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“The Taliban are currently being commanded by [the] Haqqani [network]. We believe Haqqani and al-Qaida are using different names for the same terrorist organization,” Interior Ministry spokesman Sediq Seddiqi, told reporters in Kabul. He said Afghan security forces military strategy is aware of the terrorist threat and dealing with all of them as a common enemy of Afghanistan.

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