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The U.S. federal watchdog reports that President Joe Biden's 2021 military withdrawal from Afghanistan left \$7.2 billion worth of military hardware under the control of the Taliban.

This information came to light during the first public hearing on the withdrawal held on Wednesday when House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Michael McCaul accused the Biden administration of withholding critical documents related to the withdrawal.

A report submitted to the house claimed the Pentagon told investigators from the Office of the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR), that there was no realistic way to recover the equipment that remains in Afghanistan. The

main reason for the latter is that the US does not recognize the Taliban as a legitimate government.



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The Taliban has taken full advantage of this situation and now has access to advanced hardware, including but not limited to US made armored vehicles, Mi-17 helicopters, assault rifles with advanced sights, and night vision goggles.

The terrorist organization is reportedly hiring former Afghan army personnel to fly the abandoned US planes. “The pilots working for the Taliban reportedly need jobs and say the Taliban are the most reliable employer in Afghanistan,” says the watchdog report.

The release of these findings raises concerns about how the Taliban was able to obtain such significant amounts of US military equipment without consequences. It also calls into question why and how the Biden administration failed to prevent this from happening.



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Furthermore, there is a possibility that the Taliban may sell the hardware, allowing unfriendly elements to access US military weapon technology.

When the Biden administration enacted the military withdrawal, it required the Pentagon to negotiate a deal with the Taliban, which stated that the Taliban would not pose a threat to the security of US personnel or allies. The result of this deal, the report indicates, is that the Taliban now has a monopoly on US taxpayer-funded military equipment, per [Free Beacon](#).



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The report has alarmed the appropriations and foreign affairs communities, as concerns about Afghan security persist. Experts speculate that it is only a matter of time before the Taliban establishes a presence in Central Asia and ultimately the wider global arena.

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