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Kabul demands action against Taliban after Pak forces pound terror hideouts

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Afghanistan on Monday handed over a list of militants affiliated with the Afghan Taliban and 32 militant hideouts which it said were operating on Pakistani soil, a couple of days after Pakistan army summoned Afghan diplomats to its headquarters, demanding action against Afghanistan based militants involved in carrying out attacks in Pakistan.

According to a statement issued by Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan, the list was handed over to Pakistani authorities through Afghan Ambassador to Pakistan, seeking action against militants operating on Pakistani soil.

“Today the Ministry of Foreign Affairs gave a list of 32 terrorist training centers that are operating on Pakistani soil against Afghanistan to Pakistani authorities through Afghan

Ambassador to Islamabad and asked for immediate actions against these centers, said the statement.

“The Government of Afghanistan emphasises that if violence continues against the people of Afghanistan, it will continue its efforts to increase sanctions against all terrorist groups and their supporters through international mechanisms, especially the United Nations,” statement noted.

On the other hand, Afghan Ambassador to Islamabad Dr Omar Zakhiwal said in a facebook post that on Monday he had a “very positive” meeting with Pakistan Foreign Affairs Advisor Sartaj Aziz and a “constructive” talk with the GHQ (Army headquarters) after that he expects quick de-escalation of the current tension and creation of more positive environment for responding to each other’s concerns and grievances in cooperative manner.

Talking to media Sartaj Aziz confirmed that a list was handed over to military command by Afghan diplomat, adding that overall security situation in the region and the border issues were discussed during his meeting with Zakhiwal.

The demand from Kabul comes after the Pakistani military targeted militant hideout outs near Afghan border, killing dozens of militants and destroying many hideouts.