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Pakistan yet to take honest steps for peace in Afghanistan



Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan has reacted over recent remarks of US officials in connection with position US military bases in Pakistan.

In an interview with a US TV channel, Pakistan Prime Minister and US would not be allowed to create military bases in conduct of counter terrorism operations in Afghanistan.

"There's no way we're going to allow any base or any sort of action from Pakistan territory into Afghanistan. Absolutely, not," Imran Khan said.

Meanwhile, Pakistan Foreign Affairs Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi has also ruled out any new agreement with Washington in this regard, saying that Pakistan has by Imran Khan will never allow any US military bases in the country's territory.

Taliban group has also ruled out creation US military bases in neighboring countries.

"We're asking our neighboring countries not to allow any countries to take such a step in their soil. If such a step, it will be a big and historic mistake and that they won't keep silent," Taliban said in a statement.

Previously, US officials had said that they were making efforts to restore terrorist threat in Afghanistan from other countries in the region to help Afghanistan.

US President Joe Biden had previously stressed that they would not close eyes on terrorist threats, saying that US was so organized in capabilities in counter terrorism in the region to prevent from any possible terrorist threat.

US and Afghanistan future cooperation will be followed in framework of new chapter of relations between the two countries. US counter terrorism effort is considered to be followed under the respective strategy and agreement. US will never leave Afghanistan alone in fight against terror in the region.

We can say that despite troop withdrawal from Afghanistan, US will keep its presence in the region. The US continued presence in the region helps the government of Afghanistan to focus on fighting emergency in the country with full confidence. Taliban should not perceive they can win militarily after the US and NATO troop withdrawal from Afghanistan.

In agreement between the Taliban and US signed on 29P (Feb 2020), Taliban committed that they won't let any terrorist group, as al Qaeda and Daesh attack on US and its allies. War in Afghanistan has further expanded recently as Pakistan initiatives have been involved in stabilisation and increasing terrorist groups.

Pakistan has not taken any honest steps in country terrorism so far. The country has been repeatedly asked not to interfere in internal affairs of Afghanistan.

For example, Afghanistan foreign affairs ministry has honestly cooperate in Afghanistan peace process, but the country has not convinced the Taliban group to resolve all disputes in talks with Afghanistan government.

Previously, President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani had clearly stated that Afghanistan relations with Pakistan depended on the country's cooperation in peace process and that the country should select between friendship and enmity with Afghanistan. Afghanistan hopes Pakistan comes with a new policy in relations with Afghanistan and shows its honesty in cooperation with Afghanistan to maintaining peace and stability in the country.

Editorial

Key changes in security institutions

The Afghan government has recently changed leadership of Ministry of Defense and Ministry of Interior and appointed Gen Bismillah Mohammad as acting MoD instead of Asadullah Khalid, Gen Wali Mohammad Ahmadzai instead of Gen Yousaf Zia as chief of MoD General Staff and Abdul Satar Mirzakkal instead of Hayatullah Hayat as acting interior minister. This decision of the government was extensively welcomed by the Afghan masses.

A number of experts described appointments of Mohammad and Ahmadzai in MoD leadership who bears main responsibility of war against Taliban, as the best and correct gesture. In a circumstance that Taliban have started extensive offensives to occupy further geography and take initiative in the battlefield as well as ANDSF bases and Headquarters are falling respectively in certain districts at the hand of Taliban, shake up in war leadership was essential to create a movement and refresh the security management.

Change in MoD and MoI leadership impacts to along extent on security situation. Under and in the light of new changes, the Afghan soldiers would gain double morale and would continue their just war against the country's enemies.

Indeed, the new changes in MoD leadership and appointment of anti-Taliban figures as acting MoD and chief of Staff, is a frank message of Afghan government to Taliban insurgents. With these changes, the Afghan government in fact has indicated to Taliban that their efforts for victory through war will be vain and would be suppressed if continue militancy.

New changes in war leadership and appointment of those figures who have a background of long war experience against Taliban, indicates that the Afghan government wants to resist stronger than before against Taliban's militancy and give similar response to their offensives.

Now, the Afghan government should bring change in its war and defense policy. The leaders of defense and security institutions are required to be given further authority to enable and capable them to act with complete independence and adopt practical plans and programs to bridge Taliban plots.

New leaders of MoD and MoI should play active role in ensuring security and halting of threats stemming from Taliban attacks. The prevailing situation in the country requires the MoD and MoI leaders not to lead the war from behind their desks, but from the battlefields.

They should time and again attend corps, military HQs and war fronts and improve moral of soldiers, officers and commanders, ask and remove their problems, highlight the weak points and failures in procurement and logistic supplies of war fronts and tackle their needs in the battlefields.

Soldiers and officers should be given assurance that the government support and back them with all its powers at every condition and they should never feel themselves alone in the front line.

Since Taliban have never been true to peace and stability in the country, therefore it's the time that the new security leaderships should do more to suppress them in each and every corner of the country, so that to prevent collapse of the country's provinces and districts as well as protect the people from their militancy and barbarism.

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