
AFGHANISTAN PROPOSES REFERENDUM TO GAUGE PUBLIC MOOD

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Afghan Foreign Minister Atmar says withdrawal of foreign troops must be linked to withdrawal of irregular foreign fighters

Afghanistans acting foreign minister on Thursday proposed a referendum or some other engagement to allow the public to voice their views about the future in this war-torn country, adding that all parties must commit to respecting its outcome.

Stressing that the Taliban should seek power through ballots not bullets and test their popularity using democratic means, Mohammad Haneef Atmar said adherence to human rights, democracy, and political inclusion must be declared essential elements for any path forward.

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