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# 4 Kazakhs Go to Afghanistan

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ALMATY, Kazakhstan — Kazakhstan said Friday that it planned to send four noncombat officers to join NATO-led forces in Afghanistan.

Kazakhstan will become the first former Soviet republic in Central Asia to send a contingent to join the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan.

After the lower house of parliament ratified the bill earlier this month, the Taliban warned Kazakhstan that its decision would have severe consequences.

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