Afghan Political Parties: At the Crossroads of Going Forward or Backward

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 Plato, in his work “The Republic,” wrote, “If a city shall be divided into two parties, one of which is so strong as to hold its ground and the other is so weak as to accept the terms of the first, the division between them will be perpetual.” This quote is especially relevant to the current situation in Afghanistan, where the power struggle between the Taliban and the government continues to escalate.

The Taliban, led by Mullah Omar, took control of Afghanistan in 1996 after the Soviet withdrawal. They imposed strict Islamic law and banned modern amenities, including education and media. In 2001, after the September 11 attacks, the United States and its allies launched a military campaign against the Taliban, overthrowing their regime. Since then, Afghanistan has faced numerous challenges, including a prolonged conflict with the Taliban, which has led to thousands of deaths and displacements.

In recent years, the Afghan government and the Taliban have been engaged in peace talks, with the aim of ending the conflict and establishing a stable and prosperous society. However, these talks have been marred by violence, with both sides committing atrocities.

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It's about the law; I will always be on the law's side.” Rahmani said. In many cases, ballot boxes did not match with the number of registered voters. It was a significant problem that needed to be addressed.

The final round of voting took place on September 28, 2023, and the results were announced on October 1, 2023. The country was on the brink of a crisis, as the Taliban had promised to hold a vote by that date. However, the government had been unable to hold a fair and free election, so the election was delayed.

The election was widely criticized, with claims of fraud and corruption. The International Community called for a fair and free election, but the government and the Taliban were unable to agree on a solution. The situation in Afghanistan remains precarious, with the Taliban maintaining control over large parts of the country.

The Afghan government and the Taliban are working towards a political settlement, with the aim of ending the conflict and establishing a stable and prosperous society. However, this process is complicated, and progress has been slow. The situation in Afghanistan continues to be a matter of great concern for the international community.

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