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No plans to revive peace talks with Taliban, says Afghan official

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An official in ARG Presidential Palace has said there are no plans to revive peace talks with the Taliban group as efforts to bring the group have not yielded any positive result.

President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani's spokesman Haroon Chakhansuri has told The Associated Press that a four-nation group comprising Afghanistan, Pakistan, China and the United States has no plans to meet again after previous rounds of meetings produced no results.

Chakhansuri further added "there is no set time" for another meeting of the group.

The Afghan government was expecting to participate in direct peace talks with the Taliban group earlier in March this year after the Quadilateral Coordinatin Group started talks to revive the Afghan peace talks.

Afghanistan, Pakistan, China and US officials met for five times in Islamabad and Kabul and called on Taliban group to participate in direct peace talks.

However, the Taliban group rejected the offer and opted to continue insurgency in the country by announcing its annual spring offensive in April this year.

The group staged numerous deadly attacks across the country including a major attack on VIP protection unit in Kabul which left at least 64 people dead and over 300 others wounded.

The attack by the Taliban group forced the Afghan government to start a military crackdown against the groups pursuing violence and urged Pakistan to take actions against the same groups in its soil.