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Peace Talks Possibly in Afghanistan

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Speaking of an agreement on a general framework for the peace talks, the High Peace Council (HPC) members have declared that the proposed peace talks with the Taliban would likely be held in Afghanistan.

The HPC adviser for international affairs, Mohammad Ismail Qasimyar, hoped on Sunday that the Afghan government and the Taliban would come to the negotiation table "without any preconditions. There has been an agreement over the framework; first that both the sides would lead the talks freely and in a peaceful environment in Afghanistan, and secondly none of them would come for negotiations with any precondition," Qasimyar said peace talks with the Taliban were to start in early days of March after the process was stopped during former president Hamid Karzai's government who opposed Taliban's Qatar office; however, the month of March is coming to an end but still there is no report of development in the process. The Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah, however, insisted in an exclusive interview with TOLONews that a woman would also include the panel of negotiators from Afghan government. "It is the demand of people of Afghanistan, and as women make half of the society, they have the right to have a representative in these talks, and this will be an advantage for us," Abdullah emphasized. But the delay in the initiation of peace talks is making the Afghan people more disappointed, a nation that is still eying for stable peace after suffering more than three decades of war and violence. The analysts, however, blame the delay on Pakistan, accusing the Pakistani government of once again playing intelligence game with Afghanistan. "The Afghan government trusts Pakistan very soon, that's why, they rushed in starting the program," female lawmaker Fawzia Kofi criticized. "But now the government has realized that Pakistan has not been honest in the past 10 years and will not be after this either. Efforts for bringing peace to Afghanistan can be counted among the

works that the National Unity Government (NUG) focused in the past six months. As part of his peace efforts, President Ashraf Ghani twice visited Saudi Arabia and also Pakistan and China soon after forming the unity government with Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah.