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Wells said Pakistan had been asked to take decisive action against all terrorists without discrimination and not just selective actions against groups that carried out attacks in Pakistan.

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Addressing the HIA central council's gathering in Kabul, Hekmatyar said the next election's votes were important for the HIA and asked supporters to be ready for the democratic exercise.

"Going to the elections will end the conflict, strengthen peace and bring into being the government and the parliament," Hekmatyar asked the HIA supporters to elect individuals they deemed honest, God-fearing, responsible and brave who had the will to serve the people and the country.

He also asked HIA supporters not to make differences among their ranks.

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