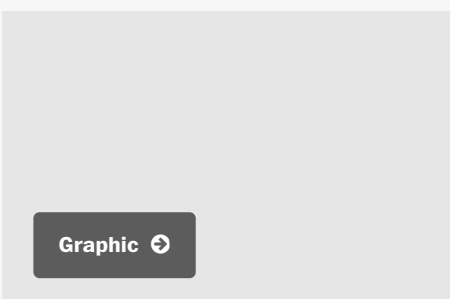
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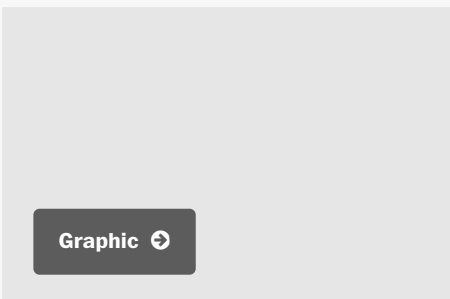
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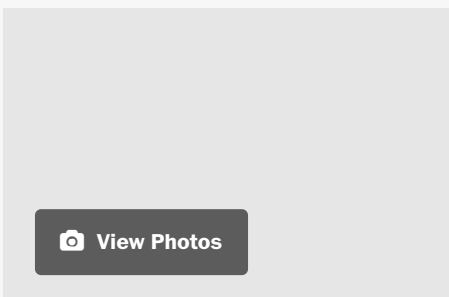
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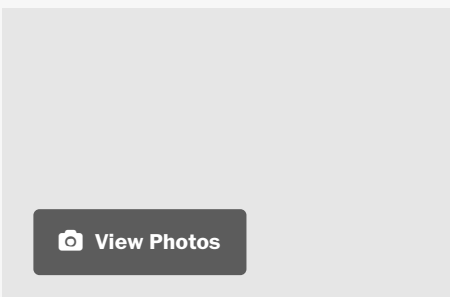
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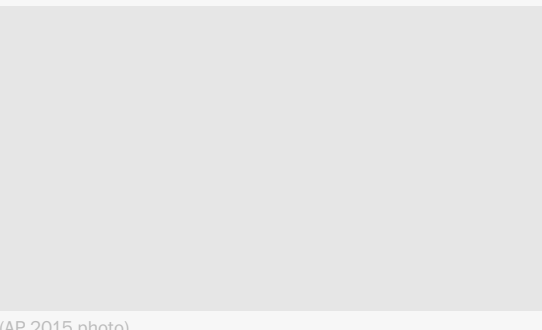


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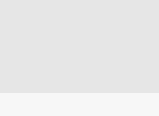
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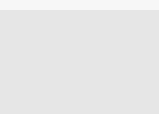
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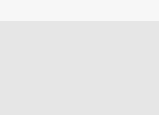
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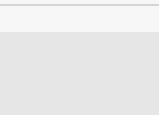
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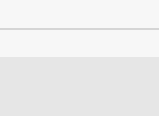
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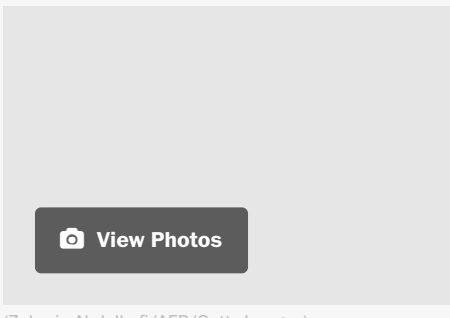
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