In his comments in Washington, Trump said Pakistan was helping the Taliban and turned a blind eye to Afghanistan, where the United States has been fighting its "longest war" for two decades.

"We must ask ourselves, is it worth it?... Is it worth fighting a war in Afghanistan?" Trump said.

In response, Abdul Rahman, a former Afghan security official, denounced the remarks.

"This is not the first time that Trump said something like that. He did this in previous elections and he did the same after he was elected. I do not know why. I think it is only to make his base vote for him. It is a question of personal approval. The country needs him to stay in power," Rahman said.

In response to Trump's comments, Abdul Rahman told Al Arabiya that the US president's criticism on Afghan security is not new.

"I think we all knew that there were challenges," Rahman said.

Trump was responding to Abdul Rahman's comments.

"We are not going to allow the US to use Afghanistan as a base for operations against Pakistan. We are not going to allow the US to use our air force or our strategic air space for any operations against Pakistan." Rahman said.

The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The Trump administration has been pushing for a broader and more aggressive approach to the war in Afghanistan, including a possible increase in troops and a more direct military confrontation with the Taliban. However, the Afghan government and the Taliban have been making little progress in their negotiations, and analysts say a peace deal is still far away.

"The US government is not going to give up on Afghanistan," Rahman said.

Trump's comments are likely to increase tensions between the US and Pakistan, which has been a key ally in the war in Afghanistan. Pakistan has been criticized for providing sanctuary to the Taliban and for not doing enough to combat terrorism in the region.

"We have been in this war for 17 years," Rahman said. "We have spent billions of dollars and thousands of lives. We need a strategy that works, not a war that should be ended."