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Russia Delivers Last Military Transport Helicopters to Afghan Security Forces

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Russia has delivered the last of 63 Mi-17 transport helicopters ordered in 2011 by the U.S. Defense Department for the Afghan National Security Forces, the company Russian Helicopters said in a statement on Thursday.

"The helicopters supplied assist with the successful formation of the Afghan National Security Forces and are part of Russia-U.S. cooperation in the fight against international terrorism," the statement said.

As the U.S.-led international coalition in Afghanistan wraps up their decade long presence in the country, the U.S. military has been purchasing arms and vehicles, mostly from Russia, to support Afghan troops in their struggles against the Taliban.

The statement said Russia is prepared to discuss future supplies of Russian military helicopters, as well as providing maintenance and servicing for Afghanistan's helicopter fleet,

including those already in service.

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