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Refugee urges British forces out

Man who fled Taliban wants occupation to end

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EXILE'S WARNING: Mohammad Asif calls for British forces in Afghanistan to return home

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AN AFGHAN refugee living in Scotland yesterday called for the withdrawal of British troops from his country.

Mohammad Asif fled the Taliban and came to Scotland about 10 years ago. He now acts as a spokesman for the Afghan community.

At a protest meeting at Edinburgh University with Scottish Socialist Party leader Colin Fox, Mr Asif said: "Afghans see Britain and America illegally occupying our country and we want them to leave immediately."

Mr Fox, a former MSP, said: "People in this country can see through this political misadventure. It's time to bring our troops back home."

The Liberal Democrats warned yesterday that the war in Afghanistan cannot be won unless there is a rethink of policies. In a newspaper article, party leader Nick Clegg and former leader Lord Ashdown suggested the formation of a special war cabinet or the appointment of a minister for Afghanistan.