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## Former Afghan senator join Taliban group in northern Afghanistan

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According to reports, a former Afghan senator has joined Taliban group in northern Sar-e-Pul province of Afghanistan and has announced his support to Taliban group.

Qazi Abdulhai reportedly joined Taliban group along with a number of his supporters. He was also a former commander of Afghan local police (ALP) forces in Kohistanat area.

Taliban group following a statement confirmed that senator Qazi Abdulhai had recently joined Taliban group along with his supporters.

An interview of the former senator was also published by Taliban group in it's website, which confirms his defection to Taliban group.

The interview is mainly focused on motives behind Qazi Abdulhai's defect to Taliban group and the current situation in northern Sar-e-Pul province of Afghanistan.

Local government officials confirmed that the former senator was in contact with the Taliban group, however, they said that they are unaware if Qazi Abdulhai had joined Taliban group.

The officials further added that Qazi Abdulhai also visited the Taliban council in Quetta city.