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China to mediate between Afghanistan, Pakistan: Ghani

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China for the first time wants to mediate between Afghanistan and Pakistan and in this regard Chinese foreign minister is scheduled to visit Kabul in near future, President Ashraf Ghani has said.

Talking to a group of female civil society activists at the Presidential Place a day earlier, the president likened May 31 truck bombing in Kabul with the 9/11 in the US.

He said his government had started the Kabul Process to build global consensus but the enemy was trying to increase domestic problems in Afghanistan in order to scuttle the process.

About his participation in the SCO summit and meetings with world leaders in Astana, Ghani said China for the first time wanted to mediate between Afghanistan and Pakistan. He said rapprochement with Pakistan was one of their demands and the issue should be resolved between governments.

“Whenever we achieve something, we are pressured in one way or other, but no power can divert our focus from future programs,” Ghani said, asking civil society activists to raise their voice against powerful individuals who violated the law and even thrashed police who had put their lives in risk to provide security to the people.

He said there should be a national debate about reforms in the security sector and the process should be started from Kabul and extended to other provinces in order reforms could be easily implemented in the sector, particularly in the Ministry of Interior.