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## **PRESIDENT MACRON PROPOSED WITH THE UK A SAFE ZONE IN KABUL TO CONTINUE EVACUATE**

### **EVEN AFTER US TROOPS WITHDRAWAL**

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**USPA NEWS** - The french President Emmanuel Macron traveled to the Republic of Iraq for a two-day trip on the occasion of a Regional Conference for Cooperation and Partnership. The French head of State said in a TV interview broadcast by France's TF1 on Sunday, adding that Qatar was also helping negotiations. "What we have proposed, and what we plan to bring to the UN Security Council along with Britain and Germany is a solution that we have used before in other operations, which would involve creating a zone allowing people to arrive at that airport." President Macron continues, "There are some discussions to see how flights could be re-established".

The french President Emmanuel Macron traveled to the Republic of Iraq for a two-day trip on the occasion of a Regional Conference for Cooperation and Partnership (26 to 29 August). The French head of state Macron, began his visit with an exchange with the Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq Moustafa al-Kazimi. Then, President Emmanuel Macron met with the President of the Republic of Iraq Barham Saleh. Since his trip to Iraq, President Macron has announced during an interview with the French TV channel Tf1, that he offers alongside Great Britain, a "safe zone" to protect the thousands of Afghans who have helped Western forces and still not evacuated from Kabul "in order to allow the protection of people and this will hold the attention of the international community" he added "Our project aims to define a protected area in Kabul in order to be able to continue humanitarian operations". This "safety zone" would be set up under the aegis of the United Nations, since the proposal must be presented on Monday today to the United Nations Security Council. There are 2834 people who have been evacuated from Kabul, via Abu Dhabi.-----

The French head of state also explained that France was discussing with the Taliban to allow evacuations of civilians seeking asylum through Qatar. "This would provide a framework for the United Nations to act in an emergency, and it will above all make it possible to put everyone before their responsibilities and the international community to maintain pressure on the Taliban", said President Emmanuel Macron, who also justifies the extension of a Safe zone to facilitate future evacuations, by the development, with the help of Qatar, of "air bridges or reopening of certain air lines", he explained.

As we publish, the spokesperson for the Taliban, Suhail Shaheen (Source Radio RFI) who gave an interview to the International Editorial Board of Radio France, responds to the proposal for this protected area in Afghanistan to facilitate humanitarian operations: "It is not necessary". He explains that "not being at war" it is not necessary and that the Afghans will be able to circulate as "in any country".-----

President Macron, who once again shows his great attachment to the Middle East region, is the only Western head of state to have attended the Baghdad Conference for Cooperation and Partnership, alongside the Emir of Qatar SM Al Thani, SM the King of Abdallah of Jordan, and Egyptian President Al Sissi. This conference organized by Iraq in coordination and cooperation with France aims to bring together the neighboring countries of Iraq in order to work for the security, stability and development of the country. The timing of this Middle East forum took place, in parallel with the evacuations of France from Kabul Airport of Afghans who helped the French army as well as French nationals.

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