

## Corruption in Afghanistan

It is difficult to consider this breaking news since one of the principal 'weapons' first in Iraq and now in Afghanistan is buying the local leaders. But The Washington Post said it was breaking news -- so be it.

News Alert: Karzai aides are derailing corruption cases involving elite, U.S. officials say  
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Top officials in President Hamid Karzai's government have repeatedly derailed corruption investigations of politically connected Afghans, according to U.S. officials who have provided Afghanistan's authorities with wiretapping technology and other assistance in efforts to crack down on endemic graft.

For more information, visit [washingtonpost.com](http://link.email.washingtonpost.com/r/8VXTM7/JDTJP/FY0TBR/Z4FFQR/6Y2S1/36/t):  
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Derailing corruption investigations is not 'in.'

Search term: karzai corruption. There were too few tweets to be at all confident about this, but it seemed to be the most likely to capture whatever the breaking news becomes.

The first search, roughly 11:00 p.m. CDT, produced almost nothing -- 130 tweets. The first that was on the breaking news story was at 9:21 p.m. giving 27 tweets on the story. The earlier 100 were about: G8 angry about corruption, and Karzai condemns corruption, drug smuggling, etc.

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