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Afghanistan: Security, Development, and Relations with the U.S.

His Excellency

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Said Tayeb Jawad was appointed ambassador to the U.S. in 2003, having previously served as chief of staff for Afghan President Hamid Karzai, as well as the president's spokesman, press secretary, and as director of the office of international relations at the presidential palace (2001–03). In addition, Jawad has worked as a writer and commentator on Afghan and international affairs. During his tenure as chief of staff to President Karzai, Jawad was responsible for formulating policies, building national institutions, prioritizing reforms, and implementing the president's directives. As a legal professional, he has drafted legal documents and presidential decrees and reviewed major treaties and agreements, recently assisting with the drafting of the new Afghan constitution. Fluent in English, German, French, Farsi, and Pashto, Jawad was educated at the Afghan French Lycée Istiglal in Kabul and studied law and political science at Kabul University. In 1980, after the Soviet invasion, he went into exile in Germany, where he studied law at the Westfaelische Wilhelms University. In 1986, he relocated to New York to work for a Wall Street firm and in 1989, moved to San Francisco and received an executive master's of business administration degree from Golden Gate University. Jawad and his wife, Shamim, a financial consultant, are the parents of one son.