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According to local officials, the number of tourists declined in recent years due to growing insecurity in Bamian and neighboring provinces. To make Bamian's tourism potential, the activists insist on boosting security.

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