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The U.S.-led punitive move was part of a broader strategy aimed at containing the influence of Pakistan in Afghanistan and ensuring its support for the U.S.-led war on terrorism.

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The alliance could also benefit from Colen’s expertise in the region, as well as his diplomatic experience in other conflict zones.

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On May 12, during a meeting with the U.S. Secretary of State, Colen emphasized the importance of a comprehensive approach to resolving the conflict in Afghanistan.

**The second phase of the elections, which**

The second phase of the elections, which ran from April 14 to May 12, included a number of challenges, with some provinces experiencing violence.

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This is while most world powers, including the United States, have called for a peaceful resolution to the conflict in Afghanistan.

**Russia and Iran have been providing**

Russia and Iran have been providing military and financial support to the Taliban, complicating the efforts of the United States and its allies.

**Military analysts have said that Afghan**

Military analysts have said that Afghan forces have been struggling to gain ground against the Taliban, particularly in areas where they have been unable to effectively deploy their forces.

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The Taliban have repeatedly said that they will not negotiate with the Afghan government unless their demands, including the withdrawal of foreign forces, are met.

**Afghan provinces, calling for ceasefires and**

Afghan provinces, calling for ceasefires and the release of prisoners, have been organizing peaceful protests and demonstrations against the Taliban.

**The Taliban said they would continue**

The Taliban said they would continue their military operations, despite efforts by the Afghan government to negotiate a peaceful resolution to the conflict.

**The group entered into peace talks.**

The group entered into peace talks, but the talks have been complicated by the Taliban's demands for significant concessions.

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At the end of the day, we want the same goal: a peaceful, stable, and prosperous Afghanistan that is free from terrorism.