



Hamid Karzai

Who's not ready to talk to the Afghan Taliban?

It's not Afghan President Hamid Karzai.



Shukria Barakzai

It's not independent Afghan MP Shukria Barakzai who says that the Taliban "are part of our population" and "every war has to end with talks and negotiations."

It's not British Foreign Secretary David Miliband.

And it's not UN Afghanistan chief Staffan de Mistura.

All of these officials believe it's time to begin a national reconciliation process that includes Afghan Taliban leaders who want to talk—and signs are, many do.



David Miliband

No, it's President Barack Obama who is the holdout on talking with the Afghan Taliban. President Karzai is in Washington this week urging President Obama to say "yes" to talks with Afghan Taliban leaders.



Staffan de Mistura

We urge President Obama to say "yes" as well.

Hindering Afghan efforts to resolve their differences can only prolong the war and increase its human suffering and material costs.

Call the White House Comment line at 202-456-1111 and ask President Obama to say "Yes" to talking to the Taliban.

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