



Taliban Deny Rumored Peace Talks with Afghan Government

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“The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan (IEA): Statement Regarding the False News Concerning Peace Talks.” Dated September 28, 2008



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“In the Name of Allah, Most Compassionate, Most Merciful... The mainstream media is reporting about a ‘peace process’ between the Taliban and the Kabul puppet administration which is being sponsored by Saudi Arabia and supported by Britain—or, alternatively, that there are ‘unprecedented talks’ taking place involving a senior ex-Taliban member who is traveling between Kabul and alleged bases used by Taliban senior leadership figures in Pakistan.”

“The Shura Council of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan (IEA) considers such baseless rumors as part of the failed efforts by our enemies to create distrust and doubts among Afghans, other nations, and the mujahideen. No official member of the Taliban—now or in the past—has ever negotiated with the U.S. or the puppet Afghan government. A handful of former Taliban officials who are under house arrest or who have surrendered do not represent the Islamic Emirate. If our fight was for control of ministries and other prominent positions in the puppet administration, then such negotiations would have made sense—but this is not the case. Our struggle is to implement the rules of Allah in Afghanistan by eradicating the enemies of Islam.”

“A dialogue which is in the interests of Afghanistan and Islam will never be concealed from the nation. Our struggle will continue until the departure of all foreign troops.”