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Afghanistan rejects release of 2500 Pakistani prisoners

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The government of Afghanistan has rejected the alleged release of Pakistani prisoners from the Afghanistan jails.

The release of Pakistani prisoners from the Afghan jails was raised two times by the leaders of Jamiat-e-Ulema Islam Fazal (JUI-F) following their visit to Afghanistan.

JUI-F chief Maulana Fazal-ur-Rehman earlier this month said that president Hamid Karzai has assured that all Pakistani prisoners will be released from the Afghan jails.

Maulana Fazal-ur-Rehman made the comments after he returned back to Pakistan from an official visit in Afghanistan where he met two times with president Hamid Karzai in capital Kabul to discuss issues of bilateral interest and Afghan peace process.

Maulana Gul Naseeb Khan, central deputy chief of the Jamiat Ulema Islam Fazal (JUI-F) and former Pakistani senator on Saturday told reporters in Pakistan that the 2,500 prisoners will be released as part of the efforts by JUI-F chief Maulana Fazal-ur-Rehman, who had discussed the issue with president Hamid Karzai.

However, presidential palace spokesman, Aimal Faizi has said that the JUI-F chief Maulana Fazal-ur-Rehman only demanded the release of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam Fazal (JUI-F) prisoners from president Hamid Karzai.

Mr. Faizi further added that president Hamid Karzai told Maulana Fazal-ur-Rehman that the government of Afghanistan will consider to only review the cases of the Pakistani prisoners.