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CAMP BASTION (Reuters) - British Prime Minister David Cameron, on an unannounced visit to Afghanistan on Monday, said while Afghan security forces were increasingly able to operate independently, Britain planned to withdraw only a "relatively small" number of troops.

Highlighting the fragility of security gains in the near decade-long conflict, Cameron's planned trip to the town of Lashkar Gah in southern Helmand province had to be cancelled to concentrate resources on finding a missing British soldier.

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