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## Editorial

### Continued Kabul-Washington cooperation key to tackle terror

President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani and his accompanying delegation, including first Vice President Amrullah Saleh and Chairman of the High Council for National Reconciliation Abdullah Abdullah left Kabul for Washington on last Wednesday and held talks with key US officials on bilateral cooperation and joint fight against terrorism.

Since inauguration of the Biden Administration, this was the first visit of Afghan president and his delegation to the US. On Friday, President Biden welcomed Afghanistan President and HCNR Chairman to the White House and discussed endorsing United States support, including through security assistance to the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces, development and humanitarian assistance to support the Afghan people, and diplomatic engagement in support of peace.

Our strong support and partnership is designed to prevent Afghanistan from ever again being used as a safe haven for terrorism, maintain Afghan stability and build self-reliance; promote economic growth, preserve social gains in education, health and women's empowerment and the rule of law; protect the rights of women, girls, and minorities; bolster Afghan civil society and respond to humanitarian needs," a statement from the White House said after meeting of the two countries leaders.

Indeed, Doha agreement between US, Taliban not only didn't help restoration of peace and stability in Afghanistan, but further encouraged, emboldened and motivated Taliban to continue war and intimacy violence. After signing of Doha accord, the scope of insecurity expanded, and bloodied campaign began to take lives of the innocent Afghan masses. Taliban acted totally against their commitment in Doha pact and increased their violence and bloodied campaign across the country. Although international community and the group itself time and again asserted that Afghanistan's issues could not be solved via war, but contrary to their speeches, increased the violence and attacking many areas across the country.

Considering their acts of violence, Taliban must be under heavy pressures to give up war and violence and enter constructive talks with the Afghan government. Continuation of US current policy beyond Taliban and on Afghan peace process would not bring tangible result, unless the country limit Taliban's financial resources and press Pakistan to stop supporting the group.

In the last two decades, the US has made huge investments on system building, governance, rebuilding and improving of ANDSF, supporting democracy and human right values, particularly women rights. Current system and its achievements are no doubt the outcome of joint efforts of the Afghan people and their international partners, and these achievements must be protected and improved following the withdrawal of foreign troops.

Therefore, continued Afghan-US cooperation is a must to prevent setbacks and improve gains in areas of security, human rights and economic projects. No doubt Afghanistan will need mutual support and help for a long time. At present an important part of the Afghan government budget is funded through international contribution, while the US plays vital role in this regard.

No doubt, the Afghan delegation's visit to US had enormous outcomes for both countries. Afghanistan pledged to continue war on terror on behalf of the international community and US promised to support such stance so that to make sure that the country would not turn to be a safe haven for terrorists.

Meanwhile it's of immense important for the US and its allies to continue such supports and not let alone Afghanistan in such a situation where Taliban and the international terrorists have created strong partnership once again threatening the security of Afghanistan, region and the whole world.

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## FACT SHEET: Continued U.S. support for a peaceful, stable Afghanistan

By: The White house



Afghanistan, including more than 4.5 million internally displaced Afghans. This funding will allow our partners to provide life-saving protection, shelter, livelihood opportunities, essential health care, emergency food aid, water, sanitation, and hygiene services to respond to the needs generated by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Furthermore, this assistance will help to address protection needs for the most vulnerable Afghans. This includes women and girls facing particular risks, including gender-based violence, as a result of decades of conflict and the pandemic.

**Continuing security assistance**  
The Department of Defense's Afghanistan Security Forces Fund (ASFF) will provide financial support to the Afghan National Army, Afghan National Police, Afghan Air Force and the Afghan Special Security Forces, including the Special Mission Wing. Continued U.S. support is critical to the Afghan security forces' ability to protect the Afghan people and maintain the peace.

**Continuing development assistance**  
The U.S. Department of State's International Development Finance Corporation (IDFC) will provide financial support to the Afghan people, including through the Special Mission Wing. Continued U.S. support is critical to the Afghan people's ability to rebuild their lives and maintain the peace.

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