President Again Calls on Taliban to Reconcile

President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani has called on the Taliban to join the reconciliation process and added Mujahidin and Jihad have roots in the unity of the people of Afghanistan.

KABUL - Ghani expressed the view while addressing a gathering here marking the 26th victory Day of Mujahidin. On this day in 1992, Mujahidin toppled the communist backed regime of former President Najibullah and announced victory.

"Jihad had deep roots in our history, trust on Islam and our people resulted the huge victory," he said.

Mujahid doesn’t mean monopoly, the word Mujahid applies to all Afghan and those disgracing Mujahid in fact disgraced the word, he added.

The Taliban response he said to come to close referring to the peace talks and local movements for good governance was not provided.

"We will support this government therefore the opportunity was lost and conditions for good governance was not provided," Ghani said.

Ghani said most of the Taliban were against fighting only handful emphasized on war. The president again called on the Taliban to reconcile. *(Photo: Pajhwok)*

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"The goal is to make sure that they see that the only solution is a political solution; that they can’t win on the battlefield, Dunford told members of the Senate Armed Services Committee during a hearing held Thursday.

Dunford said this in response to a question from Senator Lindsey Graham. "The goal is to punish the Taliban, to get them at the table and end this thing at the negotiations, that is correct," he added.

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