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“On behalf of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, I urge all militant groups to accept the call of Afghan people on peace or at least avoid killing, conflict and violence during the holy month of Ramadan in order to respect this sacred month,” Ghani said in the video message.

Meanwhile, a number of religious scholars and Kabul residents said war and violence in Afghanistan is against the teachings of Islam and that they supported the Afghan President’s call to resolve the conflict through negotiations.

“War is forbidden in this sacred month but if someone stands against you and creates violence then you must stand against them in order to defend your country,” said Mohammad Haji, a religious scholar.

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Ghani Calls on Militants to Quit Violence during Ramadan

Few hours after the president’s message, the Taliban carried out a suicide bombing in Kohist province, killing at least 18 people.

WASHINGTON - With the Trump Administration looking at other countries to share the responsibilities in addressing major global challenges, a prominent Indian defense expert on Thursday told a Washington audience that New Delhi could perhaps be persuaded to send up to a division of Indian troops - around 35,000 - to Afghanistan under a United Nations Peacekeeping mission.

“If invited, if there is a UN peacekeeping force … it is my considered view that perhaps India could be persuaded to send up to a division, provided the logistics are in place,” Brig (ret) Gunvant Karnavat, from the Institute for Defense Studies and Analysis, said in a close door round table at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

Karnavat, who is currently in Washington DC, however said that this is his considered view and that at present there is no appetite in India to send any troops to Afghanistan.

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