

Obama Team Rejects Afghan Peace Project, German Expert Reports

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The Obama transition team has already rejected out of hand a plan for a negotiated peace settlement in Afghanistan which had been approved by the Karzai government as well as by its opponents. A leading mainstream German Afghanistan expert, Christoph Hörstel, who had attempted to play the role of a back channel between Afghan circles and the Obama team, reports that his approach with this peace plan was brusquely rejected by Obama's top Afghan advisor, who is not named in the report. This story is reported on the Swiss-German blog Alles Schall und Rauch.

According to Hörstel, Afghan Mujahideen circles also report that their efforts to negotiate with the incoming Obama administration have also been rejected, despite the fact that Kabul is now virtually surrounded and could fall to the Taliban at any time.

Hoerstel is the author of two recent books on Afghanistan.

The German language audio tape of the Hoerstel interview is available at the link given below.

Am 19. Januar hat Alles Schall und Rauch eine Interview mit einem der besten Kenner Afghanistans und der Taliban geführt. Herr Hörstel sagte zu mir, er hätte einen Friedensplan, der von den Taliban abgesegnet ist, den Sicherheitsberater des Obama-Team zugesandt, in Hinblick darauf, da die Taliban Kabul eingekesselt haben und 70% des Landes beherrschen, um weiteres Blutvergiessen zu verhindern Dieser Plan wurde von Obama vom Tisch gewischt. Hier der Link zum Interview:

<http://alles-schallundrauch.blogspot.com/2009/01/interview-mit-christoph-r-hrstel.html>

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