US, Taliban Conclude 8th Round of Talks with Progress

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The Taliban Spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid on his social media handler said that the eight round of talks with US ended on Monday. “It was agreed that both sides would consult with their leadership on course of action in the future,” Mujahid said. Zalmay Khalilzad, the US special representative for Afghan peace offered his best wishes on the occasion of Eid and said: “Many scholars believe that the deeper meaning of Eid al-Adha is to sacrifice one’s ego. Leaders on all sides of the war in Afghanistan must take this to heart as we strive for peace. My very best wishes.”

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KABUL - While presidential candidate Mohammad Haneef Atmar suspended his campaign, sources told TOLOnews that Mr. Atmar might join President Ghani in his re-election campaign in the September election.

The sources said that National Security Advisor Hamdullah Mohib met with Mr. Atmar on Sunday evening aimed at encouraging him to join Mr. Ghani’s re-election campaign.

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