

PROMISES MADE PROMISES **BROKEN** PROMISES WE CAN STILL KEEP

The United States built a program to keep its promise to the Afghans who served alongside it, ran it at record scale, and then shut it off by policy. The machinery works. What is missing is will.

WHAT THE REPORT FOUND

The promise reaches everyone who shared the risk. Guards, drivers, pilots, judges, women leaders, and their families, across the SIV program, the refugee pathway, and parole.

The security rationale collapses. The government's own most rigorous review found 55 watchlist matches, 46 already cleared, not the figures asserted without methodology.

A record year, then switched off by choice.

FY2024 was the program's best year ever. It was not stopped by applicants, numbers, or law. It was stopped by policy.

Built on the wrong chassis. An employment-visa process cannot serve allies in hiding whose records vanished. The durable fix is a danger-based refugee category.

BY THE NUMBERS

~160,000

SIVs issued since 2009

33,119

SIV outcomes in FY2024, an all-time record

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SIVs issued to Afghan-passport holders since Jan. 1, 2026

178,110

people hold Chief of Mission approval

5,970

congressionally authorized visa numbers sit frozen

1,191 days

average processing time, 4x the legal standard

~28,800

Afghans admitted via refugee pathway, now frozen

~11,700

Afghans lost Temporary Protected Status, July 2025

“The shutdown suspends a whole nationality, most of them not even in this country, over a danger the government cannot document. That is not vetting. It is abandonment with paperwork.”

SHAWN VANDIVER, PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER, AFGHANEVAC

AFGHANEVAC'S POSITION IS UNCHANGED AND UNAMBIGUOUS. THE UNITED STATES SHOULD:

- 01** Restore the SIV exemption to Proclamation 10998 and resume issuing visas already adjudicated.
- 02** Issue the 5,970 authorized numbers that remain, now, not as leverage or left to expire.
- 03** Authorize ~50,000 more principal-applicant numbers, or remove the cap altogether.
- 04** Restore the full CARE relocation suite, including charter flights and third-country processing.
- 05** Reopen the Refugee Admissions Program to Afghans, including Priority-1 and Priority-2 referrals.
- 06** Expedite family reunification and end multi-year separations, starting with U.S. citizens and LPRs.
- 07** Reopen and extend Chief of Mission eligibility for those shut out by the December 2025 deadline.
- 08** Comply fully with the courts' orders rather than litigating against America's own wartime allies.
- 09** Protect Afghans already here: restore TPS, provide stable status, and adjudicate their benefits.
- 10** Build a durable, conflict-agnostic wartime allies program so the U.S. never improvises this again.

WHY THIS IS A NATIONAL INTEREST, NOT ONLY A DEBT

Protects future American servicemembers. Future allies are watching whether an American promise expires with the news cycle.

Denies adversaries a propaganda win. Every stranded ally is a story our adversaries are already telling.

Keeps American families together. Over 9,000 relatives of U.S. citizens and green-card holders are still stranded.

Keeping faith with our allies has never been partisan. Read the report, and act. Our allies have waited long enough.

Read the report — afghanevac.org/unfinished-mission

Endorse these recommendations — afghanevac.org/policy

Every figure in this brief is sourced in the full report, dated August 5, 2026. SIV totals are outcomes (issuances plus adjustments of status); the refugee-pathway figure is separate from parole; the 292 Afghans blocked at Camp As Sayliyah are held up by a relative's flag, not denied for failing vetting.