Concern over the outcome of peace talks between the US and Taliban representatives continues. Although one doubts if the two sides reach an agreement, the consequence of the absence of US forces is evident.

It is most likely that the US troop pullout will ease the peace agreement, it signed between the Washington and Taliban negotiating teams, but Afghans and international political pundits still view the Taliban with deep mistrust. The intensification of the Taliban’s offensive and their refusal to hold direct talks with the Kabul government compound the public concern and distrust.

Coles, who served under General W. Bush and Barack Obama from 2005 to 2011, said that the reason behind the Taliban’s refusal to negotiate with the Afghan government is to take over Afghanistan.

He confirmed that the Afghan war might also end like the Vietnam war, which lasted for 17 years and had a significant impact on the country. If the US forces are withdrawn, Afghanistan will be in a similar situation.

Thus, Afghans feel more disappointed and lost their trust in the Taliban, who have repeatedly turned down the public demand for peace and dialogue. Meanwhile, President Ghani’s repeated calls for peace have been drowned out by the sound of frequent fighting across the country.

Afghans fear that the Taliban will hold and carry their fundamental ideology back to Afghanistan in case of signing a peace agreement with their US counterparts.

In a commentary titled “The Global War on Terrorism Has Failed. Here’s How to Win”, Brahma Chellaney, professor of strategic studies at the Centre for Policy Research in New Delhi, said, “The U.S.-led global war on terrorism has failed-and that is because it has focused on eliminating terrorists and their networks, not on defeating the jihadi ideology that inspires suicide attacks.”

With the strong existence of the “jihadi ideology” across the region, the public concern is justifiable. Notwithstanding the ongoing military stalemate, the Taliban leadership has not taken a single step towards peace.

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That enabled military on the ground, and the prolonged peace talks, which led to nowhere, on the other hand suggest the Taliban’s laissez-faire response to peace and stability. The question is whether the Taliban want to take back the control of Afghanistan? This is not certain, but they take the lead to the country’s further destruction.

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