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## Afghan peace talks with Taliban leaders to resume in UAE

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Afghan high peace council (HPC) officials said Thursday that peace talks between the Afghan officials and former Taliban leaders will resume soon in United Arab Emirates (UAE).

The Afghan high peace council chief executive Mohammad Amin Waqad said the negotiations will resume in the near future.

Without disclosing further information regarding the exact date of peace talks, Mr. Waqad said Afghan officials will urge the Taliban leaders to sit in for peace negotiations.

The Afghan peace delegation will meet with Mutasim Agha Jan and other Taliban leaders and will urge the Taliban figures close to Mullah Mohammad Omar to assist the Afghan peace process, Waqad quoted by Radio Free Europe (RFE) said.

This comes as Afghan president Hamid Karzai discussed the Afghan peace talks with the UAE Prime Minister during a telephone conversation, the presidential palace said in a statement.

Afghan peace delegation in the past has also met with the Taliban group leaders in United Arab Emirates. However, no major developments were made following the talks.

The former Taliban leader Mutasim Agha Jan is believed to have a considerable influence among the Taliban leaders.

In the meantime, political analysts also believe that the United Arab Emirates (UAE) can play a vital role in Afghan peace process.