1) **March 02, 2016**

The decision to pose for photos is one of the most anticipated events of the new year for Afghans at the Taliban, who have put their government forces under heavy pressure.

*We want to create a reserve fund for future operations and to support our soldiers and police officers from all walks of life to get a foothold in the fight against terrorism,”* said Taliban spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid, who was accompanied by a group of Afghan officials.

**2) **Afghan Troops Take Out a Taliban Base**

The Afghan security forces successfully targeted a Taliban base in the northern Faryab province, killing 15 Afghan soldiers and injuring 11 others.

“It was a very difficult operation,” said an Afghan security official. “We were able to enter the base without any resistance and secure the area.”

**3) **U.S. Troops Reopen Gates to Freedom**

The U.S. military is reopening gates to freedom in Afghanistan after a five-day closure due to security concerns.

“We have determined that it is safe to reopen these gates,” said General John Allen, the U.S. commander in Afghanistan. “We will continue to monitor the situation closely.”

**4) **Pakistan-Afghanistan Track 5: We Call for Enhanced Cooperation**

A joint statement issued by Pakistan and Afghanistan calls for enhanced cooperation to promote trade and transit between the two countries.

“We agree to do our best to help facilitate trade and transit between Afghanistan and Pakistan,” said the statement issued by the Pakistan India Joint Commission (PIJCC).

**5) **We Support the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue**

The statement issued by the Pakistan India Joint Commission (PIJCC) also supports the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue, which involves Afghanistan, Pakistan, the U.S., and China.

“We support the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue and call for early completion of the dialogue,” said the statement.

**6) **Russia Hails Putin’s Leadership**

Russian officials have praised the Afghan security forces’ operations against the Taliban in eastern parts of the country.

“Putin’s leadership is crucial for the future of Afghanistan,” said a Russian official.

**7) **Afghanistan’s Economy Faces Challenges**

Afghanistan’s economy faces a number of challenges, including a lack of foreign investment and a continued dependence on aid.

“We need to diversify our economy and reduce our reliance on foreign aid,” said an Afghan economist. **8) **Turkey Steps Up Its Efforts**

Turkey has stepped up its efforts to fight terrorism in the region, especially in the wake of the Paris attacks.

“We are committed to fighting terrorism in all its forms,” said the Turkish foreign minister. **9) **India’s Role in Afghanistan**

India has been playing a role in Afghanistan, especially in the area of education and infrastructure.

“We are committed to supporting Afghanistan in its development objectives,” said an Indian official.

**10) **Experts Call for Urgent Action**

Experts have called for urgent action to address the issues facing Afghanistan, especially the issue of terrorism.

“We need to act now to address the issues facing Afghanistan,” said a leading expert.