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Taliban, US Agree Several Negotiation Points

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A former leader of Taliban's Jaish-ul-Muslimin Movement said that some agreements have been made to negotiate with the US.

Sayed Mohammad Akbar Agha, the former leader of Taliban's Jaish-ul-Muslimin Movement said that Qatar would be the best place for the Taliban to open an office.

Some reports say that Sayed Tayeb Agha, Shahabuddin Delawar and Shir Mohammad Stanikzai who are close to Mullah Mohammad Omar the leader of Afghan Taliban have met with US representatives.

Taliban have no problems in negotiating with the US, he added.

Meanwhile, Afghan President Hamid Karzai for the first time agreed with a Taliban liaison office in Qatar.

The leader of Taliban's Jaish-ul-Muslemin, Sayed Akbar Agha, says that the Taliban always welcomed a peace initiative.

"The Taliban were optimistic about peace talks from the beginning, but the talks were not held according to their wish," Sayed Akbar Agha said.

While releasing some of the Taliban members are prioritized by Taliban, Mr Akbar says their presence in the negotiations will be necessary.

There are possibilities that the release of Maulawi Khairkhah, Noorullah Noori, Maulawi Wasiq, Mohammad Nabi Khosti, Haji Wali Mohammad and Mullah Fazlullah, Taliban's chief of staff, from Guantanamo Bay prison will be proposed.

"I think that the talks have progressed to some level. The talks that have been held in Qatar would be good to save Afghanistan from problems. Whether the Taliban office is in Qatar, Saudi Arabia or Turkey, I think it would make no difference," Sayed Akbar Agha said.

There are some reports that US has been negotiating with Taliban over the past ten months in Doha and Germany.

Earlier reports had said that Maulawi Khairkhah, Noorullah Noori, Maulawi Wasiq, Mohammad Nabi Khosti, Haji Wali Mohammad and Mullah Fazlullah are reportedly among those to be released from the Guantanamo Bay.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai recently expressed anger over the Taliban office in Qatar because of the fact the the Afghan government had not been consulted.

President Karzai even recalled the Afghan ambassador from Doha because the government had no information that talks had been held between the US and the Taliban.

Meanwhile, some of the Afghan political parties believe that unless the government has a clear definition of the anti-government armed groups, holding talks with them will be of no use. The political parties warn that the international community and the Afghan government must give the Taliban privileges ahead of time.

"I think if members of international community or the Afghan government gives anti-government armed groups privileges ahead of time, it will not lead to positive results," Dr. Abdullah Abdullah, Head of the Leading Council of the newly formed National Coalition, said.

The political parties also believe that the US has made efforts to open a Taliban office outside Afghanistan, so that it can lead the Afghan peace talks itself.