Ghani, Abdullah to Attend at NATO Summit in Brussels

NATO support to Afghan National Defense and Security Forces (ANDSF)

and presence of foreign troops in Afghanistan will be discussed in the upcoming summit of the alliance which is set to be held on 11-12 July, a government official said Tuesday.

At the NATO summit, Afghanistan’s two leaders will meet the heads of the alliance countries to discuss issues of mutual interest.

The last NATO summit was held in Brussels in 2018. The current summit is scheduled to be held in Lithuania on 11-12 July.

Afghanistan is a member of NATO’s ISAF mission, which was launched in 2003 to support the Afghan government in fighting against the Taliban and other extremist groups.

Afghanistan’s renewed commitment to the ISAF mission was also reflected in the recent appointment of General Scott Miller as the new ISAF commander.

Miller, a retired American general, took over as the new ISAF commander in May, replacing General John Nicholson, who had served as the commander since 2015.

The appointment of Miller is seen as a positive development for Afghanistan, as it is expected to bring a fresh perspective to the ISAF mission and help to improve the effectiveness of the mission.

The NATO summit will provide an opportunity for Afghanistan to discuss its concerns with the alliance countries and seek support for its ongoing efforts to fight against terrorism and extremism.

The summit is also expected to discuss issues such as the withdrawal of foreign troops from Afghanistan, the role of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), and the transition of security responsibilities to Afghan forces.

The current ISAF mission is due to end in 2024, and it is expected that the transition of security responsibilities to Afghan forces will be a key topic of discussion at the summit.

During the NATO summit, Afghanistan’s leaders will also use the opportunity to seek support for the country’s development and economic growth. Afghanistan is one of the poorest countries in the world, and it is grappling with challenges such as poverty, unemployment, and corruption.

The summit is expected to provide an opportunity for Afghanistan to discuss its development plans with the alliance countries and seek support for its efforts to promote economic growth and improve the quality of life for its citizens.