

Will Prevent Instability, Says Afghan President Amid Reports He May Quit

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Kabul: Afghan President Ashraf Ghani said Saturday the remobilisation of the country's armed forces was a "top priority", as Taliban terrorists inched closer to the capital after routing the country's defences over the past week.

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He gave no hint he would resign or take responsibility for the current situation, but said "consultations" were taking place to try and end the war.

"As a historic mission, I will not let the imposed war on people cause more deaths," he said, appearing sombre and sitting before an Afghan flag.

"Therefore, I have started extensive consultations inside the government with the elders, political leaders, representatives of people, and international partners on achieving a reasonable and certain political solution in which the peace and stability of the people of Afghanistan are envisaged."

With the country's second and third-largest cities having fallen into Taliban hands, Kabul has effectively become a besieged last stand for government forces who have offered little or no resistance elsewhere.

But Mr Ghani praised the forces "that have defended the nation courageously and showed strong determination".

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