

New U.S. Envoy in Ashgabat

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ASHGABAT, Turkmenistan — The new U.S. ambassador in Turkmenistan, Robert Patterson, has presented his credentials to the president, taking up a post left vacant for five years.

Ties have been strained over Turkmenistan's interference in U.S. student exchange programs and embarrassing revelations made in cables leaked by the WikiLeaks web site.

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