



## **Taliban: “Statement regarding the Maldives Talks”**

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### **Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan (the Taliban): “Statement of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan Regarding the Maldives Talks”**

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“Some media outlets have once again published a report about talks between representatives of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan and the Kabul surrogate Administration. This is the same previous baseless rumor which is now being repeated anew.”

“The stand of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan is well-known regarding such irresponsible and impracticable negotiations. The Islamic Emirate had clarified its stand concerning the issue in its recent statement. But unfortunately, some media outlets play their subservient role to the invading and tyrant forces by publishing these fatuous rumors, ostensibly in the name of performing journalistic obligation. They have reported that the delegation of the Islamic Emirate has participated in Maldives talks which are against the ground realities.”

“The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan believes that in condition of the presence of foreign forces in Afghanistan, all talks, whatsoever, will only prolong the current tragedy in Afghanistan...therefore, [the] Islamic Emirate categorically rejects reports about participation of the representatives of the Islamic Emirate in the Maldives talks.”

“Those persons who participated in the Maldives meeting in the name of envoys of the Islamic Emirate, are, in fact, persons who have already surrendered to the Karzai Administration and are currently active members of the State organs of the Surrogate Administration or members of puppet State intelligence department. Foreign invaders utilize their former positions and portfolios, to use them as paid recruits. They are members of Karzai administration rather than envoys of the Islamic Emirate. Their participation in such meetings emanates from their economic and political constraints and is never aimed at solving the current issue of Afghanistan.”

“The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, while expressing its satisfaction about the results and achievements of the Al-Fatah operations, once again announces that the essential solution of the Afghan issue lies in unconditional and immediate withdrawal of the foreign forces from the country whereas such impractical talks which are only a waste of time, will never serve the purpose.”