

## **Pakistan, Afghanistan to set up bilateral mechanism to address border issues**

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The proposed mechanism will be co-chaired by Aziz and Rabbani and with the participation of the National Security Advisers of the two countries.

### **Leaders of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) countries and observer members attend SCO summit in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, June 24, 2016.**

Pakistan and Afghanistan will set up a high-level bilateral mechanism to coordinate on security issues and amicably address border-related matters, officials said on Friday, days after violent border clashes left casualties on both sides.

The decision was taken during a meeting between Pakistan Prime Minister's Adviser on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz and Afghan Foreign Minister Salahuddin Rabbani on the sidelines of a Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit in Tashkent.

Afghan National Security Adviser Haneef Atmar was also present at the meeting.

Pakistan and Afghanistan agreed to constitute a high-level bilateral mechanism for consultation and coordination on issues relating to bilateral relations and cooperation, including security, movement of people and vehicles between the two countries and other relevant issues, according to a joint statement issued after the meeting.