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Kabul city to witness increased attacks this year: officials

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^[1] According to Afghan security officials in capital Kabul, anti-government militant groups will concentrate 85 percent of their insurgency attacks on Kabul city during the current year.

Afghan security institutions in Kabul city on Tuesday gathered to discuss the potential threats by militants.

Commander of the 111 central zone command Gen. Qadam Shah Shahim told reporters that the anti-government armed militant groups are looking to target military and civilian institutions this year.

He said, “Militants this year have chosen to attack various targets in Kabul this year and they will look to attack busy places in the city. Last year the militants were following two objectives in Kabul including creation of fear among the ordinary citizens and military attacks. This year militants will look to carry attacks on both military and civilian institutions.”

In the meantime Afghan intelligence agency — national directorate of security (NDS) officials said that Taliban group has brought changes in its formation.

An NDS official Gen. Mirza Mohammad Rahimi told reporters that the changes were brought following a decree by the Taliban group chief Mullah Mohammad Omer last year.

Mr. Rahimi further added that the Taliban meeting was held by Maulavi Abdul Qadir, head of the financial commission of the Taliban in Peshawar city of Pakistan.

He also warned that the Taliban militants are looking to attack both military and civilian institutions including embassies and diplomatic organizations, police check posts and central police department in Kabul city this year.

Kabul security chief Gen. Mohammad Ayoub Salangi also said that militants will look to coordinate their attacks in Kabul city from the neighboring provinces of the capital.

Concerns over security concerns in Kabul city comes amid growing violence in the city last year. Militants carried out high profile attacks including attack in Sedarat roundabout, defense ministry road and attack on Kabul traffic department.

Several ordinary civilians were also killed during the attacks besides Afghan security forces last year.