

President Ghani's Speech at the Special Meeting of the Joint Coordination and Monitoring Board



In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful.
First Lady, First Vice-President Habib, Second Vice-President Danesh, Dr. Abdullah Abdullah, Chief Justice, Ambassador Ibrahim Lodon, distinguished ambassadors, members of Cabinet, members of the Lower House and Upper House, civil society representatives, media staff, ladies and gentlemen.
The right to have rights is the foundation of a truly society. Let me pay tribute to those Afghan patriots particularly our martyrs in Afghanistan National Defense and Security Forces, civilians, men and women who for their patriotic duties have endured sacrifices and are daily defending the values of the country.
Let me also thank all our citizens and brothers who in solidarity with displaced people, with war-affected people and with drought-affected people are offering their half of bread and opening their homes and hearts to those who are suffering displacement.

I would like to thank all my fellow Afghan men and women for their support for our security forces. In the last hundred years, this support has been unprecedented and it has enabled the state to stand. I would also like to thank the United Nations, the international community and civil society for choosing Afghanistan as a model for the world. Finance are being overhauled to ensure that within a month, every request for payment will be fulfilled and will be processed within three hours instead of weeks.

Madam Lodon spoke of the changing of the flag. We have cut our budget by 5.2 percent. All the investment expenditures will be prioritized and the sectors of the security sector will be addressed.
Although the war is progressing and we are under an all-out attack, the construction of roads, a 10-Megawatt plant has begun with the construction of the longest canal in our history in northern Afghanistan.

Let me be categorical and state that we are committed to enhancing the role of women in the government and their economic empowerment. Let us differentiate on this issue between us and the Taliban by not only a rule and right. We stand for the rights of our citizens as women. And we are very proud of the role that they are playing in the social and economic development of the country.

Even a quick glance at pictures and maps between 2001 and today will show you that Afghanistan is today a very fertile, fertile space. I have flown over the cities of Herat, Mazar, Jalalabad, Kandahar, and visited them as well as Kabul. These were small little towns twenty years ago.

China concerning over increasing violence & terrorism in Afghanistan



Li Yuhua, Chinese Ambassador to Afghanistan.

Following recent visit of Taliban members to China, Afghan state Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) has declared that communication had been exchanged between the two countries prior to the visit.

During the Taliban's visit to Beijing, the Chinese government has asked the group to return to political settlement and cut their ties with regional and international terrorist groups.

The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan is anticipating China to play a vital role towards strengthening regional economic, ensuring international pressure on the Taliban group to stop violence, maintaining ceasefire and peace and ending presence of foreign terrorists in Afghanistan.

MFA is a statement has said Afghanistan welcomed the Chinese government's stance that was in accordance with the demand of the Afghan government and people.

"We have consistently expressed that the Taliban's close ties with regional and international terrorist groups not only prolong the war and bloodshed in Afghanistan, but also pose a serious threat to regional security and stability."

A statement from the ministry said: "We also condemn the Chinese government's efforts to persuade the Taliban to end the violence, promote Afghanistan's national interests, and uphold their commitment to comprehensive peace."

China has 70 km border with Afghanistan, which is a strategic. With US and NATO troop withdrawal from Afghanistan, fighting has intensified and reached between two countries. Previously, Taliban had repeatedly declared that they would not allow any threat to exist by terrorism in Xinjiang of China. Most Uyghur Muslim groups are active inside and outside the China, entering their voice against the Chinese government. The Uyghur Muslim groups are linking with Daech, Taliban, the East Turkistan Islamic Movement, Inqeen network and other terrorist groups operating in the region.

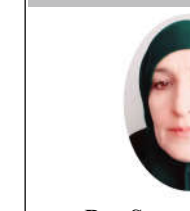
China is concerned that Uyghur groups in the region will pose threat to Beijing. The Chinese government is perceiving that in relations with the Taliban group, at least reduce threat of terrorist activities of Uyghur in the region. Therefore, China needed to share its concern with the Taliban as an insurgent group.

But what is very important is that the China's vision on the development of relations with Afghanistan is, economy-oriented. Sustainable peace is the basis for the development of Afghanistan's relations with its neighbors and the region. China's vision on the development of relations with Afghanistan is, economy-oriented. Sustainable peace is the basis for the development of Afghanistan's relations with its neighbors and the region.

China has enough money to provide long-term financial cooperation with poor countries and Afghanistan among these countries. Beijing recognizes the Afghan government led by President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani. Meanwhile, Chinese officials are working closely with Afghan side in governing activities of Uyghur men movements and people's rights in Afghanistan. The Chinese government has expressed its intention to Afghanistan government as relations of the two legal government can result in economic development in the two countries.

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Media: the only trust builders between gov, people



Sayeed Rattad.

Continuity of a government in all democratic societies is based on the people's trust. The trust can be created only when people are aware of what is going on in their country.

Recent to the independence and human rights among the democratic countries has opened in way among basic rights and human rights. The government has to be accountable before citizens. In the light of this law, the government has to be accountable before citizens.

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Farmers continue to benefit from irrigation upgrades in Afghanistan's Bamiyan Province

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BAMIAN A decade after the local irrigation systems were rehabilitated in two rural communities in Afghanistan's central Bamiyan Province, residents continue to reap the benefits of improved water management, although changing climatic conditions are starting to have an impact.

On agriculture: "As the majority of Bamiyan residents rely heavily on agriculture, projects like the rehabilitation of the Balkhi irrigation canal are extremely important. If we can improve water management, we can help small farmers improve their livelihoods and raise their standard of living a notch."

More than 60 households in the four villages – Fohadi, Narwan, Qashan, and Sa, Khaz Blue – served by Balkhi canal have seen their economic and living conditions improve significantly. Says Ghulam Nabi Qashan, 70, a farmer from Fohadi village: "I used to get 3,500 kg of potatoes from my land and with the better irrigation, I harvest 5,400 kg. My [monthly] income has increased by 2,000, 2,700 afghanis (\$26, \$35). This project was the right decision for the people of our village."

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IRDP was funded by the government, the Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund (ARTF), managed by the World Bank on behalf of 14 donors, and the International Development Association (IDA). The World Bank Group's IDA for the poorest countries, which is the highest-funding

After the canal rehabilitated, farmers in Dekani were able to switch from growing low-yielding bagmati beans to cultivating potatoes and wheat because of better water management. "We cultivate potatoes now and they bring 3-4 times more revenue than bagmati beans," Wafar says. "This was all possible because of the canal project." Like other farmers in the area, Sayed Ali Raza, 61, has seen his income rise after the irrigation system was upgraded. "Our family's income has doubled since the canal was rehabilitated," he says. "Previously, we harvested 500 kg of wheat. Now we can harvest 1,120 kg of wheat and 10,500 kg of potatoes on 6,000 m² of land. This project has been very beneficial for us. The canal is the life of this village."

IRDP Bamiyan provincial manager Amir Zaki says that more than 800 families have benefited from the 2009 Dekani rehabilitation project. He is, however, aware that more projects are needed for the future. "Changes in climate and recent droughts have resulted in great consequences for water flow across Afghanistan and, especially, in Bamiyan Province," he says. "We need to take serious measures to invest in water [management] in Bamiyan and Afghanistan."

IRDP has already begun procurement for two more water management projects in the Yaklawang district of Bamiyan Province.

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