Afghanistan to Release 400 ‘Hard-Core’ Prisoners to Start Peace Talks

KABUL - The Loya Jirga, or grand council, on Sunday officially agreed to release 400 Taliban prisoners so as to pave the way for intra-Afghan peace talks. The Jirga, made up of 3,200 tribal elders, community leaders and politicians, announced their decision on the third and final day of the gathering.

“In order to remove an obstacle, allow the start of the peace process and an end to bloodshed, the Loya Jirga approves the release of 400 Taliban,” the assembly said in a resolution.

Within minutes, Afghan President Ashraf Ghani said, “Today, I will sign the release order of these 400 prisoners.” In his closing speech Ghani said, “We have the capacity for peace, and most importantly, we have the moral courage that war is not the solution.”

He said both the people and government of Afghanistan accept the Taliban as a reality but it was now up to the Taliban to prove whether they accept the diversity and unity of Afghanistan or not.

“The Loya Jirga of Afghanistan made history today. The Afghan Jirga wants to end the last 40 years’ war, he said. “Great courage is not necessary for those who committed and are still organizing unacceptable crimes.”

KABUL - Intra-Afghan peace talks will begin in two to three days after the release of the 400 Taliban prisoners, former president Hamid Karzai said on Sunday.

Addressing the concluding session of the three-day Loya Jirga Karzai said: “This is a very happy day. Based on my information the talks will begin in Qaisar...”

He said the Loya Jirga decision was consistent with people’s aspirations. “Peace will make life beautiful. All Afghans, men and women, boys and girls, will go to school.”

In a resolution at the end of the grand tribal gathering, the participants approved the release of the remaining 400 Taliban prisoners, whose names they had already decided and who did not want to free. (Pajhwok)

Some Members Term Consultative Loya Jirga as Symbolic

Talking to Pajhwok Afghan News, some members said the outcome of the grand meeting had already been decided and its members were brought together to hold a symbolic event.

Malaka, a member of the CLJ from Zabul province, said the ongoing CLJ was a meaningful event when the president was under pressure from the US to free the dangerous prisoners.

She said if the assembly was not symbolic then why the government did not convene it to discuss the release of all Taliban prisoners.

Thousands of Taliban prisoners have been released as part of the US-Taliban agreement in February.

Haji Mark Zadran, another member of the Jirga from Khost province, said if the president valued public opinion, he would have convened the event before the start of releasing Taliban prisoners.

M. Muskheen, another member of the Jirga, said the grand meeting had no meaning and would not bring useful results, had Anas Haqqani been released. He added that 4,000 prisoners were released without consultation, the remaining 400 should also be released without any consultation because the remaining four to five thousand prisoners should be released without any consultation.

But Naseri, yet another member of the CLJ, said it was true to call the grand meeting as symbolic, adding that they will not allow anyone to disturb the meeting ordinary. “He is a representative of a divided Afghanistan’s interest,” he said. (Pajhwok)
First Cultural Event Held in Kabul after COVID-19 Lockdown

KABUL - The first cultural event-a poetry-reading—was held in Afghanistan's capital, Kaba on Friday after six months of restrictions on large gatherings following the spread of COVID-19 in the country.

Dozens of people from various layers of the society along with poets and writers participated in the event and enjoyed poems, music and other cultural activities.

"I am very happy to take part in this program today," said Ramin Fayyaz, a participant.

"I hope that the reach of the country get involved in peace programs and become interested in the culture," said Shahid Ghalib, a participant.

Others attended expressed hope that the complete defeat of the COVID-19 pandemic and the end of the war will improve things in the country.

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**Editorial and Opinions**

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Assignment Title: Consultancy Services for Hiring of Independent Engineering Firm for DABS
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Background:

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The Project Company has appointed an internationally recognized engineering, procurement, construction (“EPC”), contractor under a lump-sum, turn-key EPC contract. The project is being managed and financed by International Finance Corporation (“IFC”), the private arm of World Bank Group, is working with GC for transaction structuring and debt arrangement. Over the last 3 years IFC has been working with Afghan technical advisers on development and structuring of the Project. The Project will be co-financed by IFC, Asian Development Bank and Development Bank of Russia. The Project agreements, including the Implementation Agreement (“IA”), the Power Purchase Agreement (“PPA”), and the Gas Sale and Purchase Agreement (“GSPA”) will be signed in 2019.

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In an interview with Reuters, India’s Director General of Civil Aviation, Aran Kumar, said, “The country’s Civil Aviation Minister announced the investigation of the incident.”

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Esper added detail to remarks President Donald Trump made earlier this week.

The US will reduce its military presence in Afghanistan to about 4,000 troops “very soon,” said President Donald Trump, in an interview with Axios on HBO.

“We are largely out of Afghanistan,” Trump said, in an interview with the news website Axios which was filmed on Tuesday, July 28, and aired Monday, Aug. 3, on HBO.

“We’ll be down in a very short period of time to 2,000, then or we’re going to be down to 4,000, we’re negotiating right now,” Trump said.

However, he did not specify exact times.

The US-Taliban agreement signed on February 29 calls for the US to withdraw troops from Afghanistan and it also called for the Afghan government to free 5,000 Taliban prisoners in return for the Taliban’s release of up to 8,000 government detainees.

The Taliban has released around 3,000 detainees.

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The United States plans to cut its troop levels in Afghanistan to “a number less than 5,000” by the end of November, Defense Secretary Mark Esper said in an interview broadcast on Sunday, Reuters reported.

Esper added detail to remarks President Donald Trump made earlier this week.

The US will reduce its military presence in Afghanistan to about 4,000 troops “very soon,” said President Donald Trump, in an interview with Axios on HBO.

“We are largely out of Afghanistan,” Trump said, in an interview with the news website Axios which was filmed on Tuesday, July 28, and aired Monday, Aug. 3, on HBO.

“We’ll be down in a very short period of time to 2,000, then or we’re going to be down to 4,000, we’re negotiating right now,” Trump said.

However, he did not specify exact times.

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