

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

**Uman**

Uman and Hram, each, you have to fly about 10-15 kilometers over them. I believe that because Afghanistan has received assets, they have properties, and they have capabilities. This needs to be appreciated because these capabilities and assets in defending the republic, we are defending our selves our own homes, our own values and the future of our children.

We'll continue facing the people challenge. Covid-19, severe drought and climate change. It's not just a drought, it is a climate crisis warmer this year compared to last year, displacement, domestic and foreign refugees, the Taliban and their supporters. The ongoing conflict between the Taliban and their supporters and focusing on the present. We need to focus on efforts and make the hard choices that are necessary.

To revive and live, we must demonstrate to our people that we are their servants. For that, it is the greatest privilege of my life to have the honor to serve and protect the men and women who constitute the source of our sovereignty today.

Let me return to the question of peace. Our collective right as a people is peace has been under constant attack for 43 years. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights has focused on individual rights, but Afghanistan has been denied a nation in collective right to peace and stability.

Acting on the consensus of our fellow citizens, we, the elected government, have pursued peace as our priority. We prepared our first examples and national experiences, secured the first comprehensive ceasefire in four decades in 2018 and were poised for direct negotiations with the Taliban. Then, the international community took over the peace process. The Loys Triga took the unprecedented step of releasing 5,000 hardened Taliban fighters and some of the largest drug dealers under the assurance by the international community of their good conduct. I offered to bridge peace through holding of early elections and we stand by it.

The Taliban and their supporters have, however, by contrast, engaged in an all-out war and are determined to impose themselves by the judgment of the sword. The Jihad and radical networks and transnational terrorist and criminal organizations are fully mobilizing in support of their Taliban allies in return for future reciprocity.

Ambassador Lyons, I agree with other things that is fragments who still kill Afghans. At least, 10,000 members of these groups plus others have entered our country and have gone themselves the right to kill our innocent civilians and bring disruption. The war is not a civil war. Please understand that it is still a war of networks and criminalized and terrorist networks. If we were that dimension and make it just to a war between Afghans, we will be missing the big picture. We are facing a mosaic of truth regarding their beliefs, our priorities and the need for reforms.

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