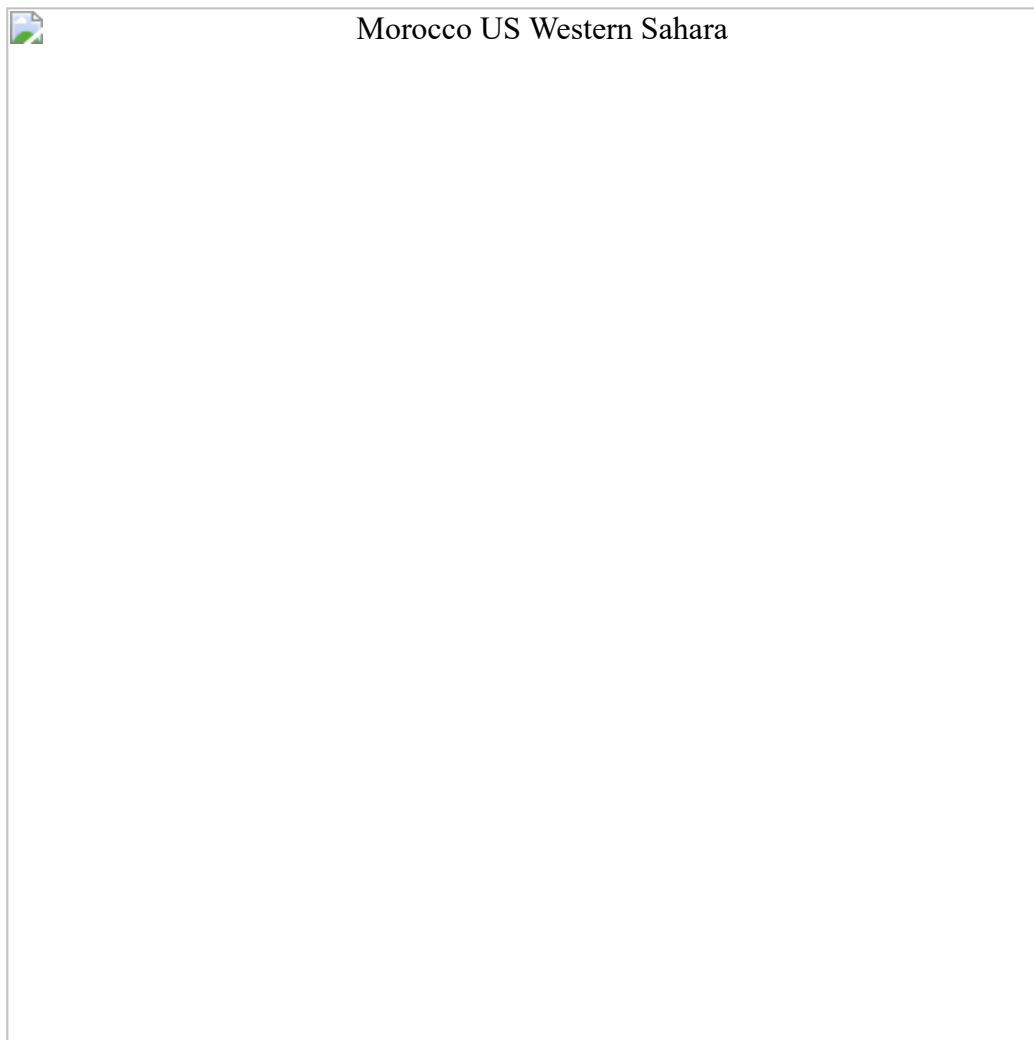


# US – Morocco: Congress to condition military cooperation with Rabat over Western Sahara

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Moroccan and US flags are seen outside the provisional consulate of the U.S in Dakhla, Morocco-administered Western Sahara, Jan. 10, 2021. (AP Photo/Noureddine Abakchou)

# **Congress is poised to approve legislation that would condition US military cooperation with Morocco over the Western Sahara issue, one of several Africa-related provisions in the must-pass annual defense bill.**

After several weeks of negotiations between members of the House and Senate over the FY 2022 National Defense Authorisation Act (NDAA), lawmakers released their **compromise bill** on Tuesday. The House quickly passed it by a vote of 363 to 70, with the Senate poised to follow suit in the coming days.

**The compromise nixed several Africa-related provisions** that were in the Senate bill, but kept a few of them, including language that seeks to compel Rabat to work towards a political settlement in the Western Sahara, despite the Donald Trump administration's recognition of Moroccan sovereignty over the territory.