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Brendan Nelson has warned Dutch MPs that a decision to remove their troops from southern Afghanistan could lead to the withdrawal of Australia's military personnel based alongside the Dutch in Uruzgan province. The Dutch parliament is considering withdrawing the country's troops from Uruzgan province following a series of combat deaths and rising public concern in The
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