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Political and military victory is within our side, Ghani tells Trump

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The Afghan President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani met with the US President Donald Trump earlier this evening, Afghanistan Time, in Washington as he thanked his counterpart for latest commitments and pledging the Afghan government's commitment to ensure proper utilization of the resources for the development and prosperity of the country.

Calling the new US strategy announcement a historic movement, President Ghani said “You asked very fundamental questions, you made this decision on the basis of courage and determination, we salute your courage.”

President Ghani further added “Since the decision, there has been an immense change on the ground, I have been to six to seven of our army corps, they all greet you and the people of the United States and the American soldiers and the officers who fought shoulder to shoulder with them. It is a difference of day and night.”

He said “The cloud of uncertainty has been lifted but equally important is your political commitment to a political solution at the end of this process.”

“What we want to assure the American people is that there is not going to be a combat role, you have made that crystal clear and we are committed to make sure it is the Afghan people, the Afghan soldiers, the Afghan officers who will take the burden of responsibility,” President Ghani added.

He said “The modest additional troops that are to be sent are to enhance the assist, support, advice mission and that is playing a very crucial role.”

According to President Ghani “Victory, political and military wise is within our side and I would like to thank you for the thoroughness of the review and specially for ordering that all instruments of the American power, military, diplomatic, and economic, are brought together in a coherent plan of action to lift Afghanistan out of forty years of crisis and to make it a platform for stability and prosperity.”

“And because of this, we equally Mr. President understand and fully endorse the concept that you use, we do not ask for a blank cheque, we are determined to do what is ours, fight corruption, ensure that there is no waste of resources, full accountability for the results, and

significant momentum so that the American people can know that under your wise leadership the results there were not within grasp will now be achieved,” he concluded.