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## Ghani and Pakistani army chief hold talks on key bilateral issues

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President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani and the Pakistani army chief of staff General Qamar Javed Bajwa held talks on key bilateral issues.

The Office of the President, ARG Palace, in a statement said President Ghani welcomed the delegation of the Pakistani officials led by Gen. Bajwa.

President Ghani hailed the visit by the Pakistani officials as an important step considering the current situation and opportunity available for cooperation.

The statement further added that the two sides discussed various issues, specifically regional security, bilateral relations, peace and stability, fight against terror, trade and transit relations, and mid-term and long-term bilateral relations.

According to the ARG Palace, the Pakistani delegation led by Gen. Bajwa promised of all-out cooperation in fight against terrorism and threats posed to both the nations.

They also reaffirmed the support of Islamabad for an Afghan-owned and Afghan-led peace process.

In the meantime, President Ghani said the working teams of the two countries should pick the next steps to sketch a framework so that practical steps can be taken bilaterally for the regional peace and stability.

He also added that a system should be established for the supervision and schedule of the commitments promised by each side.

The statement by the ARG Palace also added that the Pakistani delegation promised that the next steps for the practical work will be taken by the working teams.

On the other hand, President Ghani said peace and stability in Afghanistan and Pakistan will be better for the two countries and for the region, emphasizing that only through peace and stability the poverty could be eradicated from the two countries.