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Afghanistan agrees to hold talks with Taliban in Turkey, Saudi Arabia

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The foreign affairs ministry of Afghanistan on Sunday announced that peace talks between Afghan government and Taliban group is due to begin either in Turkey or Saudi Arabia in the near future.

Janan Mosazai, spokesman for the foreign affairs ministry of Afghanistan on Sunday said that the government of Afghanistan is to be prepared for the opening of the Taliban office in one of the Islamic country.

Mr. Mosazai further added that the government of Afghanistan prefers that the Taliban office should either be opened in Saudi Arabia or Turkey, so that Taliban group representatives can communicate with the Afghan high peace council officials in a bid to pave the way for direct peace talks between the two sides.

In the meantime, Janan Mosazai said that Afghan government still insists that peace talks should be held inside the Afghanistan soil, but if Taliban does not agree to have office in Afghanistan then the government is ready to hold talks either in Turkey or Saudi Arabia.

This comes as president Hamid Karzai in his Eid message urged the Taliban group to stop violence and insurgency, and once again urged Taliban to sit-in for peace talks.

President Hamid Karzai also said that if the Taliban office was opened inside Afghanistan, then their flag and sign would have never been removed.