

Karzai leaves for Qatar to attend 10th US-Islamic World Forum

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Afghan president Hamid Karzai accompanied by a delegation of high level government officials on Sunday left for Qatar to attend the 10th annual US-Islamic World Forum.

Presidential palace media office following a statement announced, “President Hamid Karzai, leading a high-level delegation, left this noon for Doha the Capital of Qatar to attend the 10th annual US-Islamic World Forum”.

The statement further added, “President Karzai is scheduled to deliver a speech today at the Forum about Afghanistan’s vision on regional and international issues”.

“During this visit, the President will meet with Qatari officials to discuss Afghanistan’s peace process and bilateral relations between the two countries”, the statement added.

President is accompanied by Foreign Minister Dr. Zalmi Rasoul, National Security Advisor Dr. Spanta, Head of High Peace Council Salahuddin Rabbani, Presidential Advisor in International Relations Yahya Marufi, Deputy Chief of Staff to the President Homaira Ludin Etmadi and President’s Spokesperson Aimal Faizi.

The 10th annual US-Islamic World Forum begins at the Ritz-Carlton Doha today. Organised jointly by Brookings Project on US Relations with the Islamic World and Qatar, the three-day conference will conclude on June 11.

The forum will also host HE the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Ahmed bin Abdullah al-Mahmoud, former US ambassador to the United Nations Thomas Pickering, Egyptian Minister for International Co-operation and Development Amr Darrag, Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs undersecretary Tara Sonenshine and Organisation of Islamic Cooperation secretary-general Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, among others.

It will focus on the conflicts in Afghanistan and Syria, political change in Pakistan and a number of Arab nations, as well as the need for greater economic opportunity within the world’s emerging democracies.