secure, united, stable, prosperous and inclusive society, working closely with its neighbors, a joint statement at the summit.

They looked forward to the Presidential Election in September, which had been delayed from 2019.

The ministers agreed to further deepen the BRI, focusing on co-operation in investment projects in the areas of energy, peace and security, and economic cooperation. They noted that Afghanistan had made significant progress in enhancing its relations with China.

"We saw this in Bamyan, where a pro-peace and anti-terrorism message was delivered to all of Bamyan Province’s girls," the Afghan minister said. "I am very happy to see that our prevention and protection programs are yielding results."

In discussions inside the UN, the visiting delegation noted that the Afghan government was playing an active role in supporting the UN mission in Afghanistan. They were encouraged by the progress made in the peace process and the prospects for a better future for the people of Afghanistan.

"The Afghan government is close to finalizing the negotiations of this phase in six-month time," the minister said. "Working on a peace agreement is a very critical aspect of the negotiations. Afghanistan is not alone in trying to achieve peace on its own. It needs the support of the international community, including the US.

"During our visit, we heard a strong call for a political solution," the minister continued. "This is the only way to achieve the peace that the Afghan people desire. We are committed to this goal and looking forward to further discussions.

"We are committed to working closely with the US and other partners to ensure a stable and sustainable peace in Afghanistan. The Afghan government is committed to continuing these efforts for a better future for the country."