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ALSO READ: Taliban Extradites 80 Afghan Prisoners

US Major to be Tried for Killing Afghan Citizen

KABUL - A US Army major accused of killing an unarmed Afghan citizen in 2010 has been referred to trial by general court-martial. During a polygraph test for a CIA interview, former Special Forces Maj. Matthew Golsteyn had continued to maintain an unnamed Afghan in February 2010. The man had allegedly built a bomb that killed two Marine. His charge sheet does not provide any details on how Golsteyn shot dead the suspected bomb maker, as Rasoul. His case was referred to trial by Lt. Gen. Frank M. Beaudette, the commanding general for the U.S. Army Special Operations Command, the military.

Major Gen. Ahmad Zia Yalshaf- li, former head of the Afghan National Army’s Health Department and an MP from Badakhshan, was sentenced to six months in prison last week by the Anti-Corruption Criminal Justice Center’s primary court. He was also denied the appeal.

The Pentagon confirmed it “received the authority to use funds to facilitate (the meeting)”.

Since October 2018, the US government has held six rounds of peace negotiations with the Taliban in Qatar’s capital, Doha, aimed at paving the way for a safe US exit from Afghanistan.

The funding requested by the Pentagon was intended to reimburse the group for costs incurred while participating in the talks, including expenses, food, accommodation and transportation, according to Kevin Spoire, spokesman for Representative Peter Visclosky of Indiana. (Pajhwok)

Announcement for Bidding

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Bid Security

USD 125,000 (US Dollar equivalent to thousand and five hundred).