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ABC NEWS LIVE TO COMMEMORATE THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.S. TROOP WITHDRAWAL FROM AFGHANISTAN WITH TWO SPECIALS

‘Leaving Afghanistan: One Year Later’ Streams Monday, Aug. 29, on ABC News Live and on Hulu

‘The Women Left Behind’ Streams Tuesday, Aug. 30, on ABC News Live and on Hulu



ABC News*

As this month marks the one-year anniversary of the U.S. military withdrawal from America’s longest war, ABC News Live presents two specials, “Leaving Afghanistan: One Year Later” and “The Women Left Behind.”

“Leaving Afghanistan: One Year Later”

With reporting led by “Good Morning America” co-anchor **George Stephanopoulos**, “**Leaving Afghanistan: One Year Later**” is a one-hour special that takes viewers inside the intense days of evacuation with first-hand accounts from the service members that were on the ground.

The program includes interviews with the U.S. Air Force Crew Reach 871 and 82nd Airborne members who helped evacuate Afghan citizens to safety, 24-year-old Marine Corp. Sgt. **Tyler Vargas-Andrews**, who was injured by a suicide bomber, and Marine Gunnery Sgt. **Zachary Kapinus**, who pulled a baby over the Kabul airport wall in a viral video. Major **Tom Schueman** and his former Afghan translator, **Zainullah “Zak” Zaki**, also discuss their book, “Always Faithful, A Story of the War in Afghanistan, the Fall of Kabul, and the Unshakable Bond Between a Marine and an Interpreter,” which recounts their time together in combat, Zak’s harrowing escape from Afghanistan with Schueman’s help, and their on-going effort to obtain a visa for Zak.

Produced by Sabrina Parise, Jennifer Pereira, Chris Donovan, Michele Molnar and edited by Michele Molnar, Jannel Eng and executive produced by Simone Swink, “Leaving Afghanistan: One Year Later” streams **Monday, Aug. 29** (8:00-9:00 p.m. EDT), on **ABC News Live** and on [Hulu](#).

“The Women Left Behind”

“**The Women Left Behind**” features reporting over the last 12 months by ABC News chief foreign correspondent **Ian Pannell** and follows brave women and girls struggling to cope after the Taliban erased many of their rights when they seized power in Afghanistan. Pannell interviews a former restaurant owner who started a vocational training school in a show of defiance, a 9-year-old girl who presents as a boy to work and help her family survive and a news anchor trying to keep her position despite orders from the Taliban that make it nearly impossible for most Afghan women to work. The 30-minute special also includes an interview with a Taliban official who defends its policies and discusses what the future will look like for women and girls in Afghanistan.

Produced by Gabriella Abdul-Hakim, Cindy Smith, Bruno Roeber, and executive produced by Seni Tienabeso, “The Women Left Behind” streams **Tuesday, Aug. 30** (8:30 p.m. EDT/9:30 p.m. PDT) on **ABC News Live** and on [Hulu](#)

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