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Abdullah blames former government led by Karzai for growing violence

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Chief Executive Officer Abdullah Abdullah blamed the former government led by Hamid Karzai for the growing violence and instability in the country.

The remarks by Abdullah were followed during a visit to northeastern Badakhshan province of Afghanistan on Monday.

In a veiled gesture towards the former President Hamid Karzai's intention to bring down the government led by President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani, Abdullah said no one should dream to undercut the government of national unity.

He said those who are dreaming to bring down the government should consider the ongoing situation of the country, allow the Afghan people to live peacefully and prevent further bloodshed.

Abdullah also added Afghanistan lost a golden chance as the former government failed to properly use opportunities flooded to the country during the past 14 years.

He also criticized the former government's policies towards the anti-government armed militant groups and said the Taliban group was fortified due to the poor governance of the former government.

This comes as a senior Western diplomat quoted in report by Guardian said Karzai has been trying for months to undercut Ghani's government, with the intention of bringing it down.

The diplomat whose identity was not disclosed in the report further added that an interim government would likely take over should Karzai succeeds to bring down President Ghani's government.

Karzai would step forward to fill the vacuum as the self-styled father of the nation, the diplomat said, adding that President Ghani is aware of Karzai's intentions but is keen to avoid an open clash he might not win and tolerated the former president's maneuvers to a certain extent in the past.

"In the political game, Karzai is leagues ahead of almost everyone else here. Frankly, he is leagues ahead of us too. It just took us a while to figure it out," the source added.

A political analyst Haroon Mir also told the Guardian that the infighting could have a wider repercussions, pointing out that Ghani needs wide political support to begin peace talks with the Taliban.

"It's not good at this time to lose political support or create opportunities for political opposition to emerge," he added.

Karzai "is the only known political leader of Afghanistan", Mir said, adding that "He has all the ingredients to be a national leader – many resources, political support, his own network of influential people. If there is a crisis, he will emerge as the only national leader."